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The Kiamu ReachAfrica Update

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Dear Supporters,

Greetings from wet Liberia. More rains than we need are pouring but we are thankful to God for the rains anyhow. We are also thankful that the remaining four victims of the recent Ebola outbreak in a community not too far from ours have been treated and returned to their families; meaning that our government has successfully contained the spread of the virus beyond that one community! Thank you for praying.

Family: We are glad that our daughter, Davina, is home for the summer holidays after being in Nairobi, Kenya, now for three years. She will hopefully return to school in Nairobi on August 20. The rest of the family is doing well and we thank you for praying for us and supporting us financially.

Ministry Updates:

Ghana: With the Ebola travel ban now lifted I have begun traveling again to various African countries for training and coaching church planters. On July 10 I traveled to Accra, Ghana. My major purpose was to spend time with Pastor Tay, our master trainer of church planters in that country. I got to know him and his family a little bit better. For four days he and I had coaching sessions that gave me very great insight into his ministry as well as to meet with young church planters he is working with. These young church planters are college graduates who have mapped out the city of Accra where they are praying for opportunities to plant ten new churches that will target young professionals and college and university students. They also have a strategic ministry to underprivileged children and prisoners in Accra. Already they are seeing many come to the Lord through their ministries and we are glad to be able to share in their ministries.



Coaching session with young church planters

Nigeria: One of the great satisfactions I had during this trip was to take along Pastor Tay to travel to Nigeria. Though this was a bit costly, the move was a strategic one since my goal at this point in time is to multiply myself by mentoring master trainers through apprenticeship and team teaching. In Nigeria we were hosted by the Christian Fellowship Evangelical Church in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State. The church is considering opportunities to plant thirty five churches in Northern Nigeria where many villages and cities are resistant to the gospel. Pastor Tay and I were able to train more than seventy five church planters using our ReachAfrica Church Planter Training Level 1 Manual. This was a great time and we thank God for the doors He is opening up to this church to launch a church planting movement in Nigeria.



Training church planters, July 16 -18

Liberia: Following my time in Ghana and Nigeria, I returned home on Sunday, July 19, 2015. It was a joy reuniting with family. On July 22 Lucy and I had the joy of visiting in a slum community in Monrovia where some eighty women had invited Lucy to discuss possibilities of setting up a skills training center within their community. Lucy's *Women and Girls Empowerment School* (WAGES) now has three centers up and running in three communities and she continues to get requests to set up new centers where women are needing empowerment and training.



Women listening to Lucy as she shares how WAGES could come to their community.

Financial Update

Thank you for praying for us and giving to our family and ministry support. It is because you have been a strong support that we can stay in the field and do ministry.

Lucy's WAGES program is continuing to need more sewing machines, utensils they can use to train, and seed funds they can give to women and girls completing the six months training. In late August, the first group of women from her first center will graduate. Let us and ReachGlobal know if you designate funds for this need so that they will be used for this purpose.

The church planters in Ghana and Nigeria need our prayers regarding costs for accommodations for their families as they move to new communities to plant churches. In future Updates, we hope to have specific information as to how you might assist them financially as the Lord leads you to do so. Until then, please do pray for them.

We are not yet fully funded and we continue to stand in need of increased funds. We are presently need \$1000 more per month to be fully supported. Travel and training funds are a vital part of our ministry and getting to full support will help us with this.

Dave and Lucy

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