

THOUSANDS TRAINED IN EVANGELISM

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2



Richard Mumia teaching one-on-one evangelism in a village in Turkana, Kenya

Normally in writing a newsletter, I tend to emphasize the actual evangelism side of the ministry, the production side. But there is also a huge RE-production side to the work of SWEA/WGTT. Most of the team leaders not only spend time DOING the work of evangelism but also conducting training events in which thousands of people every year are taught the methodology of field evangelism; taking the Gospel to where people are, in groups. They also receive instruction in one-on-one personal soul winning, using the "Three Simple Steps - Clean Heart" method.

Every month, the training events are attended by hundreds of pastors, church members, various Christian workers, aspiring evangelists, Christian teachers, and students. They are currently being conducted in 9 African countries and India. It is not only our responsibility to DO the work of evangelism but to also obey the Scriptural mandate to equip others to do the same. We have two goals. First, we want to expand the WE GO TO THEM "field evangelism" approach into as many places in the world as God will allow. We also want to continue the work for generations to come. For this to happen, the workforce must grow. Second, we want to do all we can to equip and mobilize the church to go out into the world to share the Gospel of Jesus with the unsaved.



Jimmy Mwalimu sharing about Field Evangelism in Rulenge, Tanzania

The foundation of the training is our book, "WE GO TO THEM: Taking the Gospel to Where the People Are - A Guide for Effective Field Evangelism". The formation of the book began in July 1986 when I was invited to conduct a workshop on "public place evangelism" in the Billy Graham International Conference for Evangelists in Amsterdam. I prepared notes for use in that workshop and then expanded them into a booklet for use in the next ICFE conference in 2000. Over the next 30 years, the booklet was used in many countries around the world to train thousands of people in field evangelism. The material in the booklet has been expanded into a comprehensive 150-page instruction manual, which is now being printed and used in Africa and India. It has been printed in the Tamil language in India and has been used to train over 1000



Jactone Waka talking to church members in Uganda about sharing the Gospel one-on-one

young evangelists and Christian workers. We are asking God to raise up 1000 evangelists over the next ten years in the WGTT ministry, who will build teams and establish evangelism stations in 1000 different locations. We believe they will eventually come as a result of the current efforts being made to train and equip others for the specific work of we-go-to-them field evangelism.

85 MILLION REACHED THUS FAR

Currently, there are almost 50 WGTT teams, with over 200 workers in 9 countries. Together, they average reaching 60,000 people per day with the Gospel. Thus far, SWEA/WGTT has presented the message of Jesus to 85 MILLION people, but **that number pales in comparison to those who still have not heard the Good News**. Therefore, we are compelled to trust God for more "Field Hands" and to do everything possible to prepare them for reaching the harvest. Dear friends, please pray that God will enable us to expand this work through the training ministry of SWEA/WGTT. And, again THANK YOU ALL for being with us month after month, year after year, as WE GO TO THEM!



Young women in India learning how to do Field Evangelism at the LIFE Institute



Paul Musembi gives a copy of We Go To Them to a pastor after a seminar in Zambia

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THE LORD HAS PROVIDED – THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Faith is a Two-Sided Page

I often tell the team members that you cannot wait on God if God is waiting on you. In other words, it is useless to wait upon God to provide for you in some way, to meet a need of some kind, or to answer your prayer, if He has called upon you to do something and you have not done it. Faith is a two-sided page. Your side is called **obedience**. God's side is called **provision**. Our responsibility is to do the possible. His is to do the IMpossible. Let me share a story to illustrate.

Some years ago, Sheila and I were preparing to go to Kenya, East Africa to do an evangelistic campaign. The time for departure was only a few days away, and we had NO money – We had bought our tickets weeks before, but we did not have a single dollar for the trip. We calculated that to meet all the expenses of the project, and to cover everything at home while we were away, we needed \$32,000. We had NO IDEA where that money could come from. There was not a single person on Earth, other than Sheila and me, who knew about the need, and we had no plans to tell anyone. God knew it, and that was enough. I will be very honest here, however, and confess that I was feeling the pressure of the circumstances. I knew that if the departure time came and we still had no money, we would get on the plane without it. We had done that before and had seen God provide after the fact. But I really didn't want to do that this time if I didn't have to. So, on a Tuesday morning, I sat at my desk and prayed, "Lord, You know our need, and You know we are trusting You to provide before we leave on this trip. Lord, You know I have done all I can do." Then I heard His "still small voice" say in my heart, "Oh, really? Have you packed up those boxes of Gospel tracts to take to Kenya?" I said, "No, not yet, Lord." He said, "Why don't you go do that." The truth is, instead of acting in faith, I was waiting to SEE God's provision before packing the boxes. What I didn't realize, however, is that **He was waiting on me**. He was waiting for me to do the possible before He would do the IMpossible. So, I got up from my desk and went to the garage to pack boxes. Our office was at home at the time. It was summer and the temperature was in the 90s. I packed the first box and, with sweat rolling off of me, I began the second one. Just then, the devil whispered, "You are such a fool! You're out here in this heat packing boxes to take on a trip you cannot possibly pay for! Why don't you just give up!" But I continued, and just as I was taping the last box, the phone rang. It was a dear long-time friend of the ministry.

He said, "Shad, I have been meaning to call you since last Friday. I don't know why it took me so long." I said, "That's ok, brother, what's up?" He said, "Well, last Friday morning I discovered some money in an account that I had completely forgotten about. As soon as I saw it, the Lord spoke to me and told me to send it to you. Like I said, I meant to call on Friday. I'm sorry about the delay." I then asked, "Do you mind if I ask how much it is?" He said, "No, not at all - its \$32,000." Suddenly, I realized why he had been delayed in calling. **God's provision was there before I ever voiced that prayer to Him**, but He was getting me into position of to receive it. He was giving me an opportunity of obedience and faith to cover my side of the page. **He was waiting for me to do the natural, so that He could step in and do the supernatural.**

This event took place a long time ago, but I have never forgotten the lesson it taught me - that **obedience to His voice clears the path for God to act**. Every time since then that I have told God I have "done all I can do", I make absolutely sure that I have! **God WILL NOT do my part, and I CAN NOT do His**. There is no sense in waiting on God to provide, when in fact, He is waiting on me. Time after time in Scripture we see God commanding someone to DO something, to obey Him in some way. And when they did, then He provided their need.

Are you trusting God to meet a need in your life right now? Well, the moment you received Jesus into your heart, that need was met. **With your salvation came everything you will ever need for your Christian life**. God is just waiting for you to come to a place where it's time for you to receive it. But when that time comes, He will probably require you to demonstrate faith in Him through some act of obedience. It may not seem like a big thing, or an important thing, or even something relevant to your situation. But, if God is telling you to do it, then just obey Him and do it. Remember, faith is a two-sided page.

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