

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the three pastoral training teams as they go to West Africa.
- Pray for each institute and the national team organizing the event.
- Pray for the health of the team members, traveling mercy, and strength for each day.
- Pray for the pastors as they implement the teaching into their ministries.
- Pray for the funds to come in to cover all the expenses of the four institutes.

West Africa Missions Trip: Four institutes in three countries

We want to thank the Lord for His goodness in helping us to complete our Summer Missions Trip to East/Central Africa where we trained 921 pastors during four institutes in four countries. We saw much fruit and God answered many prayers as can be seen from the Summer Africa Trip Report enclosed with this letter.

We are now planning for our West Africa Missions Trip to Ghana, Nigeria, and Liberia where we will

conduct four institutes in these three countries. Please pray for us, and if you can help sponsor pastors to attend the institutes, it would help many pastors to attend them. Remember, 95% of these pastors cannot attend a Bible college or seminary because they have no money, so they are totally reliant on Christians from the West to express their love by offering them an opportunity to get this training to help them in their ministries.

Fall Mission Teams

We want to ask for your prayers as we make plans for our TPI Fall Missions Trip in November. We are looking to conduct four pastoral training institutes in West Africa for about 1,000 pastors all total. We have several pastoral training teams joining us, including Pastor Scott Vail from Calvary Church in Charlotte, NC, Pastor Bob Ferguson from Gunnings Baptist Church in Blountville, TN, and Dr. John Balmer, Jr. from TPI in Lynchburg, Virginia. John will also be going to Johannesburg, South Africa, to help train 400 pastors at the end of the trip in December.

Fall Institute Schedule

We will be offering institutes in the following cities in West Africa this Fall:

- 1) *Monrovia, Liberia* – November 2-6 200 pastors
- 2) *Kaduna, Nigeria* November 9-13 200 pastors
- 3) *Abuja, Nigeria* November 16-20 200 pastors
- 4) *Ho, Ghana* November 23-27 300 pastors
- 5) *Johannesburg, South Africa* December 1-3 400 pastors



John and Jennifer present a certificate to an institute participant in Kinshasa (Matete), Democratic Republic of Congo.

TPI Institutes Among Muslim Peoples

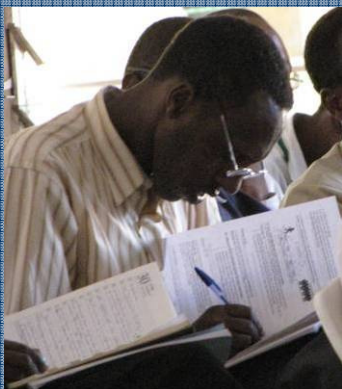
Please pray for these institutes in West Africa this Fall because we are going into some difficult areas to put on these training events due to the higher density of the Muslim population (95%) in northern Nigeria, as well as the economic crisis in Africa.

We always face difficult challenges for the team as we train many former Muslim leaders, who are now Christian pastors, and know the Koran well, but have very little training in God's Word, and yet are very hungry for it.

Report on Stolen Camera and Assault in Burundi

We are very thankful to report that the Lord preserved both Joel Taylor and John Balmer when John and Joel were assaulted with rocks and a rod and John was hit on the head and arms, and a pair of shoes were taken from Joel and a camera was taken from John. Fortunately, John was not hurt severely with life-threatening injuries, and was able to continue teaching the TPI Burundi Institute the very next day. Amazingly, the Kings

Conference Centre, our hotel in Burundi, was able to locate the camera and shoes and return them to us several weeks later. The hotel management and staff went to the "prince of the thieves" in the underground world and paid him to locate the thief, find the person who bought the camera, buy it back from him for \$268 US Dollars at their expense, and send it back to us. The contraband was returned in very good condition and is back in service again. Praise the Lord!



Above: Doug Dorman teaches to a full house in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
Below: An institute participant carefully follows along in his notebook.

How You Can Help These Pastors

Would you consider helping us pay for their expenses so they can receive this training free of charge and we can afford to feed the pastors during this week of training? It will cost us about \$30 per pastor to train all these pastors. It will take a great effort to help in this monumental task, but we feel that the Lord would have us go during this crucial time to encourage and train these pastors. We also need many people to pray for the teams as they go out, traveling mercies on the way, spiritual strength for each day of the institutes, and unity, peace, and victory in each challenging context.

If you would like to help these pastors attend the institutes, make a check out to **Training Pastors International**, and send it to 5132 Wedgewood Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503. Each gift will help pay for the pastors to attend one of the four institutes this Fall.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and giving funds to help us fulfill this great God-given and God-glorifying challenge to help these many needy African pastors who have nothing but a will to be trained in the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Participants gather at the TPI Addis Ababa, Ethiopia institute at one of the oldest training grounds in the whole country, which stood through many years of persecution.