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Newsletter

FaithLife Ministries
"Equipping Church Leaders Globally"



The Changing Face of Missions

For the past two centuries the church in the USA has focused on sending missionaries to other nations to plant churches in order to spread the Word of God. But today, the Christian church already exists in virtually every nation, and in many it is thriving. I recently read a book called Reformation in Missions, written by Bob Finley of Christian Aid, where he challenges the church in the USA to stop sending missionaries abroad to plant new churches but rather to send financial support and training to equip existing indigenous churches and ministries. They can do their own nations better than we can! They have people to do ministry with money, training, and other support. American churches today are becoming more involved in partnerships & short term missions - to send help and support to other nations. We also need to go as trollers. Short term missions gives us the and support indigenous ministries with they need to build God's church in their us to be cross-culturally sensitive and to encourage our foreign partners to take on more responsibility and be more accountable for what we can provide. This is the new challenge for American missions! And as always, it needs to all be done for the glory of God!



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How FaithLife Ministries is Meeting the Mission Challenge!

Our focus at FaithLife Ministries since our beginning has been to train indigenous national church leaders in underdeveloped nations (our "mission field") so that they would be equipped to lead & train others and grow their churches. We did not set out to establish our own ministry in these nations nor our own churches and followers. We simply wanted to equip those pastors and church leaders who were already there to be more effective in building God's Kingdom. Here are some examples of how God has used us to meet this new challenge:

- *Bible Schools in the Philippines, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Rwanda, India, Colombia, Peru, Brazil and Nicaragua are including our **Management For Church Leaders™ (MCL)** training in their curriculum. These schools are preparing new leaders for the church who are also helping spread this training to others. In India, it has been translated into Hindi and is being taught to students in a Bible School in Palampur, and we haven't even been there yet nor met its Director!*
- *Our foreign partners in the Philippines, Kazakhstan, India, Nicaragua, and Peru are also spreading our training within their nations by conducting conferences or teaching within their own ministries.*
- *Pastors and church leaders who have attended our conference training in Kenya, India, Nigeria, and Uganda have been using our material to train others. Some of them have taken it to other nations, such as Tanzania and Burundi. In Kenya, 7 training centers were created across the country devoted to teaching our MCL material.*

We thank God for your support, and for His calling and equipping us for this ministry!

Benny

Management For Church Leaders™ Training

Here are some recent photos and reports on how God has used us to train and equip church leaders:



Buenos Aires, Argentina / Sep 18th - 26th

Barry & David Quispirroca traveled to Quilmes, a suburb of Buenos Aires, to initiate our training in this large South American nation through the Church of God.



David teaching on Spiritual Gifts



Attendees doing an exercise



Barry & David with Pastor Ricardo, our church host



Accra, Ghana / Oct 8th - 17th

Barry traveled to Accra to launch our training in this West African nation. There were attendees from Togo & Liberia, as well as from northern Ghana, making this conference strategic as a launching point for our training in this region.



Barry teaching on Managing People



Barry with some of the attendees from Togo and Ghana



Ghana people carry loads on their heads



Guatemala City, Guatemala / Nov 18th - 21st

Barry traveled to Guatemala City to introduce our training in a 3 hour seminar in this Central American nation.. He also met with several groups of church leaders to discuss plans for a full 3 day conference in next June and ministered in a couple of churches.



Barry with church leaders who want our training



Pastor Diego Cruz, our partner, with wife Lizette & daughter Isabella



Attendees at Introductory Training Seminar



News from our partners around the globe...

- Pastor **Gideon Umukoro** from **Nigeria** tells us that most of the pastors and leaders we trained last year in Nigeria are teaching our MCL material in various parts of the country. Pastor Ufalo has also taught the material in Lagos. He also tells us that he himself plans to teach our MCL material in 2-3 locations next year. Praise God!
- Pastor **Doming Orprecio**, our partner in the **Philippines**, writes, *“The Management Training and the Children's Ministers' Training was conducted at Ilagan, Isabela last October 19-21, 2011. With God's grace our Management Training went well. Pastor Rene was with us and we trained 43 pastors coming from 34 different churches. We also trained 34 children's Ministers simultaneously coming from 28 different churches. They gave positive feedback about the training and as a result, we have receive several invitations to conduct similar trainings in other locations.”*
- Pastor **Robert Owade** from **Rwanda**, writes, *“We take almost half a year with your material every year at our Bible College for every new class and the practical benefit on the students is so tangible in their ministries.”*
- Pastor **Samuel Sudarsanam**, our partner in central **India**, writes, *“we have started a Bible school for 40 students and have great passion and heart to equip leaders and young men who desire God's Ministry. We don't have Bible schools in our area so we have started school this year in October for only 2 days per week covering 8 subjects. Classes will be held from October to February. We are running this school by faith. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.”*
- Pastor **Rajendra Sundas** from **Nepal** informs us that, *“As a part of a Badi caste in Nepal, females have been made dependent upon prostitution as their source of income. Badi girls, from early childhood on, know and most accept that a life of prostitution awaits them. They witness first hand their mothers, sisters and other women around them prostituting themselves on a daily basis. However, I was overwhelmed with joy to witness firsthand the liberation of these precious girls from the cultural mindset that has enslaved them for years. We were taken to a Badi village of over 6000 people. The village was as primitive as I have ever seen. Human and animal waste was everywhere. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of hopelessness and despair. We had a privilege before leaving the village to meet the mothers that had given up their parental rights so that their daughters could find a new life in the safety of the orphanage at Lighthouse Foundation.”* Please pray for these girls and for change to come to the Badi people and Nepal.

Management For Church Leaders™ Training Feedback

Here are some comments from recent participants in our training in Argentina & Ghana:

“Excellent! It is very complete and helpful for our ministries. I see the exercises are very detailed and specific to develop leadership.” - Silvi Pini de Renjifo

“This training will help me and my ministry, and I will use it to disciple and lead others.” - Elsa Carballo

“The teaching was a blessing to me. I plan to share this with the youth in my church.” - Jonatan Marquez

“I thank God for the material because it is easy to learn and simple to understand & teach to others.” - Tchana Lembo

“I thank God for the training conference. It will help me in my new job as an Administrator of a Bible School.” - Rev. Theophilus Awuku Bekoe

“The facilitators presentation and explanation are very catching, so it is my prayer that God would empower them more.” - Anthony Korku Amekor

“I plan to use this training to train leaders in my own church and organize training in my community.” - Samuel Adade

“It is very simple, clear and easy to follow, and an essential tool for church leaders.” - Daniel Sekon Mensah

FaithLife To Hold 1st Ever Regional Training Conference in Kenya!



Barry will be traveling to Nakuru, Kenya from December 5-12th to train church leaders from 8 nations in a regional training conference organized by our Director for East Africa, Rev. Ayub Khayo. Church Leaders from Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Congo, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Sudan are planning to attend. Barry and Ayub will share the teaching duties and will also train them to teach the manual to others so our training can multiply. We praise God for this wonderful opportunity and thank Ayub for his vision and organization of this training!



What is God's will for you?

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Upcoming Training Events



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Trainers</u>
Dec 5-13	Nakuru, Kenya	MCL Training	Barry & Ayub Khayo
Jan 9-12	St. Louis, Mo	MCL Audio Recording	Barry

2012 Proposed Training Plans

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Trainers</u>
Feb	Quito, Ecuador	MCL	Barry & David Quispiroca
Mar	Lagos, Nigeria	MCL	Barry & Daryl Hoh
Apr	Kathmandu, Nepal	MCL	Barry & partner
May	Lae, Papua New Guinea	MCL	Barry & Trevor Ruthenberg
June	Guatemala City, Guatemala	MCL	Barry & partner
July	Springbok, South Africa	MCL	Barry & Kim
Aug	Almaty, Kazakhstan	MCL	Barry & Ken Jacques
Sep	Monrovia, Liberia	MCL	Barry & Dyonah Thomas
Oct	Palampur, India	MCL	Barry & partner
Nov	Mandalay, Myanmar	MCL	Barry & Daryl Hoh
Dec	Santiago, Chile	MCL	Barry & Steve Burkhalter

Prayer Requests:

- For the upcoming Regional Conference in Kenya, that God would multiply our training in East Africa through those who attend.
- For the completion of our Training book for use on the internet.
- For continued financial provision for our ministry.
- For God's wisdom and guidance in our 2012 Ministry plans.
- For the healing of Chandra Rao, a worker in the orphanage of our India partner, who was badly burned from an electrical wire.
- Thankfulness for God's complete healing of Barry from lymphoma cancer, now 5 years behind him!



News & Notes:

- Barry visited First Lutheran Church in Texarkana, TX on Oct 2nd to give a ministry presentation.
- Barry met with Johan Engelbrecht, our partner in South Africa, on Nov. 14th in Gainesville, GA, regarding our trip plans for July, 2012.
- Barry & Kim met with Dyonah Thomas from Liberia in Atlanta on Nov. 23rd to discuss and plan our Sep. 2012 conference in Monrovia.
- Barry had to postpone his audio recording of our MCL training for Lutheran Blind Missions until January 2012 due to illness.



Can You Help Us With An End Of Year Gift?

In order to fulfill the goals God has set before us for 2012 we still need additional financial support. If you would like to help us reach more leaders in more nations, or are looking for an end of year tax deduction, please consider donating to this ministry. Checks should be made payable to **FaithLife Ministries** and postmarked no later than Dec. 31st, 2011. Please send your donation to the address at the bottom right of this page. Your gift would be a blessing both to us & those we serve!

Thank you for your prayers & support!

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