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Impacting Missional Leaders Worldwide

Just before starting DHM in 2008, God put a burden on my heart to expand our discipling training for youth leaders throughout East Africa. That same year, we started the School Of Youth Ministry in Haiti and I made my first trip to the Philippines to train Tagbanwa church leaders. 2008 was a big year!

God birthed this burden in my heart at Billy Graham's Conference for Pastors and Evangelists eight years earlier at Amsterdam 2000. It was there that I met Pastor Wiljean Compere of Haiti and Pastors Mickey Okeyo and Hammre Kayando of Kenya. God used those 10 days in Amsterdam to change the course of our ministry, and even more so, to change the direction of our family. Jennifer was pregnant with Emma while I was in Amsterdam, and we had no idea we'd be adding three more daughters to our family, with Mary-Faith coming from Kenya and Edline & Edithe coming from Haiti.

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Young leaders from the Tagbanwa tribe being trained to make disciples among the youth in the Philippines.

Four Chair Discipling

While in Palawan (Philippines), I introduced church leaders, youth workers and church planters from the Tagbanwa tribe to Four Chair Discipling. The simple, visual concept allowed them to quickly understand the process for making disciples and know where they needed to invest more energy.

CHAIR ONE: Winning the Lost
("Come and see.")

CHAIR TWO: Building Believers
("Follow me.")

CHAIR THREE: Equipping Workers
("Follow me and fish for men.")

CHAIR FOUR: Multiplying Disciple-Makers
("Go and Bear much fruit.")



TODD, BRIAN & DOUG: 26 years after graduating from Liberty, where we roomed together for 3 years, we got together in FL for a reunion. Todd pastors a church in Lakeland, FL and Brian is a missionary in South Korea.



THE KIBERA SLUMS: It was a sobering visit to Kibera, the largest slum in Africa and home to over one million people. Kibera is where Mary-Faith was born, rescued from, and brought to the orphanage where we met her.



DESTINOR FAMILY: In early May, I met Edithe's and Edline's father for the first time as he was coming back through the village after working in the fields. Their older sisters, Liliane (17) and Ediane (15), were also in the village.

IMPACTING MISSIONAL LEADERS WORLDWIDE



IMPACTING EAST AFRICA

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I recently returned from Kenya and Burundi. It was my 24th trip to Africa over the past 10 years (17 trips to Kenya/East Africa, 4 to South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana and Cameroon). It was my first trip to Burundi, the last of the five countries in East Africa for me to visit.

In 2008, the vision was to move beyond Kenya and bring training to all five countries of East Africa. God has been so faithful, blessing our efforts and your prayers, and now we have leadership in place in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi to initiate training for discipling movements among the youth in all of these countries.

Bosco, our leader in Burundi, lost his parents during the genocide when he was only 7 years old. He is a godly young man with the respect of his peers and other leaders. While our new East Africa Regional Field Directors, Billy and Darleen Honc, and I visited Bosco, he took us all across the capital city visiting pastors and youth pastors, and was able to gather 150 pastors and youth workers to share J-Life's vision for discipling in their country.

In Kenya, our long-time relationship with Life Ministries (Campus Crusade) continues to bear fruit. They will be sending key regional staff to our Training Center to be equipped to train pastors and youth pastors in their regions with J-Life's discipling training. This strategic partnership will help to expand our influence throughout the country and multiply our training movement rapidly.

TRANSFORMING HAITI



Over the past five years, we have seen 57 students go through our School Of Youth Ministry in Haiti. Our intense 10 month training program, which includes four months in residence, has produced great fruit. SOYM graduates are now leading youth ministries, planting churches, pastoring, serving as evangelists and helping in leadership in their churches. We hope to soon expand our training with a one year Biblical Studies program. Our new SOYM Training Center, under construction, will help to facilitate this growing effort. Open Door Haiti has churches, schools, feeding programs, medical care, agriculture, and an orphanage, but the driving force behind the ministry is SOYM, where training young leaders becomes the foundation for everything else we do.

MISSIONS EFFORTS

Malawi Trip / J-Life
August 4-13

\$3500

SOYM Scholarships
15 students x \$500

\$7500

East Africa Ministry Support
5 Leaders X \$50 month

\$3000

GOD'S FAITHFUL PROVISION

In our last newsletter, we shared with you how we had lost some support and were praying for God's provision. A few supporters have increased their monthly giving, a church has joined our support team, and special gifts have come in to cover ALL of our needs to this point. We never doubted that God would provide, and we love to be in a position where our faith is stretched as we learn to trust God in new ways. As we say in Haiti, "Bene Soit Le' Eternel!"

Serving Christ together,

Doug & Jennifer

DHM MISSION

We exist to ignite the Body of Christ with Great Commandment-Great Commission priorities by inspiring, instructing and involving the next generation of missional leaders worldwide.



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