

Between You and Me...



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After a time of worship, I was given the rest of the morning to teach on global realities and the state of missions today. The 19 participants listened intently and asked numerous questions regarding the challenge of taking the gospel message to the remaining 1.6 billion who have never had an opportunity to hear it. The class could have been an average REACH or SWIM training. The setting, however, was a hot, dusty classroom on the edge of Kampala, Uganda. The program was not REACH, but Discipleship Training School Uganda (DTS Uganda), a program REACH is mentoring through the GDT Alliance.

During the five days I spent with the program, I was again amazed and inspired by the new wave of messengers God is raising up from some of the least expected places. These participants from Uganda, Kenya, and Sudan who have been so accustomed to receiving missionaries and assistance from the North and the West are beginning to realize that they have something to give to the unreached nations around them. They are uniquely positioned to take the gospel to some hard-to-reach places like Somalia and northern Sudan.

To see this new wave of missionaries move out will take creativity and non-traditional means of sending. While they have been presented with a model of missionaries coming with a lifeline of funding from their home churches, they will need to explore more creative models of support. As DTS Uganda director, Anne Mwangi, told the class, "We are Africans; we can live with much less. We can sleep on the floor. We don't need to be as comfortable as the Mzungus (whites)."

Praise God for this new crop of missionaries He is raising up. They are coming not only from sub-Saharan Africa but from Asia and Latin America as well. Let us embrace our brothers and sisters who are willing to give their lives for the sake of the Kingdom and challenge them to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Alumni Happenings

1996

Dave & Amy (Hostetler) Yoder announce the birth of their son, Christopher Shane, on April 14, 2005. He was welcomed by big sister Juliana.

Tom & Candice (Rhodes) Mast gave birth to Eliza Grace on April 26, 2005. Eliza was welcomed by big sister Claire.

1997

Jeff & Ruth (Yoder) Ebersole announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Grace, on November 24, 2004. She was welcomed by big sisters Felicite, Cassidy & Katelynn.

1999

Jon Ebersole & Denise Cannella were married on March 5, 2005.

Abigail Rose Miller was born on February 5, 2005, to **Nate and Suetta (Schmidt) Miller**.

2000

Keith and **Cheryl (Stahl) Lehman** and big brother Stephen have been blessed by the birth of Autumn Nicole on November 14, 2004.

2001

Anita Kauffman & Keith Martin were married on April 30, 2005.

2002

Oleda Miller and Keith Miller were married on April 2, 2005.