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TFW Poverty Challenge and Million Village Challenge UPDATE



Delegates from 7 French-speaking West African nations attended the Burkina Faso MVC. The Holy Spirit filled the conference with vision, passion and unity. All the countries had delegates who pledged to start new Catalytic Models of Transformed Villages. A great launch!!

MVC FOR FRANCOPHONE WEST AFRICA

MVC for Francophone West Africa was held from 8-10 March 2016 at Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The Conference recorded a total number of 80 participants representing different organizations and ministries. From Burkina Faso 36 people, from Mali 9, from Niger Republic 8, from Cote D'Ivoire 10, Togo 1, Benin Republic 7, Ghana 3, and Nigeria 1. Nine resource persons, including Hal Jones, Tim Krause, and Jeff Latsa facilitated the conference.

A total of 76 villages were adopted for transformation from each of the countries represented!

BURKINA FASO NOTES

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Jeff L, a Leader in The Million Village Challenge Movement, following the recent MVC Consultation in Burkina Faso...

By far, my favorite thing about my recent trip to Africa was visiting our villages transformed by sustainable development. In Burkina Faso, three years ago, when we started working here, most children had distended stomachs because of malnutrition. Now they are healthy and happy.

Previously the people had a welfare mindset. They lacked initiative and just waited for the next aid organization to come by and give them food. Now they are growing their own crops and have plenty of food to feed their families. Not only this, but with THEIR OWN MONEY they built this impressive stone barn (see photo below), to store their excess food to sell.

Truly this village has been transformed.



The new barn to store their excess food!

There was no church in this community. Not only is there one now, but there are 17 other NEW churches in this previously unreached area. They started the 18th one last Monday!



One of many new churches

People and cultures express joy and thankfulness in many different ways, including dancing...(keep reading below...)
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...and singing.

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In Nigeria, we were greeted by the chief and his two wives. Before they used to sing and dance to the spirits. Now they sing and dance for Yesusa (Jesus). In the photo below, his first wife can be seen in the white blouse, pointing heavenward.



The Village Chief's first wife – in white

The chief's other wife is responsible for cleaning the VIP (Ventilation ImProved) Latrines. She does it joyfully and it is one of the cleanest latrines not just in Africa but anywhere. (not shown in photo)

When we started, we conducted a health assessment and the doctors told them that their children were anemic. To remedy this, they needed to eat some protein, which could be found in food like beans. The people of the village said, "We grow beans, but we sell them all." Now they keep enough to feed their families and sell the rest. This alone has transformed their village.

While in Africa I participated in a couple of Million Village Challenge Consultations where we are mobilizing grassroots organizations with "boots on the ground" (in this case, "sandals on the ground") to transform (both physically as well as spiritually) the remaining one million unreached villages. Approximately 100 wonderful brothers and sisters from seven nations joined us in Burkina Faso. In Nigeria the 35 participants adopted villages representing more than 1,000 villages to accelerate the work there. Villages are being transformed all across Africa...and around the globe.



Hal (center in tan) praying for the Village Chief

At times I felt like singing and dancing (and I did join in sometimes) not just because of what God is doing there, but because of you and our partnership together, that makes all of this happen. THANK YOU.

God bless,
Jjl

SEND YOUR FRIENDS OR COME TO MVC CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED

EVENT: MVC Amman, Jordan
LOCATION: Amman, Jordan
DATE: 2-4 June 2016
CONTACT: noor.saad@ghni.org
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EVENT: MVC Horn of Africa
LOCATION: Nairobi, Kenya
DATE: 11-13 August 2016
CONTACT: Jeff.Power@ghni.org
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ANNUAL SUMMIT!

Remember to sign up! Remember to designate: Poverty Challenge (in your registration)

EVENT: TFW Poverty Challenge MVC Annual Summit
LOCATION: New Delhi
DATE: 20-25 October 2016
CONTACT: See attached invitation

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PRAY FOR THE MVC TO BE IN EVERY COUNTRY OF THE 1040 WINDOW AND BEYOND in the next few years.

PREPARE YOUR COUNTRY FOR AN MVC. Prior to the consultation we will work with you to find or help develop a model village of transformation which is so key for a teaching point. Contact your local TFW Poverty Challenge Facilitator or email [president@ghni.org](mailto:president@ghni.org)

*Thank you!*

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