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GLOBAL CHURCH PLANTING DEVELOPMENT
MOBILIZING NATIONAL LEADERS AND CHURCH
PLANTING MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD

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After a two-and-a-half hour bumpy dirt road journey, we arrived

at a grass structure filled with people waiting to hear a preacher. I do not speak the regional Bemba language, so through translation I declared the gospel of The Unknown God and how He has revealed Himself and offered salvation, not through ancestors and spirits, but through Jesus Christ His Son. The audience was contemplative and some were in agreement, having heard the gospel several times over the past few months from itinerate preachers. It was surreal and a privilege to share Christ at the ends of the earth. But a simple closing question from an old women at the end of the service sobered me. She raised her hand and asked, "When will we have our own preacher?"

Africa Needs Preachers and Pastors

There is a tremendous need and hunger for national Christian leaders who not only can preach the gospel, but can also shepherd those who come to faith. This is the hope for gospel expansion and saturation in local communities; localized preachers of the gospel (Rom 10:14). Therefore, we must train more national gospel leaders.



11 NextGen Bible Institute Locations

This year I was able to travel to several provinces and to Zambia and introduce the NextGen Bible institute training. For 2023, this training platform will now be used in eleven South African locations across four provinces, and in Northern Zambia! This will greatly expand our ability to effectively train Southern Africans for the ministry.

\$5,000 for Water in Spring Valley

Spring Valley Baptist Church in Emalahleni has had no running water for many years. Water is carried by buckets. After sharing this story with a church, God used Mark and Amy from Indiana to provide \$5,000 to complete the water project for this church! This will provide not only the water tank and plumbing, but also the fencing and small outbuilding needed for security! Praise the Lord!

8 Mission Conferences and More Missionaries

This Fall I have been on the road every week, preaching in eight missions conferences, both at Bible Colleges and churches. God is still calling men and women to missions! In one service, three young people publicly surrendered to full-time missions, and in another service four more publicly shared God's call on their lives for full-time missions!

Thank you for partnering with us for another year in global church planting. Because of your investment in missions, God is saving souls, changing lives, and building churches.

David and Julie



Sthembiso and Samuel getting water at a nearby spring to mix concrete for the stand



Samuel, Nelson, and Antony installing the water stand.

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