

Ministry Newsletter

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Winning the heart of Africa for Jesus Christ!

Pastor's Graduation!!!



Over 2,000 excited people attended the graduation of the 2008-2009 Pastor's Training Class at the Morell School of Ministry, Evangelism and Discipleship in Meru, Kenya on Saturday, November 14th, 2009. Thirty nine dedicated peasant pastors joyously received their graduation certificates marking the completion of two years of struggle and study. Many of these pastors have faced and overcome serious obstacles as their country

has dealt with a devastating drought causing much hunger, major economic hardships, and the death of a lot of wild animals, cattle, and people. Often, the food and financial needs of their church members were overwhelming. They have endured in the face of discouraging challenges and now each one holds tightly onto a piece of paper, proof of their perseverance and accomplishment. For many of them this was the greatest achievement of their life. For some this training has opened their hearts and minds and now they hunger to learn more about the scripture in more advanced studies. We thank God for them and pray for their lives, their families, their churches, and their ministries.

Pastor Jackson, the pastor/teacher, has informed us that about 1,090 pastors have received training in the Morell School since it started about 8 years ago.

Pastor Testimonies

During our trip to Kenya in September I asked the pastors to each write out a testimony and give them to me. Ann and I were so blessed when we read them. We placed a couple of these testimonies on the Bridges website in the Blog section last month. Now we want to share with you some excerpts and summaries from those testimonies. Our prayer is that you will be as blessed by them as we have been.

Three primary thoughts were expressed by the pastors; the first was regarding the many **hardships** that they had endured, the second was their **gratitude** for being blessed by this training opportunity and the third was their theological **growth** due to this training.

The **hardships** they experienced included; lack of food for their families and church members due to the drought, lack of rain needed for food production, lack of income because their churches could not give them any financial support, lack of funds for the lengthy travel to get to the school and to some of their ministry areas, and other difficulties.

Pastor David wrote, "In Isiolo the work at preaching is very risky because it is the most dangerous place in our country, Kenya because of bandits and high population of Muslim and churches are burned and destroyed in high rates. We are now serving for two years without rain that is four seasons without harvest. Some get water twice per week because stream and rivers has dried up. I cover more than 120 Kms to and fro to school and road is very risk. Money for

fare is very also another burden because one day I remember if it was not God I could lost my family because of leaving them without food for a week so that I can have transport to school.”

Pastor David wrote, “Although the area it self it’s very dry and life there is tough because even the church members most of the time might demand something to feed themselves from us but it’s good all the time and also most of the times. I do find hardships in travelling time to school because I might even fail to have enough transport because from my home to Morell School is almost to 200 Kms where by we use only one vehicle which starts it’s journey at 1 a.m. at night but so far I have seen God.

Pastor Dorothy, “I’m a woman with a family and leaving my husband and child for a week has not been ease. At times I’m forced to go without a good shoe or sugar to get the bus fare.”

The **gratitude** they expressed was to Bridges, the Morell School, and the donors for their gracious support of them and their opportunity to receive scriptural training at no cost to them.

Pastor Festus wrote, “I congratulate highly to our Donors through the support of President of Bridges International Mr. Bob and his wife Ann who visit us regularly and show there love to us they helped us much to go ahead with Gospel by giving us NIV Bible and even materials to know more about evangelism and discipleship.”

Pastor Gideon tells us, “God Bless Bridges International Donors, the international President Bob Rosser & Mrs., the Morell Pastors School management and staff. God offer permanent ground, expansion of school to highest level in Jesus Christ name, Amen.”

Pastor Daniel says, “God bless you mightily and may he enlarge you territory as you continue to serve Him. God bless Bridges!”



Pastor Geoffrey doing missions

Their theological and spiritual **growth** was a common confession and accomplishment.

Rev. Alois told us, “Before I joined the school I was totally in ignorance. I lack knowledge about the word of God. I lacked skill in ministry. I have now trained enough and fully acquired the skill total for the ministry.”

Pastor Hilda, “Before joining the institution I had thought that I was spiritually rich but to my surprise I wasn’t. I have learnt a lot that I will use to enlight others that are in darkness as I was.”

Pastor Geoffrey writes, “I have learnt ministry skills and leadership skills. Am now able to interpret the word of God and apply the same in preaching and teaching the word of God to people of all classes.”

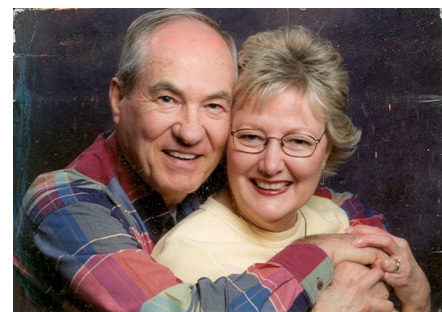
The **result** of this training has been shown in a number of ways. Church leaders are already being trained by these graduates, churches are growing, a number of missionary projects are being done by these new church leaders, Jesus is being preached in prisons, people are being disciplined according to the scripture, hearts and lives are being transformed, churches are being planted, and God is being glorified. **This is all happening because you prayed and you gave.**

In His service,

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