

2009 SCMI Conferences



"All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify Your name." Psalm 86:9

CONFERENCE SCHEDULING FOR 2009 COMPLETED!

We reported last month that God had blessed us following the CMM Conference with many requests to come to various parts of East Africa. That sounded great...but not knowing pastors personally, anything about the churches, the areas in each country, costs of hotels, renting meeting halls, transportation options, interpreters, cooks, publicity, or how to have people register, made it virtually impossible.

HOWEVER, CMM Director Ronnie Matheny also connected us with Victor Matoke, CMM's Regional Coordinator. So, after talking with Victor, we are excited to announce that he will serve as our new Conference Coordinator also! Boy, did he hit the

ground running! He already has our first conference booked in Mombasa on the coast of Kenya in June, as well as our second conference in Bungoma at the end of July. The publicity has gone out. the groundwork has been laid, and almost all arrangements finalized. All we have to do now is show up and teach...what a relief that is!

Additional conferences in the works for the rest of 2009 are listed on the map above. Note that we are covering all of the primary regions of Kenya, plus Kampala, Uganda.

Because of his vast network and experience, Victor is able to keep expenses extremely low, while still maintaining quality in what matters.

Due to the high interest level, Victor's relationships with the pastors, word of mouth, and publicity, a MINIMUM of 200 registrants are expected in each location! See page 2 for how you can be involved!

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It's hard to believe!



2009

This time last year Twyla was still on staff at RCC in New Jersey. Les was ministering in Bulgaria & Hungary. Both of us were seeking God about where He was taking us & what we would be doing. We could not have imagined that by May 2009 we would have already been in Kenya for seven months! We would have been amazed to look into the future & see that we had already ministered to almost 2,000 leaders through eight training events. We still are humbled & in awe at all God has done in our lives in one single year!

Twyla & Dedan recording both English & Swahili versions of Boot Camp!



Swahili is spoken by at least 10 million people & is one of the most widely spoken African tongues.

Since the early 1990s when the Lord gave "Boot Camp" to Twyla as a means of preparing traditional church members to live as a NT disciple in house-to-house community, the teaching has been translated into Portuguese, Korean, & other languages... now Swahili!

MINISTRY NEEDS

As we continue working with the actual numbers of attendees and budget figures for our upcoming seven conferences, we acknowledge our need of help in a most vital area...funding for these training events.

Each participating pastor will pay a basic fee to cover his own food and housing for the week. However, this fee cannot possibly cover all the other costs – venue rental, publicity letters and brochures, transportation to/from and at each location, our own meals and lodging, stipends for Victor and Dedan, printing costs for conference notes, as well as the production of additional resources so vital for providing effective cell church training to east Africa.

For only a minimal increase in expenses, we are poised to reach far more Bishops and Pastors in the next 8 months than in all our previous conferences! And if the number of our attendees exceed 200, the only expense that will increase will be the cost of notes (less than \$1 per person!).

We are here and ready to serve. HOWEVER, if the training is not funded, we can not move forward. God has brought us here! He is providing all we personally need. He has already done more than we could expect! He is opening for us tremendous doors of ministry! What's next?!

WANTED: 200 MIGHTY MEN (AND WOMEN!)

Do you remember the story of David and how God surrounded him with thirty mighty men who were committed to do whatever it took for David to defeat his enemies and be crowned king? In other words, David couldn't fulfill his destiny without those thirty mighty men fulfilling their own.

Well, as we began to break down the costs, we calculated that if we had two hundred mighty men and women (one for each African leader!) who would donate just 50 cents a day each month for the rest of this year, we could meet all of the training expenses! Our challenge to YOU is for you to prayerfully consider becoming one of these 200 Mighty Men & Women. Consider the following:

- For less than the price of three combo meals at McDonalds each month...
- For less than the price of two adult movie tickets per month...
- For less than 5 cappuccinos at Starbucks a month...
- For \$120 TOTAL through the rest of 2009...you can invest in the Kingdom of God and change lives in East Africa, as you stand with us in this ministry challenge. We CANNOT do it without you.

FACTS & FIGURES

1. PASTOR EXPENSES

The registration fee for each conference has been set at 1000 KSh (about \$14) Of course, that doesn't sound like much for five days of meals and housing in the USA. But here in Africa, it is the absolute maximum a leader can be asked to pay.

2. CONFERENCE COSTS

Costs vary from location to location, but an average cost is estimated at \$2,500 USD for a week of training. That includes publicity, facility rental, our transportation, lodging and food, printing, and administrator and translator fees! Needless to say, you can't begin to provide a week of training for 200 pastors in the USA for that little money. But then again, they can pay for it!

3. TWO-FOLD SUPPORT

Think of our personal living expenses and our conference expenses as two halves of the same mango...we can't do the conferences without personal support...but there's no reason for us to be here if there are no funds for conferences! So while on the one hand, we continue to trust God to prompt individuals to give toward our personal support, we are now also trusting Him to prompt some of you to contribute for training expenses.

NEEDED...200!

As we move toward training over 1,500 pastors by the end of 2009, for a donation of only 50 cents a day (or \$15 a month), you can join the ranks of the 200 Mighty Men & Women needed to cover the costs of this training. – Will YOU partner with us in bringing exceptional cell training to these regional Bishops and Pastors?

PRAISES!!!!!!!!!!!!

1. CONTAINER COMING!

Yes, finally, after living in Kenya seven months, our belongings are in route from New Jersey to Kenya. Praise the Lord, the ship is taking the southern route around the Cape of Good Hope, not by Somalia! It is due in Mombasa on May 23rd and then on to Nairobi via train & truck!

2. IPHONE

It required both supernatural and natural pressure for the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to quicken the pace regarding the theft, BUT, after MUCH prayer and Peter's help, Les' iPhone was located and should soon be returned.

3. BOOT CAMP

Twyla has finished customizing and updating Boot Camp for Africa. All documents will be translated into Swahili. English and Swahili audio teachings were recorded this week. Audio editing will provide two versions! Yes, that means we have also been blessed with Dedan, a great translator and interpreter!

4. COACHING

Another Coaching pair was added this week. Les is currently training 10 leaders altogether. Monday he begins week 4 of 13.

Matthew 6:19-21,24

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth & rust destroy & where thieves break in & steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys & where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one & love the other, or he will be devoted to one & despise the other. You cannot serve God & wealth."

About a five minute walk east from our apartment, between us and Adams Arcade is the native Toi Market. Further along down this street are stalls of clothes, shoes, purses, bedding, and housewares. Here you see clothing spread out on pieces of plastic or cloth for sale to people walking by. All of the items are used and brought in by the boat load (literally!) Although they are cheaper than they would be at a store in the States, they are still NOT garage sale prices. It's amazing how nicely the Kenyans sort & display them, also much better than at a garage sale! This is where we shop for most of the personal items we need, as well as for fruits and fresh vegetables.



WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

Flying Termites...Due to lots of rain earlier this week, we had what seemed like a plague of biblical proportions of flying termites. Fortunately, I had already closed the windows for the evening. Even so, they forced their way through the seams in the windows! I wish I had taken pictures, but we were too frantic killing them. (The Maasai like to beat the ground with a stick to make the termites think it is rain so they can catch them & eat them. Yum!)

Mosquitos...Since it is cooler, I usually keep the windows closed after dark to keep the mosquitos out (remember...no screens). We have a net over the bed that I also spray inside every night with "Doom". So how do they get in?

How to use a can opener...This week I was teaching Gladys how to make tuna sandwiches, only to discover that neither she nor Dedan knew how to use a can opener. No, not a fancy electric can opener, but a plain old-fashioned hand-turned one. They both enjoyed their turn at learning!

Police cars...Here in town, when the police need to take someone to the police station, they have to ASK the person to please drive to the station themselves while the policeman gets a taxi. Of course, sometimes, the policeman asks for the person to give him a ride (although that is actually illegal), or they ask the person being taken in to pay for the policeman's taxi (which doesn't happen unless someone is THAT stupid!). Also, police don't work at night...no cars and no lights! When the police finally found out who had Les' iPhone, it turned out to be a three hour drive from Nairobi. The problem is that NONE of the police have cars, so they have no way to get there. It will take three weeks for them to try to requisition a car! PTL Ronnie offered his car & our friend Peter will drive them! Keep praying until then!

American friends...We had brief unexpected visitors this week, two lady doctors from North Carolina who had been volunteering here in Kibera. No, we didn't know them, but they needed a place to take a shower before flying home. Funny how in a foreign country EVERY American becomes a friend.

	MAY	PRAYER	NEEDS
<p><i>“Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.”</i></p> <p>Hebrews 13:18</p>	<p>Translation by Dedan during May as he translates pages and pages of notes for the cell conference</p> <p>Mombasa prep, registration and pastors as they register and plan to attend June 2-6</p> <p>Shipment as Les’ passport must be here to receive shipment, not in Mombasa with him</p>	<p>200 Mighty Men & Women to rise up in support of what God is doing through SCMI in East Africa</p> <p>Customs & inspection of our belongings as they arrive. Everything needs to be in order so there’s no problems</p> <p>Sale of car in NJ soon as we need the money...</p> <p>Please pray that it sells soon.</p>	<p>Les’ Work in May as he records 4 sessions this week into Swahili, continues coach training, and works on editing Twyla’s latest book</p> <p>Twyla’s work in May, especially as she edits the Boot Camp English audio files this week</p> <p>Twyla’s feet need healing due to too much walking & poor support in shoes.</p>

BAD ECONOMIC TIMES

Yes, the economy of businesses & nations is failing around the world. Investments and savings are evaporating as real estate, the value of the dollar and stocks continue to decline. Fear & self-preservation cause many to stop any extra spending. But that brings us to the question of what “extra spending” is.

In the USA, most of us have lived with the means to both meet normal expenses, save for the future, live a very comfortable lifestyle, & also give to God’s work. When the crunch comes, we are forced to reconsider what is of value. What are the “extras” that will be eliminated? It brings us back to what we REALLY believe in. We must decide between the things of this world that will pass away, and the eternal Kingdom of God.

Each of us will choose between not tithing or reducing our giving to missions, and the “luxuries” to which we have become accustomed. Yes, to most of the world, fattening foods, more clothes, extra items for our already over-crowded homes, and expensive forms of recreation are luxuries.

So, whatever you ultimately determine to be something you can live without...please don’t decide that giving to missions is one of those items. People are the only thing that are eternal. They will live forever...with God or without Him. When you spend money to see lives changed, God will BOTH meet your needs and multiply the impact of your giving.

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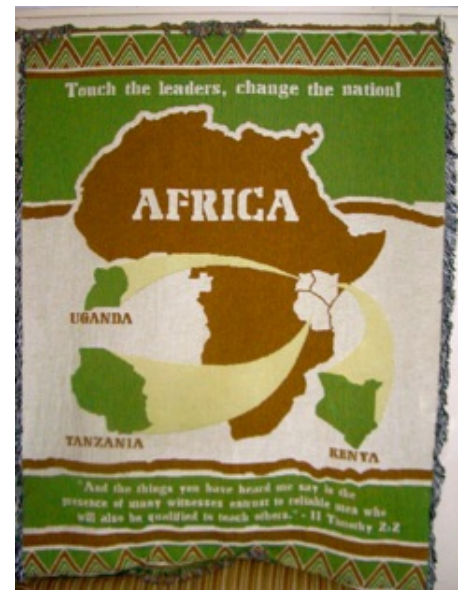
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Praises/Prayer requests & photos are posted weekly on Twyla’s Facebook!



African wall hanging at CMM. It says Touch the leaders, change the nations! & 2 Tim 2:2

MARCH NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

On page 3 of last month’s newsletter I mistakenly reported that at the CMM Retreat there were 948 churches represented by those attending. The figure should have read 9,048. Many of the leaders were overseers of many churches, not of a single church.