

An AJET Editorial: Seeking Your Response

Despite the fact that the calendar year is 2012 and this AJET issue is dated in 2010, we are striving to catch up to our ideal production schedule. But even working on AJET every day doesn't seem to result in swift progress, especially as we try to correct our mistakes (well, my mistakes) and learn how to avoid repeating them. To name all those who helped with the improvements would fill this space, but Paul Bowers heads the list and Karen Mitchell is why you're actually reading this! She has updated the subscription lists and mailed out the journals. Please continue to be patient as AJET regains its momentum.

The first two articles in this issue of AJET insist that having the Bible in our own Mother Tongue is not enough. Christian workers in Africa need a good pastoral education in their own language. Jim Harries, *The Prospects for Mother Tongue Theological Education in Western Kenya*, very forcefully argues for the value and necessity of Mother Tongue theological education, especially if African Bible Colleges are ever to shed their dependence on foreign funds. In my response, I come at the same topic from a different, but compatible, direction. This radical proposal should provoke a response!

Robert Lang'at's article on *Holiness Historiography* assembles a host of sources to argue that to properly understand the history of Christianity in Africa, we need to have the Holiness movement in all its forms squarely in focus, or we will misunderstand that history. This reading of African church history challenges historians who see African Christianity in a different light. Will any reader respond to Dr. Lang'at's article with a different interpretation?

Probably the least controversial article, *Biblical View of Results: Purpose Driven Mission*, is penned by Paul Mumo Kisau, Scott's own Vice-Chancellor. Using the paradigm of Paul's mission to Philippi, Professor Kisau develops indicators and criteria that allow him to construct a Biblical view of results that can be applied to the work of evangelism and missions. In his Philippian ministry, Paul the apostle frees a slave-girl from demonic oppression, sees God convert an upper-class businesswoman, and leads his jailor and his entire household to faith in Christ. Who wants to argue with good results?

In Ghana Shall Be Saved, Joseph Quayesi-Amakye uses two Ghanaian prayer-songs to argue that the Church must enter the public square to help apply salvation in Christ to the political, social and economic problems that Ghanaians encounter in their search for freedom and justice. He forces us to reflect on the question, "How broad is the theological concept of salvation?"

Obviously this editorial hopes to prod readers into submitting to AJET articles that display the same degree of passion as the writers in this issue. But AJET needs more Book Reviews. Why not start research on an AJET article by contributing a review of an African-oriented book on a topic you are passionate about?

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Articles

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