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I am shocked and saddened at losing our dear brother and ministry partner, Adolf Mukwemba. Heaven will be blessed to see his radiant smile as he continues to serve and worship his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, now face-to-face.

Adolf was a committed multiplier of disciple making pastors and church planters. It was my honor to work with him over the past decade to serve the students in Botswana who joined in seeking to finish the Great Commission in their country. Together, we have seen over 100 pastors and church leaders graduate with bachelor's or master's degrees in partnership with T-Net International, Minnesota Graduate School of Theology, and Teleo University. Mukwemba earned his Master of Arts in Ministry in March 2016 and was in the first group to participate in the testing of the Tier 2 curriculum launch in Livingstone, Zambia.

Under Adolf's leadership, Botswana was the first country to complete the Tier 2, Version 1 program and submit dissertations. I so appreciated Adolf's patience, understanding, and endurance as, together, we sought to meet the rigorous accreditation expectations and requirements for a master's or doctoral thesis. Botswana now has 40 students who will complete the Tier 2 studies for a Doctor of Ministry or Master's degree in 2024.

Adolf loved Jesus and enthusiastically served Christ's Church in Botswana, ever seeking to finish the Great Commission there. He cherished his family and appreciated their love and support for his ministry. In the Acknowledgement section of his doctoral dissertation, he stated, "*Without fail, I also want to recognize my family for being there for me throughout all this season of studies and research. My wife and best friend, Hildah Mukwemba, and my children, Joshua Kalumbu, Jonathan, Jamillah Deborah, and Josiah Nissi Mukwemba, for their great support and encouragement.*"

Adolf continued to improve his dissertation by rewriting his first draft and journeying through five editing updates of his thesis. Having served as Adolf's thesis advisor, I am pleased that, after a thorough review, Professor Edward Lungu of Botswana International University of Technology approved his dissertation. In honor of our dear brother and servant of Christ, I will oversee final edits to publish Adolf's dissertation and recommend he be granted the degree of Doctor of Ministry posthumously at our May 2024 graduation.

My friend and dear brother, we will miss you until we meet again in heaven.

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