

## News and Praise Reports

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### Zambia Leaders Do Follow-Up

Henry Katontoka; Disciple Makers Ministry, Director

God directed us to send out two discipleship teams into the Northern province of Zambia; one to Muwele and one to Samfya and Bwalyamponda.



Henry Katontoka

These disciple makers shared with the local brethren the very truths from God's Word they had received recently from a visiting Mini Bible School team. Encouragement was dispensed to all local leaders to be faithful to the Lord in life and in ministry.

Evangelistic activities were also carried out in both fields in conjunction with the local pastors and church workers. A local chief has granted a parcel of land for the building of a meeting place for the church.

The work in these areas is spreading over into the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Henry writes, "Who knew we could have churches in Congo?" The tribal Christian leaders are seeing that, just as in the Antioch church of Acts, they too can send outreach teams to other peoples.

**Praise God as He has a work to His glory going in the Northern Province of Zambia—a work directly through the local disciples of Jesus.**

One prayer request comes with the report from the swamps region of Northern Zambia. We need a boat to more effectively carry out our church planting and disciple making. **This boat will cost roughly \$2,725.**



8—10 hours travel by banana boat is common in this region of Zambia



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Jim Hawley, IMD Press, Project Manager

### Paris Training Spreads to New York

The Haitian community of believers in New York (French-speaking of course) has invited our IMD Int'l partner, Philippe Serradji of Grace Theological Institute of Paris, France to New York. Philippe will be visiting New York in late June to dialog with them concerning the start of an extension theological program among the Haitian churches. **How about joining us in praying for the will of God to be known in this matter?**



PARIS  
TO  
NEW YORK

### Relief Efforts in Myanmar

Myanmar Ministry Leader (name withheld)

Following the huge cyclone that struck this poor nation, our IMD Int'l partner is engaged in bringing some relief efforts to the churches within his influence as well as to those suffering in the communities at large. Most "outside" help was refused by the "heartless" government. We are thankful to share a touch of love to these suffering peoples—a touch that includes the gospel of Jesus Christ and disciple making communities.

### Tribal Conflict Finds Some Reconciliation

Koos Basson, IMD Africa, Director

Koos Basson and Matthew Basson scaled Mt. Elgon in Western Kenya with ministry leaders from the two warring tribes. During the Christ-oriented teaching that ensued, God brought emphasis on the measure of reconciliation between the Christ-followers from the two tribes.

The disciple making efforts of Pastor Eliud among the Soy people is coming along quite well. Evangelism is followed by Biblical teaching. The believers are becoming disciples. As the body of Christ gains spiritual strength and vision, there grows a desire (and early practice) to reach the unreached—taking the gospel and planting churches.

"This work of the Lord is gaining momentum as the Spirit of God energizes these servants of God. They are doing well and reaching out to new peoples. God indeed brought us to these peoples for this time."

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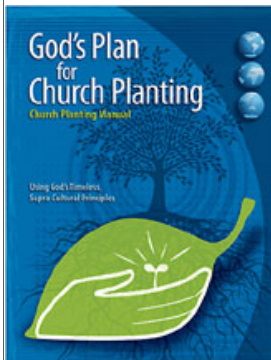
### How Strong Is Your Church

The Apostle Paul spent far more time and effort in strengthening local expressions of Christ's body than in bringing new people to faith in Christ.

- *Are leaders being equipped and deployed in your church?*
- *Does your church find itself multiplying congregations?*
- *Is the Biblical model of multiple elders active in your church?*
- *Would you say the practices of your church match those of the early church as described in the book of Acts and Paul's letters in the Bible?*

There are timeless, supra-cultural principles to be harvested from the work of the Holy Spirit as see in the book of Acts and the epistles of Paul in the New Testament. Churches across the world are returning to the Scriptures to "check their alignment" with God's purposes and practices. God has brought to the surface in recent years some resources to help guide spiritual thirsty churches in this search for Biblical alignment. One such resource is *God's Plan For Church Planting*.

The title is somewhat misleading—church planting. The manual actually walks the participants through the New Testament books of Acts and Paul's letters. Thus, those going through the guided study of God's Word discover (under God's revelation) God's timeless, supra-cultural principles for establishing, equipping, evangelizing, and expanding the body of Christ.



This resource is being grabbed up by the body of Christ—now in fourteen languages and three more immediately forthcoming. Why don't you get a copy of *God's Plan For Church Planting* and let

God walk you through His Word for a "spiritual alignment?"

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### Opportunity Opens To Train Belarus Ministers

Dr. Stanislav Volosjuk, Ukraine

An announcement has come to us that reveals another opportunity to engage in training up ministry leaders. **Open Doors Christian Camp** in northern Ukraine has been invited to offer theological training for the pastors, church planters, and church workers in the now "closed to open training" country of Belarus. Ministry workers can come by visitor visa into Ukraine. Thus, the short journey into nearby northern Ukraine is a REAL OPPORTUNITY. This is an open door which God has extended for equipping His saints.

The first module of training is scheduled for September 2008. Sixty students are anticipated in the first module. Join us in asking God to grant His life-changing favor on this training.