

# Inspire-Instruct-Involve The Next Generation Worldwide

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## PROJECT 53 :-)

Years ago, I was sitting around the dinner table with several couples. The question came up, "What's on your bucket list? What is something you would love to accomplish before you die?" When my turn came, I stated something that had never crossed my mind before that moment (I'm not a big bucket list guy). I replied, "Some day, I would love to step foot in every country in Africa." How crazy is that? Depending on how you count (with Africa's changing political climate) there are 53 or 54 countries in Africa. To date I have traveled to and ministered in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania/Zanzibar, South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria and Cameroon. I've traveled through, but not stayed in, Ethiopia, Burundi, Senegal and Equatorial Guinea. I've got a long way to go, but through our ministry partnership with J-LIFE, new opportunities are coming up every year... like our recent trip to Cameroon.

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## TWO NEW HOLLIDAYS ADDED!

It has been two long years, but the finish line is in sight. After I'd been dropped off at the airport in Cap Haitien to return home from a trip, Pastor Wiljean returned a short while later with the news that he had just heard from the lawyer. "It is finished," he said. Stunned, I couldn't believe what I was hearing. "What is finished?"

"Your adoption. Social Services has approved. The president has approved. It is done." What amazing news. September 11th now has new meaning for our family. Pray with us for a speedy completion of all the remaining paperwork (passports, visas, etc.) so we can bring our newest Holliday girls home!



**EDITHE & EDLINE:** The day I first met the girls, November 2008, just two weeks after their mother had died. They were still in shock.



**EDLINE & EDITHE:** A year after their mother's death, in the Fall of 2009, they began to get very attached, asking if they were my children and calling me Papi.



**EDLINE & EDITHE:** Two years ago, in September 2010, Jennifer first met the girls and we officially began our adoption journey.



# THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL



## CAMEROON ~ CENTRAL AFRICA

Florence, the National Director of J-LIFE Cameroon, had been begging me to come to her country and help her leadership team as they develop a strategy to effectively launch disciple-making youth ministries across Cameroon. Since I love to speak to students, I offered to do that as well if she could use me. And use me she did!

Exhausted after a crazy flight that took me from Orlando to Montreal to Brussels to Cameroon, I literally hit the ground running, spending my first two days training at their National Leadership Conference. Then I spoke in two churches on Sunday before beginning their three day Youth Conference Monday. My last day was spent in strategic planning with J-LIFE'S national leadership team.

My highlight, by far, was the Student Conference. I did two sessions training the students in Evangelism. 80% of them had never shared their faith before. On Day One, I sent the students out to initiate conversations and see what God would do. They shared the Gospel with almost 70 people, with 19 putting their trust in Christ. One young girl was terrified and about to give up, but then she sensed God telling her to talk to one

lady. The lady told her, "I'll give you two minutes." Well, those two minutes changed both their lives. I wish you all could have heard her testimony, declaring, "Sharing the gospel is so easy. I want to do it every day the rest of my life!"

Day Two was even more amazing. The 40 youth and their leaders shared the gospel with about 120 people, with 66 putting their trust in Christ. 85 trusting Christ in two day? Wow!



## CCU ATHLETES & DARE2SHARE

Darren Richie, a friend from NJ and current Athletic Director at Colorado Christian University, invited me to speak at their annual Athlete's Retreat. Over 220 student athletes gathered for the weekend in the mountains of Colorado, with about 20 making commitments to trust Christ as their Savior and many more dealing with struggles and sins that were holding them back from fully following Christ.

Dare2Share, a likeminded ministry that trains students in evangelism across the country, is a new partner for DHM. I'll be helping them to develop future training material and training students in evangelism alongside them. Check out their student website, [gospeljourney.com](http://gospeljourney.com).

**DARE2SHARE**  
energizing a generation to evangelize their world

## Successful Witnessing

**Taking the initiative... to share the Gospel... in the power of the Holy Spirit... and leaving the results to God.**

**"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ Jesus." Philemon 6**

**"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15**

**"Follow me, and I will make you Fishers of Men." ~Jesus**

## RELATIONAL & RELENTLESS

God has strategically placed each of us where we live, work, go to school and recreate to connect people He desperately loves with their Father. To connect others to God, we must be **RELATIONAL**... loving, serving, caring, listening. This softens hearts and builds trust. But we must also be **RELENTLESS**. We must have the courage to actually **OPEN OUR MOUTHS** and share the Good News. "How can they hear unless someone preaches to them?" As Christ's ambassadors, we are each asked to be that "someone."

*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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