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Poverty Challenge and Million Village Challenge UPDATE

(PLEASE NOTE Hal Jones' NEW email address at bottom. Previous email address no longer exists.)

NEW NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO ACCELERATE THE MOVEMENT DISCUSSED AT *FINISHING THE TASK* CONFERENCE

26,000-member **Saddleback Church in Southern California** was the venue for the 2015 "Finishing the Task" Momentum Building conference. 500 churches, mission agencies, and foundations came together to seek information and collaboration to reach out to the remaining unengaged people groups. Six seminars were conducted as break-out sessions and Jeff Latsa represented Transform World, teaching how compassion for the poor can be a key door opener for impacting an unengaged unreached rural poor village cluster.

Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback amazed us all as he shared the Saddleback philosophy of kingdom expansion by integrating Community Based Development via Community Health Education throughout the whole country of Rwanda. I know for many of the 500 attendees this was a new concept for global evangelism and discipleship. Those of us who were from Transform World were delighted as we saw this national model of developing transformation, starting in a rural area and then when a solid model was established, leveraging that out to the whole nation.

As you know, this matches so closely to the Million Village Philosophy:

MODEL...leads to...VILLAGE CLUSTER...leads to...REGIONAL INFLUENCE...leads to...NATIONAL INFLUENCE

Praise the Lord!

Many of us were really encouraged with other lectures on the power of collaboration and working together to see that no one would be left unreached. We also saw how so many of the delegates were eager for collaboration for learning more and engaging the Million Village Challenge. Groups like the 5.9 movement, PEACE movement, International Baptist Missions, numerous church missions groups, Orality workers, etc. had many representatives share their interest in what TW is doing. These new friends will be a key *source* of **new opportunities for national churches and NGO's** to partner with in expertise and encouragement once the Million Village Challenge is launched in each of the 70+ countries we seek to serve.

KEY DATE

TRANSFORM WORLD LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION/POVERTY CHALLENGE WILL BE:

21-24 October, 2016 in New Delhi, India

UPCOMING MVC CONSULTATIONS

We continue to praise the Lord for the momentum that is building for the following scheduled MVC Consultations:

EVENT: MVC Ranchi
DATE: 18-20 January 2016
LOCATION: Ranchi, India
CONTACT: Mr. Sushil MIRANDI sushil.marandi@ghni.org
Mr. Dan EMIG daniel.emig@ghni.org

EVENT: MVC Rangoon
LOCATION: Myanmar, Rangoon

DATE: 22-24 February 2016
CONTACT: Mr. Wes BRENNEMAN wes.brenneman@ghni.org
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EVENT: MVC Burkina Faso
LOCATION: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
DATE: 8-10 March 2016
CONTACT: Mr. Martins ATANDA mfjatanda@gmail.com
Mr. Tim KRAUSE krause@me.com

EVENT: MVC
LOCATION: Sokoto, N. Nigeria
DATE: 14-16 March 2016
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If you want to launch a village into Community Based Development and need advice and training, contact your regional TW Poverty Challenge Coordinator or Hal Jones (president@ghni.org)

If you have a model village that is showing transformation in Food, Water, Education, Health, and Micro Business, contact your regional TW Poverty Challenge Coordinator or Hal Jones (president@ghni.org)

RURAL NEED FOCUS OF THE MONTH: WATER SOLUTIONS

Often the greatest felt need of a village is the need for potable and available drinking water. For example, the average African village woman needs to walk 6 hours a day, often at great danger to herself, to fetch drinking water for her family. This is a global issue in poor rural areas. The goal of a village should be to bring the water to a location within 15 minutes' walk of the village.

The first step should always be to form a Water Committee from interested villagers to assess the need, define the problem, and identify the various solutions. Sometimes the issue is a new or clean well, or a pipeline and often a way to use local resources to clean the water to make it drinkable. The MVC has access to over 6,000 lesson plans, written by experts but taught at a 3rd grade level that the committee can use to identify local resources, and often work with outside experts, to solve these problems. The center of gravity for this project to be successful must be the Water Committee, which will also identify the key activities to maintain the new source, allocate expenses to the users in the village, and train key villagers in maintenance of the source.

In creating a MVC Network for your country, the training needed, lessons available, and outside expertise can become key elements of supporting efforts led by nationals to solve the issues and create a self-sustainable, village-owned solution.

Thank you!

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