

## world-wide ministry expansion continues

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### successful pilot project in nigeria, west africa

Last October I spent a wonderful period of 40 consecutive mornings meeting with the Lord from 4:00 to 6:00, and during that time God impressed upon me to trust Him for many things including some major expansion in the ministry. I believe that the growth we are experiencing right now is in direct answer to the prayer of faith offered in reference to placing the ministry of GFE in 30 additional countries over the next 10 years. Just recently we opened a new work in The Congo under the direction of Oyelo Ulimwengu, who has been discipled and trained by Ben Bahati in Kenya for the past 10 years. And, in June, by the time you receive this newsletter, we will be conducting a pilot project in Uganda where we expect to establish GFE this year. We will send a full report of course when we return on June 24<sup>th</sup>. But for the moment I want to share with you about another exciting pilot project that just took place in Nigeria, West Africa.



Training session for pastors & evangelists

A few months ago Ben Bahati (who is praying and working with me in expanding the ministry in Africa) told me about a young man from Nigeria whom he had met in a "strange way". He is a young evangelist named Jonas Prince. It seems that he had been invited to the city of Nakuru, Kenya for a "crusade". When he arrived he discovered that there was no crusade and, in fact, no ministry for him at all. He was very disappointed and was out walking the streets trying to discern what God was up to when he met Alfred Egeyse, one of our GFE pastors. He told his story to Alfred who then invited him to join in some "we go to them" field evangelism meetings that he was conducting. Jonas showed some interest in this "new method" of taking the gospel to

where the people are, so Alfred told him he should go to Eldoret and spend time with Ben Bahati and continue to learn. After a couple of weeks with Ben, Jonas was convinced that what he saw in Kenya was what is needed in Nigeria. So he invited Ben to go there. After discussion on the phone and much prayer, Ben and I concluded it was the will of God to explore this potential new field. The invitation was accepted, the dates were set, and funding was provided by the ever faithful hand of God.

On April 27 Ben and GFE evangelist Wilfred Andabwa flew to Lagos, Nigeria. Jonas met them and took them to the southern city of Port Harcourt. There they spent 10 days teaching a group of 100 pastors and evangelists how to do field evangelism. They printed and distributed copies of my booklet, "We Go To Them – An Introduction to Field Evangelism" and Ben said they

received the material like starving people receiving fresh bread. After a few days of teaching, Ben and Wilfred took the men to the streets and demonstrated how it all works. They were amazed and testified to Ben that such bold evangelistic ministry had never been done in Nigeria. Most churches in that country are private enterprises and are "owned" by the pastors as money making tools. Jonas explained that a large percentage of the "pastors" in the country are not saved and the ones that are never go out to the people. During one of the seminar sessions a man stood up and exclaimed, "We have been sitting in our



Nigerians receiving Christ on the streets

churches too long waiting for the fish to come to us! We must go to the fish if we expect to catch anything!" That man got it. Jonas told Ben, "This is a new day for our country. You have brought us a new way and from today forward we will be going to the people! We MUST establish GFE in Nigeria. We MUST use this method and reach our country for Christ!"

When the pilot project was concluded and Ben and Wilfred headed home, 750 people had been won to Jesus, 100 men had been introduced to field evangelism, Jonas had been confirmed as "the man" in Nigeria and plans were under way for the registration of GFE with the Nigerian Government. We realize this is only a start, but it is a start, and we praise God for opening up this new field in His own "strange way". We are trusting Him to do the same thing many times over during the next few years. Jonas has contacts in 10 other West African countries, and over the next year we plan to meet with all of them to expose them to the

GFE ministry and methods. Please pray that God will continue to open doors and expand His Kingdom throughout the world through the ministry of SWEA / GFE. And, finally, thank you all again for being with us as "we go to them".



Ben teaching Jonas how to do field evangelism