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MINISTRIES INC.



**MT. ELGON PASSES
300 LEADERS
TRAINED**



**FIRST GRADUATING
CLASS
SEEDS HIGH SCHOOL**



**GROWING CHURCHES
GROWING DISCIPLES**

GOING INTERNATIONAL



It happened before my very eyes. Our pastor/leader training in Kenya went international this month.

As I watched the Ugandan pastors worship at the training center on Mt. Elgon, my heart smiles. Many days I had sat on the veranda of this center, gazing over the nearby mountains. Uganda was a half day's walk over those mountains. On more than one occasion, I lifted my hands toward those mountains and prayed, *send them, Lord. **Send them.***

**The photo above is
of our Ugandan
pastors joining us
at the Mt. Elgon
Training Center.**

As yet another class of Training Center graduates filed before me, the background of those worshipping Ugandan pastors was the picture I have seen in mind's eye for years. Then, one of the graduates spoke of going to our brothers in Tanzania and the Congo. It was then I realized that this ministry, born in a dingy, Kenyan hotel conference room with six pastors over seventeen years ago, was becoming a **movement**.

I have never seen “revival.” I have prayed for it all of my ministry life, but I have never seen it. Oh, I've been in some great “meetings” where God flexed his amazing power and let us watch. But, not Book of Acts type of power.

I truly believe that it is not only possible, but probable that a great move of God is happening in East Africa. And we (you and me) are strategically positioned to be a part of what God is doing... *because we have joined Him in His work in East Africa.*

Over the past three weeks, we cut the ribbons on the Miracle in Mathare (new school in Mathare slum, Nairobi) and the new dormitories at the Mt. Elgon Training Center. Both were born of prayer and paid for (in full) by faith. I listened as Pastor Elijah (dean of the school of ministry, Mt. Elgon) shared that in 2020, due to the space the new dormitory has provided, we will shift from training one semester's worth of curriculum, to training three semester's now. The students' being able to stay on the grounds extends our teaching days into weeks. The graduating class last week put us over the 300 mark of leaders trained since our opening. Elijah said that now, we can train over 100 leaders per year. With multiplication as the core of our training (and already bearing great fruit), it is possible to see the number reached with the Gospel in the next ten years soar into the tens of thousands.

Then I thought of the other graduation earlier in this trip. The first graduating class of Seeds High School (Kitale—Pastor Richard). These young students are the “next wave” of spiritual leaders in Kenya. ***And, the first generation who have been trained since childhood to become reproducing disciples of Jesus.*** The generational layers combined with having the advanced training system in place for spiritual leaders makes our ministry “bench” (depth) in Kenya very deep indeed.

While in Kenya on this recent trip, I received an email from a long time friend and supporter. He was a member of the very first short-term mission team I took to Kenya with me (15 years ago). We built the first church in the bush of Mt. Elgon. You hear from

Mt. Elgon



God led Pastor Richard and Hellen to Mt. Elgon years ago. He convinced them that He wanted to use this place to advance His Kingdom.

Richard and Hellen convinced me.

I convinced...you.

me all the time. I am always advocating for this ministry and trying to convince you to join me in helping finance what God is doing.

I want you to hear (unsolicited) from one who has Kenyan soil on his shoes and in his heart. He sums it up better than I ever could.

“WOW! *Each year as you return to Kenya I always look forward to reading your journals, but this trip is different. I will never forget my first day on Mt. Elgon where I sat under that shade tree that you talk about and was served Coca Cola by people who didn't have Coca Cola. Then, we left and got stuck and filthy and women at the hotel cleaned my filthy clothes on a rock as clean as I could get them at home. I saw street children sniffing glue and a society with no vision. My trip went on and I saw and heard and smelled. Then we went back to Mt. Elgon and began the process of building the training center and then we came home to our easy lives with lots of money and deer stands nicer than the homes of many in Kenya.*

I came home with a clear vision of what was required to change things in Kenya. The youth of the nation must change and be taught and educated and disciplined and must grow up to be the leadership in that nation if change is ever to happen. I also came home with a heart to give. I feel like our monthly gift is such a small part of what has been done in Kenya.

...Now, 15 years later, the training center is launching leaders in 4-6 weeks instead of 2-3 years and they go into their world and become an agent of change. Those that are training are getting some rest and pampering before returning to a very tough life. They get to recharge in a way they didn't know was available. I have walked through those cornfields. I remember the concern about Ugandan raiders interrupting operation of the training center. And now, Ugandans are coming to live and train at the training center. We are graduating street kids from our own high schools and some even on to universities. We are doing what I saw as the vision for the future of Kenya and the graduates of today were the preschool and elementary children when I was there. They are the elements of change.

...It is a blessing for me to see what has happened on your trip. I was there when the first post hole was dug on Mt. Elgon. I walked through the corn fields where the dorms are. I left some of myself in that muddy river where we stuck that van. And 15 years later I get to see completion of what I was a part of starting. God is good all the time and even when He has given so much....

He still has plenty—Short-term mission team member, 2005.



Full House at Mt. Elgon

My journals from the recent trip are available for reading on our website (www.mikecurry.com). You will find them under the section titled Trip Journals.

The video of the Mathare School dedication is also available on the website or on my Twitter feed (@lightministries).

Go read and watch...see what the Lord has done!

Kenya Wish List

I spent over \$18,000 on this recent trip (my airfare, hotel, pastor conferences, transportation, meals, etc.) I also spent \$1,700 to finalize the purchase of a new church plot for one of our bush churches in the Kisii region. Will you help us replenish those funds so they do not have to come out of our general operating funds?

\$10,000 one time gift— to furnish the new dormitory at Mt. Elgon. The original need was for nearly \$25,000. \$10,000 is all that remains of this need. *We are buying furniture and moving it in as I write. This number will probably increase in order to purchase the multiple sets of bedding, towels and other amenities that will be needed to operate the dormitory ministry at the training center.*

\$400 monthly—to staff new training center cooks, and housekeeping/maintenance staff at Mt. Elgon Training Center.

\$3,500 one time gift—remodel kitchen at Light Academy/feeding station in Kakamega.

\$7,500—new desks, chairs, tables and blackboards for the new classrooms in Mathare.

\$10,000—startup cost for new pastor training center in Western Kenya (Tanzania border). Pastor Christiano is a magnet for young pastors. He is raising them up so fast that it is obvious God is at work in this young pastor. We want to join God in His work with Christiano. We are renting a house, bringing in the sharpest six pastoral candidates Christiano has, and putting them in a four-year mentorship program. ***If church planting is your passion, this is the ministry investment for you!***

\$3,000—Purchase adjoining plot to church in Turbo (Pastor Samson Juma) for construction of new Sunday School space for children.

New Monthly partners to replace lost monthly support (orphans, pastors, etc.)
We need some to fill in the gaps of lost monthly support.

Do what you can

With what you have

Where you are