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The Director's Perspective

Ben Anderson

Engaging the World

"We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God." -John Stott

What is the relationship between Christians and the world we live in? What did Jesus, Paul and James mean by commanding, "Love your neighbor as yourself?" How much does an ambassador interact with the locals? What level of engagement is necessary to be the salt and light of the world?

Engaging someone requires both a willingness to listen and understand as well as an ability to articulate one's own beliefs in a relevant manner. Paul had a powerful dispute with the Jerusalem church about this very issue. "When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray" (Gal. 2:11-13). Setting aside dispensational distinctives for a moment, how, exactly, did Apostle Peter expect to present Christ to the Gentiles of Antioch if he refused to engage them? In contrast, Apostle Paul was concerned with the spiritual condition of the Gentiles rather than the legal system in distant Jerusalem. If Satan can prevent Christians from engaging the world, he has surely won a great victory.

The Missional Church

Contemporary Christian literature includes the terms "emerging church" and "missional church." The basic idea centers on defining the primary role of the church. Is the church a place to feed the sheep and make Christians more comfortable? Or is the church an outward-moving force for Jesus Christ which transforms the surrounding community? Is Jesus bound within the four walls of the church, or does Jesus

emerge from the four walls to impact society?

The answer to the above questions is *both*. The church is a place where the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of members are met through the teaching of God's Word and the love of fellow Christians. However, the church is also a beacon of God's love to the world, both locally and to the regions beyond. Over time, a pendulum swings in churches between inward and outward emphases. An imbalance in either direction will cause a church to fail in its task.

And Who is My Neighbor?

Mission emphasizes the intentional crossing of cultural barriers to another people group in order to establish the gospel of Christ among them. The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches that our neighbor is not only the person across the street. Jesus commanded the expert in the law, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The man responded, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus then relates the parable. The point is that the Samaritan lived at a distance both culturally and geographically from the unfortunate traveler, and yet was the true neighbor.

Jesus' parable couldn't be more applicable today. Over two billion people will never hear the gospel of Christ in their lifetime unless a "good Samaritan" crosses cultural barriers and proclaims the love of Jesus Christ to them. Our salvation isn't just about us. It is about Him . . . and them!

How a Movement Becomes a Fortress

A danger which Christians must avoid is the natural tendency to engage in the defensive task of fortress-building. In spite of our chorus that "this world is not my home," we end up building fortresses on this earth anyway. When mid-Acts dispensational teaching came to America, it

was light and mobile. It moved rapidly across the country. Bible studies blossomed in people's homes across the nation. Christians were excited and talking about the key to understanding Scripture. Churches and institutions sprang up. Then somewhere along the way, ideological trenches and a fortress were built to withstand the onslaught of those who disagreed. Eventually, the battle subsided and the warriors passed off the scene. Their progeny, however, are still living in the fortress. The walls are constantly repaired and the citizens are warned of the great evil lurking outside the gates. Engaging the world with the gospel of Christ has been replaced by defense and maintenance. A Sunday School teacher in a Grace church lamented, "Too many of us have the *hunker in the bunker* mentality." A fortress is an immovable object. A fortress isolates its occupants from the world around it. One cannot use a fortress to bring the gospel to distant lands.

Asia Bound

Things to Come Mission believes that the gospel must keep moving out into areas where Christ is not named. To this end we target *unreached* countries. On May 27, Joyce and I will head up TCM's *Asia Adventure 2009* to Cambodia with seven others. We will participate in medical clinics, school building projects, Bible studies, friendship evangelism, orphan encouragement and visits to culturally-relevant sites. On June 9 the *Adventure* will fly back to the States while Joyce and I travel to Thailand for planning sessions with the Maraats and Killions who are studying the difficult Thai language. Next we fly to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to survey a church planting ministry. Then a train trip to Singapore, a city that has been on the heart of TCM for decades. The last stop is Jakarta, Indonesia for the 30th Anniversary of Grace Bible Church—now 60 of them!—in that most populous of Muslim countries. We return to Denver on June 30 for the Family Bible Conference of the Grace Gospel Fellowship. Your prayers are appreciated! ☀



Mobilizing Youth for Ministry

By Dean and Sheba Padayhag, South Africa

Youth comprise a large percentage of our population. Here are some basic facts about these youth. 1) there are plenty of youth. 2) their number is growing. 3) they can be mobilized. 4) they can do something. 5) their outcome is usually based on input.

When the Israelites fought against the Philistines (1 Sam.17), King Saul assembled his best army including three older brothers of David, who was youngest and left to watch his father's sheep. One morning David visited the battlefield to bring food for his brothers. While there he noticed several things: 1) there was a large army; 2) a giant was defying God; 3) all men of Israel were dreadfully terrified (v.24). David's first-hand experience changed his mindset and action for he saw the situation was not just about strength, age, qualification and strategy anymore, but about a cause. David developed a passion greater than glory, riches, tax-exemption and even wife (vs.25-27). His boldness was based not on Goliath's challenge but on the truth: No one should defy God! David stood against his brother's insult, against enemy intimidation and against people's disbelief. His unwavering determination to get involved earned King Saul's recognition, authorization and commendation. David modeled that with God and His cause everybody has a chance to make a difference. He didn't pretend he was a soldier or fake his age. He recognized who he was, faced the enemy and effortlessly defeated him.

Young people, when mobilized and trained, represent a tremendous resource for national ministry. They have strength, speed and courage, along with the wisdom and input of their elders. We see the recipe for growth. It is important for both young and old to maintain the spirit of partnership in the ministry. "It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young" (Lam.3:27). What a wonderful declaration from the word of God! But so many times, as a church,

Advocates for Youth
"African youths are blatantly used & abused as instruments of political control...carry guns, fight for wrong ideology...mobilizing local communities to support the ruling party."



World Bank, Washington, 2008
Over 200 million Africans are now officially designated Youth (15-24) = 40% of Africa's working population, 60% of total unemployed.



Coalition to Stop Use of Child Soldiers
One-third of the world's child soldiers are in Africa. 300,000 child soldiers, some as young as 7 years, actively fight in 41 countries... about 120,000 of them in Africa.

we do not recognize this statement. We think it is *not good* for them to bear the yoke while they are young. Many parents do not bring their youth to church. Many churches do not have a youth program. Many programs do not have youth involvement. And young people begin thinking church and ministry are *For Adults Only!* and so: youth are gone!

On the contrary, the mobilization of youth opens the possibility of explosive growth in a local church which eventually affects national ministry. The local growth lifts national growth. Mobilizing a local youth group is an enormous task and it gets harder at national level. It demands commitment and flexibility. It also involves intelligent recognition of identity, ideology and potential, even mental and actual change. Organizers must understand this complexity.

We always promote an exciting youth ministry both at local and national level. Mobilization of national leaders lessens the burden of our youth ministry. Last year, after recognizing youth personalities and potential, the youth elected officers who led to establishment of National Organization of Grace Berean Youth (NOGBY). Our scheduled training, mentoring and releasing opened opportunities for them to use their expertise in the field of leadership and management. The officers carry the load of the national youth ministry and also facilitate the mobilization of the local youth group. Since most of our churches had a good number of youth, we believe it was both strategic and vitally important. These young leaders actively model youth ministry, mobilizing local youth groups, mentoring new leaders, motivating members and maturing in their own individual lives.

Numerical growth at Grace Berean Church-Kempton Park can be attributed to the mobilization and organization of our youth. At first, we had few young people and the majority were women. These few youth came only during

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UGANDA EXPANSION

By Carlo & Elma Paña, Uganda

President of Uganda, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, announced that Uganda's population has reached 30 million. What an incredible growth since we arrived in 2004! We compare it to 24 million only five years ago. Now we see people of different



nationalities, colors, tribes, languages, cultures. Political leaders have their own interests how the country should operate

according to their understanding of primitive practices and cultures. It is a great threat to their beliefs because for them a perfect person is a Ugandan. The influence of the West is not an issue, but the turmoil of the world economic condition threatens those dependent upon outside support. Religiously, as the big cut of the government budget pie is being withdrawn so the expression often comes out: "Let us pray about it."



The Lord knows the present and what lies ahead for the ministry God's people are doing. The great demand is to

tell the world to keep our eyes toward Him who called us, putting us into global ministry. The world is shaking, but it's our privilege to tell them about Jesus Christ, the One crucified for the sins of the world. He never changes no matter how great the needs of our lifestyles. He is the God of Creation, the Provider, the Owner of everything here on earth as He is in heaven. Above all, He is all we need as Savior of the world and of the Church, the body of Christ. (Eph.5:23, 1 Tim.1:15) New generations

need to hear the gospel of salvation in Jesus. Christ's burden continues to be our burden rather than being chaotically focused on things here on earth. As humans we love to focus on our needs rather than the burden of souls getting saved—the ministry the Lord called us to do. Too often we prefer to worry about the 90% not happening, while the remaining 10% we utilize to do our best for Him.

How will we plan to utilize the resources, gifts, time, abilities, skills given to us to use to further the work in Uganda? God gave us a vision. We have started already to fence the land for the second church plant. The contractor will finish the project in 20 days according to his estimate. I am requesting books for the ministry we are offering for teaching of our present administration: *Things that Differ, Dispensational Relationships, God's Clock of the Ages, The Mystery, Understanding the Bible, Bible Truth, Baptism & the Bible, Highway of Life*, etc. At this time I have 8 students and I need them to read for further study and edification. Wise people love to talk ideas. God's vision is clear: Become the agents to carry out the vision of salvation and make disciples. Each ministry has its goal.

Since 2004, when we started the ministries here in Uganda, our burden in our hearts was to establish a local church of people aware of what is the ministry of a good local church. By God's grace our church plant is functioning with worshipers singing praise to the Lord, hearing the Word of God, praying, fellowshiping together, desiring that more people know the Lord.

The challenge for us is to motivate them to put their enthusiasm into action to do the ministry. Our goal in the beginning was 20 Ugandan churches in 20 years. "It is impossible," is the common expression here, when you yourself feel committed to hurry doing things.

"Polang pola sebona nyabo ("Just do it slowly")." There is no hurry in Africa, but we can



do something to speed up the work to reach more people, motivate them, plan with them, work with them...it is our dream. What we can do is to plan, and implement, and keep on planning. Our dreams for Uganda include church planting - Christian education - helping street children - bookstore - correspondence course - media outreach - orphanage - elderly help - unwed parents - camping - and *MORE!*

As we look at the horizon of the ministry, it is big. And who will do it if not you and we take the challenge



in our hearts to grab opportunities to serve God while we are living? In contrast to going slowly: *Only one life will soon be passed; only what's done for Christ will last.* ☼

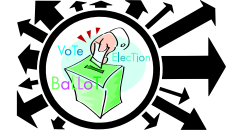


Charael Paña (left) has already been in the Philippines for a year, studying Civil Engineering at University of San Jose Recoletos. When he finishes, he'll be able to assist mission work and support structural projects as well as evangelism, training, discipleship, sports, music in worship and children's ministry.



Working
in a

POLITICALLY DIVIDED Nation



By Gardner P. Improso, Kenya

As a planter, my picture of a model church is a group of people from different Kenyan backgrounds forming a connected circle through shoulder hugs. At the center is Jesus Christ himself, looking at each of them eye-to-eye, with open arms passionately speaking his message through the Apostle Paul:

You are all sons of God through faith in Me, for all of you who were *baptized* into Me have *clothed* yourselves with Me. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Me. (Gal.3:26-28)



The love of Christ breaks down walls and binds us together.

THE LINE OF POLITICAL DIVISION

Grace Bible Church is a growing church in Eldoret, a Kenyan town of 400,000 people. It suffered the worst of the 2007 post-Election conflict because of its diverse Kenyan communities in farming, business and employment. Over 80% loss of life and property took place in Rift Valley. Current leadership of Kenya is shared between opposing parties with positions from lowest to top post created to accommodate every key person involved during the political contest. When former UN Secretary Koffi Annan tried to stop violence from spreading with this plan, it was as if nobody lost the Election, overlooking the loss of life and property. Statistics now show 70% are not satisfied with the coalition. Why the excitement, then later, frustration? The leadership is based on personalities following ethnic, tribal privilege disregarding policies. No wonder the majority is dissatisfied, believing that any office holder brings favor only to his own community.

BREAKING THE WALLS

Many walls must break to reach the unity Christ prayed for in grief in John 17:21. For me, a cross-culture missionary, my privilege is to relate His heart over these political walls. Our motivation is His passion. Relative strategies are crucial. The missionary-apostle Paul instructed: *Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.* (Col.4:5) At this time we need more than ever to work with three important goals:

Strong Family Relationship: Marriage, child rearing, etc. This relationship is perfectly the same, regardless of ethnic background or nation. Any church which stands, loses ethnicity because it finds solutions together to common problems, even as Paul wrote in the one common instruction above, regardless of complicated backgrounds of churches. God created this basic institution.



Cross-Outreaching: Evangelism is designed to reach minorities of a community by its majority. Membership in a local church mostly comes from a dominant community. To develop the beautiful picture of *many as one*, we encourage the majority to cross the borders into coexisting minorities through relative evangelism and discipleship with the result a spiritual parent becomes the soul winner, and the spiritual child is the convert. If soul winners manage to grow and lead crossed converts to the church, what comes out is a *spiritual community*, a church without traditional boundaries.

Servant Leadership Lifestyle: True Biblical leadership has a more meaningful application in our politically divided Kenya. Christ's example of serving contrasts with the lifestyles of the *Big Man* (Swahili: *Bwana Mkubwa*) in a community with limitless powers and lavish privileges. A servant cares not where his master came from—after all, he remains a servant. Servant leadership is concerned more with enabling subordinates and minorities. It is one mark of *training others who will be able to train others also.*

ONE BODY WORKING

Steve, our Eldoret church property caretaker, comes from Central Province. He and Mary, Sunday school teacher from Western Province, wanted a Christian church wedding despite their opposing backgrounds. All the relatives tried to convince them to choose a spouse of the same tribe, that a mixed marriage will not work for them, but our church blessed them instead as family. Over-all wedding plans came from men of Eldoret and Western Province; main sponsors were from Central, NW Province and Eldoret; secondary sponsors were youth and children from every background, even the Philippines. The wedding was solemnized by pastors from Eastern and NE Provinces and witnessed by Americans and Filipinos. We want to paint Grace Bible Church on a wider canvas, to create a bigger picture of how the love of Christ breaks the walls and binds together. ✨





Grace Pastoral Training is a two-year mentoring and seminar program to train pastors and leaders for the Grace Bible Churches of Kenya. Here a new GPT center is opened at Embu Grace Bible Church.



People doing business in a small town in Kenya. Although most of the population makes their living from farming, towns and cities are growing rapidly. Kenya population is now 30 million.



Dean & Sheba Padayhag give Bibles to students at the Oxford School and then teach them Bible lessons from those Bibles. The picture on the front of this IH is also from their youth ministry.



The All-Africa Grace Fellowship committee members met in Lusaka, Zambia, on January 3, 2009. The Fellowship encourages cooperation and evangelism among Grace churches in nine countries of Africa. Members pictured are (l-r) Christopher Nsama, Givemore Nyakambiri, Peter Kagwi, Kennedy Simtowe and Steve Thobela.

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Land Rover, the workhorse of Africa, packed and ready to go on a gospel safari in Kenya, East Africa. There is a saying that the first car seen by most of the people of the world was a Land Rover.



A straight foundation is necessary for a long-lasting church building. Here Carlo Paña inspects a building project in Kampala, the capital of Uganda.



Kenya Director Rev. Samuel Mwangi began his life of ministry in high school where he passed out tracts and evangelized his classmates. He worked closely with the first Grace Bible Church Director Festus Njoka before teaming up with the early TCM missionaries in 1986. In spite of the hardship of a life-threatening snake-bite, a dog attack and two children who died of malaria, in 1989 Samuel became Director of Grace Bible Church, a post he continues to hold today. Samuel is married to Justa and they have four children.



Pastor Stephens and Lina Thobela talking with former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela in Cape Town. Pastor Steve is the Director of the Grace Churches in South Africa.



Continuing... to SERVE

By Stephens Thobela, South Africa

Despite seven years of challenges like no full time leadership, leaders not easily accessible, and the pinch of global economic recession, yet we see continued interaction among our Association of Berean Grace Churches in South Africa (ABGMSA). Since its launch 12 years ago, we have not missed an annual conference, not once! We praise God for that. We also know the Lord called us not just to survive, but to preach the Gospel, to reach out to the *unreached* with the Gospel of God's Grace. We pray and invite all readers of this article to pray for us to move out of *continuous change mode* to *step change mode*.

I left Mandela-Rhodes Foundation in Cape Town, where I served as Founding General Manager for 4 ½ years, with a sadness in my heart because the Foundation became my home-away-from-home. The church I planted in Cape Town attended three annual conferences and hosted the 10th ABGMSA Anniversary. They took a bit of a knock as the membership was not yet so strong. Nevertheless, the seed was planted. The Lord is raising others to water it.

The Lord led me back to Gauteng Province and I am delighted to be back in the centre of ABGMSA work, to be reunited with my family. He has laid a burden on Linah's and my heart to plant a church in one of South Africa's largest townships: Tembisa. (The largest township is Soweto in SW Johannesburg.) Tembisa has a population of 376,000.



Tembisa meeting place in Johannesburg. \$110,000.

Opportunities for growth are enormous. We envisage Tembisa to grow up as one of our biggest grace churches in the country, not only to be self-sustaining, but to help other churches as well. Our intention was to launch Tembisa at the beginning of 2009, but these three challenges came up: 1) To find a venue in the township areas is not easy; 2) Pastor Dean & Sheba Padayhag left for leave in the Philippines; and 3) My new directorship post at University of South Africa turns out to need much concentrated time. All these prayed-over challenges seem to be *breakthroughs* now. God's interventions are at hand. 1) The Tembisa property. Price: R1.1m (\$110,000). We will rent initially until such time as the church can raise funds to buy. 2) Our son Sipho will not go to Cape Town as initially thought, so he can help Pastor Dean's new church in Kempton Park while Linah and I concentrate on Tembisa. 3) As for my job challenge, I take my new team for a strategic planning workshop in February and plan to appoint four managers in March.

Please join us in prayer for all these plans to come together, not in our way, but in the Lord's way. And not for our sakes, but for the sake of His work. ✨

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Sunday worship service and then left. But after recognizing their value, contribution and place in the church, we made efforts to reach out to them, trained them and challenged them to reach out to others also. They became our ministry partners. Their burden for ministry grew as they actively became involved in all church activities. They developed passion to reach their brothers, sisters and even parents. Many of them are now our members and supporters. They grew spiritually-they also grew numerically. Currently we count 25 active youth plus others coming up.

Oxford Combined College, where we hold classes three times weekly, has about 620 students. Only 175 of them are active members of our campus ministry. We have every freedom to reach out to all, but they are just too many for the two of us. All classes are fully packed. To speed up the reach out, we trained our students to win souls. We challenged them to start with their friends and classmates. What a blessing to see our students carrying their Bibles and sharing the gospel with other students during break time! Some from our campus ministry are now attending our church. ✨

Internship in Brazil - My Dream

By Terrah Faith Befus

Last summer God opened doors for me to complete my Missions practicum in Recife, Brazil. I was scared. As an MK with 3 years in the Missions degree at Grace Bible College, I still didn't feel 100% ready. But I traveled alone for 21 hours to a country and culture never experienced before. I worked with new people in a new language. It was one of my most challenging steps of faith in life, and also turned out to be one of the best. Through my fear God showed me his strength, love and faithfulness countless times. I worked alongside missionaries and leaders, new friends, learning a new language, gave my testimony, discipling, teach-



Cleaning the Church of Ibura

ing, even cleaning! Brazil reaffirmed my desire for ministry and strengthened my hope to become a full time missionary in Latin America. Thanks to all who supported and prayed, for my parents and Grace Bible College preparing me for these challenges, for Doug and Victoria LeFeber's support and kindness while I was in Brazil. ✨

ALL AFRICA *Grace Fellowship*

By Pastor Peter Kagwi, AAGF Secretary

We are thankful to our Almighty God when our minds flash back to the unity of Grace believers who gathered together at Ibis Gardens in Lusaka, Zambia, 12-19 January 2004, for the first *African Leadership Conference* where



Delegates from nine African nations and the United States met in Malawi on 12-15 August 2008 to launch the AAGF.

the concept of AAGF was discussed in length by the delegates. Grace Ministries International, Things to Come Mission and Church Missions Link sponsored and witnessed this momentous occasion. Delegates from nine African countries met together to enjoy fellowship. Leaders have been holding series of meetings since then for the purpose of follow-up and to focus

the vision, mission and objective of our fellowship.

OUR VISION - Our vision stands for fellowship and unity of all African Grace believers, to encourage and support Grace organizations/ministries, to work together in unity and harmony.

OUR MISSION - To reach *unreached* countries of Africa with the Gospel of Grace as revealed to Apostle Paul by our Lord Jesus Christ: "to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery" (Eph.3:9).

OBJECTIVE - To establish Grace community churches through preaching and teaching the Gospel of the Grace of God to *unreached* communities, and to be dispensational and evangelical in all matters of preaching and teaching. (Acts 20:24; Eph.3:2; 2 Tim.3:16-17; I Cor.15:1-4)

Malawi Leadership Conference. Through the efforts of CML, GMI and TCM, representatives of AAGF were able to gather in the nation of Malawi, 12-15 August 2008. The theme for that conference was about planting healthy churches, and Pastor Ken Parker taught this subject very clearly. He authored a book entitled *QUALITY CHURCH DYNAMICS* with an introduction to natural church development. He issued copies to all delegates. According to seminar feedback, leaders were encouraged and promised to apply the principles in their respective fields.

Lusaka, Zambia AAGF Executive Committee Highlights. We met in Lusaka, 3rd January 2009, for registering AAGF in Africa, AAGF Newsletter editing, AAGF outreach vision, AAGF account opening, training proposal, AAGF website building, and the Continental Conference proposed for 5-7 August 2011. Details are in the Minutes of the Lusaka meeting, to be sent to members and our missionary partners.

From AAGF Chairman Steve Thobela's Desk: "15th August 2008 marked a special day in the history of AAGF on the African continent for the purpose of reaching the unreached with the gospel of the grace of God. AAGF was launched in Malawi during the African Leadership Conference. The dedication and passion is remarkable! Thanks to TCM, GMI and CML for their continued support as AAGF faces many challenges. We are very grateful for your prayers. One big, exciting challenge is the massive Continental Bible Conference planned for early 2011, open to all grace believers on the continent, to all friends and partners, brothers and sisters even in other continents. Please be in prayer with us for this." ✨

Africa Safari

By Jim Tollar, Missionary Candidate
Africa Safari 2009 is quickly approaching! I have a chance to reflect on my first trip to the regions beyond in 2007. The Lord taught me so many things.

He will teach you valuable lessons, too, if you choose to go to Kenya on July 30 to August 12, 2009. One lesson you will learn is to trust God. Another is how He truly supplies your needs. Perhaps you are thinking, "No way can I afford to go on this trip!" Pray. Ask God to open doors. Be sensitive to His leading. If it is His will for you to go, He will supply your needs as He promises in Philippians 4:19. If God wants you there, you will be there!

A short-term mission trip provides opportunities to see God at work in the lives of other believers inside a completely different culture. What a joy to go to a land where people look different but are yet the same. Worshiping in song and Word with fellow believers in Kenya made me realize that we are all *ONE* in the Body of Christ—a precious truth!

No matter what God has in store for your future, a short-term mission trip gives any believer a greater appreciation for mission work. Once you go, you will want to support missionaries around the world, both through finances and prayer. Both things you can do individually, but even more you can bring this excitement to your local assembly and encourage them to support those bringing the gospel of the grace of God around the world. ✨



Hard at work painting Embu Town Grace Church in the foothills of Mt. Kenya with Africa Safari 2007.

The UPWARD CALL



Rick Hash went home to be with the Lord on January 20, 2009, after battling cancer for many months. The TCM Family will certainly miss Rick. He was a generous, creative man who had a wonderful heart for Missions. Please keep his wife Patti, daughters Jessie and Ginny, and sons Jake and Stephen in your prayers. I had the privilege of traveling and rooming with Rick during TCM board meetings. Rick served as Board Secretary. On a couple occasions we stopped at his Mount Vernon, Ohio, property on the way to Indianapolis to show me the *retreat* he built for his family ... what a great heart he had ... always thinking of his loved ones, both family and friends. Rick and Patti invited Ben Anderson and myself for a weekend after the cabin was finished. God's presence was truly among us.

Rick continually thought of ways to help TCM, particularly how to make our mission outreach more effective. Most recently he played an important role in developing TCM's new *TEAM Mission* concept.

I am sure Jesus welcomed Rick at Heaven's gate, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" -By Mick Robinson ☼

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Doug Cox

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Growing up attending Fundamental Bible Church, Milwaukee, Doug was saved at Grace Youth Camp. His father Ervin was TCM President in the 1970's.

Doug served the Lord as NGYC Execu-

tive Director and board member and also attended Grace Bible School. He and wife Sonja are active in missionary support at Falls Bible Church where he is administrative pastor as well as police officer, firearms instructor, and on staff at Waukesha County DA's office. He thanks the Lord Jesus Christ for every opportunity to witness and serve Him by ministering to people. As he says: "You know the Lord could come today! Are you ready?"

IN MEMORY



BRIDGING THE GAP

By Luz Gaddi, Kenya

Hot and dusty, I boarded the red *KAMPALA* bus November 25, bound for Kenya after saying good-bye to the Panas in Uganda. I took my seat, and as the bus rumbled on, I recalled how months before I groaned in prayer and tried to twist the Lord's arm about moving to Kenya as part of my assignment in Africa. But circumstances were not favorable. "Let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect...wanting nothing." (James 1:4) Like a child, I couldn't wait, but now God in His own way and time at last gave the green light. Five hours later the bus stopped at Busia, the border crossing into Kenya. Though hungry and thirsty, I felt excited.

I've found out there's a lot to be done in Kenya for children's ministry and training teachers for them. Like in Uganda, many churches have no children's ministry. Parents bring their children to church and let them just play outside, while Mom and Dad are preached to. Charles Spurgeon wrote:

"What a mercy it will be if our children are thoroughly grounded in the doctrine of redemption by Christ. If they are warned against the false gospels of the evil days, and if they are taught to rest on the

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Touching kids' hearts and lives with the love of Jesus.

eternal rock of Christ's finished work, we may hope to have a generation following with us which will maintain the faith and will be better than their fathers."

Genesis 44:34 speaks of Judah interceding for Benjamin before his brother Joseph. He pleaded: "For how shall I go up to my father and the lad be not with me?" Hundreds of years later a greater

Intercessor from the tribe of Judah came to intercede between sinners (including children) and God. What a privilege for Sunday School teachers to *bridge the gap* on behalf of many lost children, while they are reachable and pliable.

Missionary Angelia Pope and I collaborated to teach a seminar on children's ministry last February 17-19 in Eldoret. Josephine, one of the participants who traveled a day and a half by bus to attend, said: "In our church

we teach children like adults. They get bored. After this seminar, not anymore!" We challenged those who attended to get outside the boxes of their churches and put forth their efforts by teaching as many children as they can to touch kids' lives and hearts with the love of Jesus. Next week another seminar will be conducted at Grace Bible Church in Nakuru, my assignment for six months.

Will you join hands with me in prayer to *Bridge the Gap* in training Africans to reach and teach children? ✨



Emphasizing the Christian education curriculum to teachers in Thika.

Millions Facing Starvation in Kenya

By Pastor Peter Kagwi

Rain has failed to fall in most parts which leaves the majority of Kenyans not knowing what will happen. When farmers in rural areas fail to produce enough food, life becomes difficult for everyone. Ever since the outcome of the disputed General Election last year, Kenyans have experienced prolonged drought affecting a third of our population. National statistics say 10 million Kenyans are facing starvation.

"Some crops were burned, and many storage facilities and shops were looted, often losing seed crops for the following year's harvest. Many small farmers, particularly those producing high value soft fruits such as passion fruit, were unable to get their harvest to market because of blockades or curfews and so had to feed their crop to livestock or allow it to rot. Now, with the cost of maize flour doubling in less than a year and with corn meal being a staple in Kenyan cuisine, the food aid program is becoming a necessity even for the middle-classes. It's not only the post-election crisis that's caused the problem: just as in the rest of the world, rising fuel costs have given Kenyan farmers headaches."

Recently a petrol lorry (tanker) had an accident along the Rift Valley. When poor Kenyans rushed to draw fuel in order to sell and get a meal for a day or so, the gas exploded. More than 200 people including children perished. Northeastern and Eastern regions reported incidences of people dying of hunger. For the Kenyan church we would like to thank all well-wishers (locally and internationally) who continue to donate food to help our country during this time. ✨





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3 COUNTRIES
PROJECTS

EAST AFRICA

KENYA



Nairobi Grace Singers

Nairobi Grace Bible Church has composed and produced a CD of Swahili songs which is receiving air play. Pastor Fred Ongaga writes, "The songs are good according to some media houses. Song number 6, *Kanisa* (What Is the Church?) is being repeated on HOPE FM and TV every Saturday. People are calling asking for pictures. How I pray that God may provide so that we can create a video to give them." Cost of producing the video, which could reach every home in Nairobi, is \$1500.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

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Keep the Press Rolling ...

Printing booklets and weekly Bible lessons commercially for Oxford Combined College campus, a Bible school and Kempton Park Grace Church is costly and time consuming. Dean and Sheba Pa-dayhag tell of all classes being fully packed with youth anxious to study. They express their need for a Color Laser Multifunction Printer, Book Binder, Laminator, and Paper/Page Cutter to keep the lessons supplied and up-to-date. Cost for the office equipment is \$1000.



EAST AFRICA

UGANDA



Study Books Needed

Bro. Carlo Paña is asking for good theological books to advance his eight students. His list includes: *Things That Differ - Dispensational Relationships - God's Clock of the Ages - The Mystery - Understanding the Bible - Bible Truth - Baptism & the Bible - Highway of Life.*

Some readers may have copies at home they want to share. Send these to TCM in Indianapolis. We can also order eight of each book from the various publishers at a cost of \$65 per set including postage.



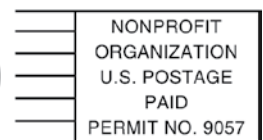
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