



KENYA CONFERENCE

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KENYA— Window of Opportunity

INSTITUTE FOR MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for praying for our time in Kenya. It was a special time because I met with men I've been meeting with regularly over the last 3 years and we're moving on a journey with the Lord Jesus that the Lord of the Harvest has mapped out for us in terms of Disciple Making and Church Multiplication.



Because we have a long-term strategy plan, everything we teach and train dove-tails into these two great themes. Disciple making can be on end in itself where people make disciple of other Christians without impacting the lost.

Church Planting is the greater form of evangelism and Disciple Making.

It leads men to Christ.

Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail", and then the church becomes the receptacle for their

growth and multiplication. Lost millions depend on this being done right. Therefore our time together focused on

"Pioneer Evangelism's", church planting and discipleship strategy.



Sixty (60) men gathered for the training and they were highly encouraged by the simplicity and practicality of the course.

Don Stroud (old friend) and Joe Hardy (new friend) from Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis Ten-



nessee joined me in Nairobi for 4 days of intensive training. Don and Joe presented the material in a clear and concise manner and left the men with a plan to

implement. Not only did they share the plan but they left the material with which to do Bible study and begin the discipleship process. Simplicity is the Key!

Praise the Lord for those who have realistically looked at the mission field and came up with practical, biblical and long-term strategies to grow the church.

Thank you Wade Akins for making the material available for us to use and to Bellevue Baptist Church for your prayer and financial support on this trip. May the good Lord bless you. For Joe Hardy this was a first time trip and he 'went local' - stayed very simply in basic accommodation, ate local, didn't get sick and was real positive about his experience.



Here is what he had to say:

"I had never been on any mission trip prior to going to Kenya. Over the last year, the Lord has shown me the importance of taking the gospel to the unreached areas, and this trip gave me the chance to do that in a very rural area of Kenya. We were able to live with the men there and really get to know some of them. Any inconvenience of being away from the comforts of home was

far outweighed by the appreciation we received from the men for coming there, staying with them, and teaching them. I know God is using IMD Africa and look forward to going back next year."



Please pray for our next two trips scheduled in September and November this year.

Pray that the men attending this last conference would implement what they have learned and that the Lord of the Harvest would be glorified. The not so distant political disruptions hindered the work of church planting on Mt Elgon but the situation is now peaceful so the work can continue.

Please pray for the men to be fired-up to disciple and plant churches. They need to 'work the plan'.

Until next time and please keep praying for us.

Many thanks and God bless.

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on behalf of the IMD team

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