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IF WE ARE TO "DO IT TO THE LEAST OF THESE", WE HAVE TO GO WHERE THEY LIVE.

## Go tell.....NOT.....come see.

Notice anything different about the photos in this edition of the prayer letter? No, you say. Just more "heart-tugging" photos to try to get me to give money to Kenya. O.K.....you got me there. But, what is missing? **You don't see the big white-**

**haired muzungu (white man, which would be me) in any of the photos.**

This edition of the prayer letter is filled with images of **others** doing the ministry in Kenya. It's called disciple making. I picked up the idea

from Jesus' ministry; and my friend, Barry St. Clair, put some form to the method for me years ago.

If we are to take the Good News to people, we simply have to go where they are. There is no escaping it; there is no plan B.



COLLEGE STUDENT



STUDENT PREACHER



TEAM AT FEEDING STATION

# Please read my trip journal on the website

As a young youth pastor (many moons ago) Barry St Clair's Reach Out Strategy changed the way I approached ministry. We used the strategy in the ministry in Romania in the 90's, and it still continues to bear fruit. I have taught the strategy in Europe, Indonesia and the Philippines; and where the leaders have embraced the philosophy and put "shoe leather" to it, it has created ministries of multiplication. That's a good thing, because we can never reach the world by the ministry of "addition" practiced by most modern churches. In fact, I'll bet your church only reports "additions" each year. **I bet you can't even find a reporting for "multiplications" anywhere in your church.** If you can.....rejoice! You are in a church that represents about 3% of the churches in America!!!!

The Reach Out Strategy is simple:

1. **I go**
2. **I go, and they are with me.**
3. **They go, and I am with them**
4. **They go, and I am in the background to encourage**

This trip to Kenya marked the milestone of steps 3 & 4 for our international ministry. I did not do the preaching and teaching. **THEY DID!** I did not do all of the ministry. **THEY DID!! AND IT WORKED!!!**

People were saved in the open-air evangelistic meetings. Children were fed, taught and loved in the feeding stations and orphanages. Pastors were trained to be better

disciple-makers and leaders. And it was all done by college students and young adults.

The team that was with me this year will return with others. They will not need me. **I will be in the background to encourage.** Another team (that has been with me before) will return with me in February. They will not need me. **I will be in the background to encourage.**

By training teams and launching them to "**do the work of the ministry**", we have multiplied our impact on the ground. Instead of a bunch of Americans standing around watching me preach, teach and lead, we were able to divide up into as many as four teams.....**covering four times the ministry ground each day.** I was freed up to totally leave the team behind and push out into new areas, scouting ahead for future ministry to more unreached/untrained people groups. What did that old TV show say?.....**I LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER.**

I have never worked harder on a trip. Leading a team and trying to keep all the "plates spinning" back home, as well as striking out "solo" to preach/teach and evaluate, is draining work. But, **finishing empty is what we are called to do!!**

I know of no other way to "go into all the world", than to....."go into all the world".

There is no other way than to **do** the work of the ministry. **Do** the work **while others are with you** so they can learn. **Release others to do** the work of the ministry once they

have seen and experienced it. And **then, launch others** into ministry with your full support and encouragement.

As long as our measure of success is how many people can we get into however many buildings we can build.....we will NEVER be about the true business of the church---**making disciples.**

Right now there are pastors and youth leaders reading these words. You are leaned back in your chairs, feet propped on your desks glorying in how many came to Bible study last week or how many you took to youth camp this year. Let me ask you a question:

**"of those who come to your Bible studies, listen to your sermons and go to your youth camp and your retreats.....how many of them are truly following Jesus?"** Let me ask it in a more simple way: How many are "going"? How many are reproducing? How many are "out there," and you are in the background to encourage and support?

Leaders, don't wake up one day (as I did years ago!!) and see your meetings filled to capacity, the "throngs" flocking to your feet to catch yet a few more drippings of honey that fall from that eloquent tongue of yours. Don't puff out your chest every time you drive up to the massive edifices you have erected to house the multitudes that "come see" each week. Rather, when you pull into that reserved parking space at that wonderful building ask this, "I wonder how many who come here this week.....will.....**go out there where the work is?"**

GO TELL.....NOT.....COME SEE.

# The foundation has been laid in Kenya. Now, it is time to build on that foundation and launch the next wave.

I am in awe of how God has focused our staff in Kenya. These men **get it!!** They know what business we are in. The “business” of making disciples. There is no shortage of zeal or vision. But they are, and have been begging me for training.

Last year we purchased two acres on Mt. Elgon for a future training and conference center. I believe the time is now for that center to be erected.

The center will not be a seminary nor a Bible School per se, but a center for training men who are already “sent out”.

**THERE IS NOT SHORTAGE OF ZEAL. THESE MEN WILL GO.....BUT THEY ARE BEGGING FOR TRAINING.**

I envision a conference center that will seat 200. A fully equipped kitchen and dining hall. Dormitories for the men who will come for extended training times. A duplex guest house for visiting preachers/teachers from the U.S. and around the world.

I see pastors and Christian leaders coming to Mt. Elgon to give a week, two weeks or a month to teach those principles and skills that have enabled them to advance the Kingdom of God in their own lives and ministries. The local pastors and leaders will share in the teaching and training as well, and will shoulder the brunt of the schedule.

Imagine.....leaders from around the world sitting on the porch after a meal and challenging each other toward the prize of the high calling of Jesus Christ.

**NEED \$50,000.....pray!**

## THE FIELD



TRAINING LEADERS



GET THEM OFF THE STREET



TEACH/TRAIN



HUNGRY.....FED!



# Kenya Wish List

--As you see at the right, we have need of support for four pastors. \$300 per month pays their salary. You can provide all or part of a pastor's salary.

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I HAVE FOUND THERE ARE THREE STAGES IN EVERY WORK OF GOD: FIRST IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, THEN IT IS DIFFICULT, THEN, IT IS DONE!-----HUDSON TAYLOR

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## LIGHT FEEDING STATION/ SCHOOL NEEDS/REPAIRS:

- GATE REPAIR.....\$400
- TOILET DOORS.....\$330
- HEDGE/FENCE.....\$270
- NEW UNIFORMS.....\$400
- CLASSROOM SUPPLIES....\$270
- COMPLETE KITCHEN.....\$10,000
- NEW CLASSROOMS.....\$8,000 EA.  
(NEED TWO CLASSROOMS)

## CHURCH NEEDS

We have tried to purchase plots of land for as many of our churches as possible. However, several still meet on rented plots of land. We have an urgent need for \$1,400 to pay the balance of the lease for one very successful church in Kisumu.

There are plots to be purchased as well. Please contact us for information about purchasing a plot for a church.

## THANK YOU!!

The seven orphans mentioned in last month's prayer letter have been adopted. There are several more "new" orphans awaiting sponsorship. \$75 per month provides for an orphan.

**Stocks, real-estate, vehicles, boats, any real property can be turned into cash. Wills? Life Insurance?**



## PASTOR SUPPORT

CURRENTLY, WE HAVE FOUR (OUT OF 30) PASTORS WHO ARE STILL NOT RECEIVING FULL MONTHLY SUPPORT OF \$300 EACH.



## REPAIRS

AT OUR SCHOOL AND FEEDING STATION IT IS TIME FOR REPAIRS AND REMODELING. THINGS AS SIMPLE AS NEW DOORS ON OUR TOILETS ARE EXPENSE ITEMS THAT ARE PROVIDED FOR BY YOUR GIFTS.



## NEW KITCHEN

ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO WE BUILT A NEW DINING HALL AT OUR FEEDING STATION. WE RAN OUT OF MONEY BEFORE WE COULD COMPLETE THE NEW KITCHEN. OUR COOKS ARE PREPARING MEALS FOR 125 CHILDREN DAILY, COOKING OVER AN OPEN FIRE USING THREE STONES AS THE "EYES" OF THEIR STOVE.....NEED.....\$10,000