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One of the greatest needs in the continent of Africa is equipping the next generation of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Regional Strategic Training Operations (RSTO's) combine such training with field operations to impact a region for Christ. This operation was unique in the sense that it involved five training bases in West Africa (3 in Ghana, 1 in Togo, 1 in Benin) with a very mobile apostolic training team from five nations (Ghana, Benin, Nigeria, Kenya and USA). James Murunga of Kenya makes a few key points that best explain some of the needs for the region.

"There is a great need for APOSTOLIC TEAMS to journey together and impart wisdom and knowledge into the body of Christ. People need to see in action the things that are taught and believed in Scripture. The body of Christ is in dire need for true apostolic and prophetic counsel and instruction. This I believe with all my heart will trigger the speedy development of the church in terms of unity, love and a greater response to the great commission. I believe that not many ministers have the understanding of the apostolic-prophetic ministry. There needs to be an intensified focus in such ministry presenting it as a model for the saints globally to see and walk in the same."

There was from the beginning a certainty that God had brought us together for the operation. The team started each morning with intense prayer where we received strength, direction, fresh manna of His word, fresh anointing and wisdom from above for each day. Indigenous leaders at each training base were amazed how the apostolic training team flowed and worked together. The grace of God was upon us to fulfill God's purposes at each location.

Highlights

Oct 27-30: The apostolic training team arrived in Accra on Oct. 27 to begin the first of three Effective Leadership Training Seminars to be held in Ghana. This one was conducted in Ashaiman at the Living Bread Missions Church, the home base of Rev. Sampson and Janet Dorkunor. James Murunga and Michael Gross presented teachings on the four classifications of giftedness with emphasis on how an effective leader equips the saints, understanding the apostolic and prophetic ministry leading to restoration of God's order in the church and a greater glory in the latter times, and the Ephesians 4:11 team model ending with a call to break from the one man pastoral system and come back to God's order for the church. Sessions ended with strong prayers demolishing any foundation established contrary to God's governmental order. Sampson led warfare praying over the churches and communities that was very effective. The evening meeting followed a familiar crusade pattern to the region. Nevertheless, three people came to Christ including two men who were delivered from alcoholism. The next morning, the team began to reach the breakthrough level in our prayers as we opposed all false foundations and religious visions pulling them down in Jesus' name and releasing heavenly visions and God's plan. Dr. Samuel Isong of Nigeria began the first session teaching on the cost of effective leadership from Acts 20 and 1 Peter 5. Michael followed with what leaders need to teach to effectively lay the right foundation in the church. James did the final session on the restoration of true prophetic ministry from 2 Chronicles 20:20. Teaching CD's and signed certificates were presented to over 100 leaders. Dr. George Ogele of Benin preached a powerful message on the bound woman who was loosed at the evening crusade. There were 15 salvations. On Sunday morning team members were distributed to preach in area churches. All churches reported a strong impact from the preaching ministry.

Oct 31-Nov 3: The team departed Ashaiman at 5:00 AM by public transportation. Our destination was the far northern region of Bolgatanga located within the 10/40 window. We arrived 16 hours later due to road repairs and required stops. Pastor Stephen Apuweni met us at 2:00 AM and we slept for 6 hours before joining together again for team prayer. Our ministry in the area began with an evening crusade. The crusade ended well after a lengthy delay. James preached and around 25, mostly teenage youth, came forward for salvation and dedication of their lives to Christ. Samuel led them all in prayer renouncing their former lives and fully embracing the Lord Jesus Christ. The next morning, Sampson began the seminar teaching on sowing seeds for effective ministry. He reported as the newly appointed national director of missions for all of Ghana that only 2-3% of mission resources are geared toward the northern sector of the nation and only 3% of the available ministers. He shared that seedtime must come before harvest. This is an unchangeable principle of God. He urged the leaders to endure and be patient because the seed must receive the early and latter rain. God releases it as we labor and if you are patient in the presence of the Lord, He will prove Himself in the field. Michael taught on the operational understanding needed for effective leadership. Samuel concluded the day's teaching on understanding the new covenant relationship for effective leadership. He shared that this was a very strategic time of ushering in the new without continuing the old. We must understand the calendar of God. Before God works with a man He brings him into a covenant of relationship. Each teaching concluded with very powerful times of ministry to the participants. James called out three ministers for prophetic words and prayers. Sampson led prayers to destroy old forms and to reclaim the northern region for Christ. Samuel prayed to activate God's defense and protection over all 22 ministers as a new spirit of partnership was released by God. Samuel preached a powerful message in the evening on coming to your Father's house from Luke 15. Over 25 people responded to the call for salvation. Area ministers passed out counselor forms as Samuel began a general prayer for healing. Michael moved into the crowd placing his hand upon a woman. Immediately deliverance began as James joined him. Soon we were all laying our hands upon many. Demons manifested in several and we cast them out in the name of Jesus. This marked a precise and preemptive strike to penetrate this sector of the 10/40 window. The next day we were met in the morning by a delegation led by Rev. Paul Thiombiano of Living Water Community Chapel, a key apostolic leader in the region whom we had just met the day before. This was a strategic meeting as it again confirmed that God had used us to begin a significant and unique thrust into the region. We were given an open invitation to partner on major operations into the interior involving thousands of people. This was a sign that God had opened an effective door for us in the region. Those gathered for the final sessions of the seminar in Bolgatanga had now grown to 34 leaders. James brought a profound message on restoring music ministry in the right order in the church. Michael followed with a brief message on being built up a spiritual house as the team had to board a bus for the overnight trip back to Accra. CD's and certificates were given to all. We departed Bolgatanga knowing that there would be future operations concentrated in this region.

Nov 4-7: We arrived in Accra at daylight. The team gathered in the evening to pray for our next training base in Akatsi. The Lord revealed to us the need for many pastors there to be restored and that they were like Ezekiel's vision of dry bones. Sampson saw a vision of sheets lying flat on the ground referring to how low they are and have been. We arrived in Akatsi the next day and were greeted by Pastor Frank, one of the key leaders. We proceeded to teach four sessions without breaks as the number of leaders grew to around 70. Sampson began with a teaching on four small things that are very wise from Proverbs 30:24. He covered two important principles to encourage the leaders: the principle of preparation seen in ants and the principle of perseverance seen in the rock badgers. Tomorrow's success depends upon today's preparation. He urged them not to look down on themselves. You need the wisdom of God to move to higher ground. Take one step at a time in accordance with the direction of God and never give up! James taught on the operations of the prophetic revealing that true prophets will not come to lord it over you. Prophetic ministry is one of Christ's gifts to the church and it is a ministry of hope. We must take care of the gift. Samuel presented a message on the character and destiny of leaders. No character, no destiny! He presented ten questions to x-ray our character. Michael taught the final session and preached the evening crusade on Luke 16:19-21 posing the question, "When you die, where will you go?" About 10 received Christ. We began the next day believing the Lord had begun the restoration of the leaders of Akatsi. We went to area churches to begin a triumphant procession led by Christ and to release the aroma of life in every place in accordance with 2 Corinthians 2:14-16. Sampson and Michael proceeded to Pastor Frank's church where a woman prophesied, *"I am with you. I go ahead of you. Victory is close. Victory is mine. Victory is yours. Just move and I will build with you."* This confirmed to us that ours was a journey of triumph and victory. The afternoon seminar had been specifically requested by the leaders. It released life, restoration and triumph upon 35 leaders. James had a word regarding the voice of God from Psalms 29. Sampson led some powerful prayers for the region. Michael exhorted leaders to give heed to the apostolic instructions of 1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus as well as from true apostolic leaders in the region. He urged that the 5-fold ministry was to work together in God's will. He further shared the word God had spoken on a previous trip to Africa, "I move the ground you walk on!" Samuel sealed all these things with declarative and prophetic prayers over the leaders, the churches and the land of Akatsi. James preached at the crusade where there were 4 salvations and a number of deliverances. One woman with the spirit of python was held down as she attempted to wiggle like a snake on the ground. Samuel cast out the demon and the woman was set free. We were told this is a prevalent demon to the region.

Nov 8-9: The team crossed the border into the nation of Togo where we were greeted by the leadership of the End Time Fire Ministries who escorted us into the capital city of Lome. We proceeded to the church where over 200 people were gathered from different churches including around 70 Ephesians 4:11 leaders. The End time Fire Ministries is a 1,500 member church. Pastor Johnnie welcomed us and introduced Sampson who began the seminar with a teaching on the focus of our ministry. Michael followed presenting God's order or structure of leadership in the church and James concluded with a very powerful teaching on the Jehu anointing from 2 Kings 9. His prophecy for the church of Togo to get ready to strike down the enemy was like a trumpet gathering God's army around Him. The delivered word was sealed in each heart through prayer by the Holy Spirit. Samuel ended with a prophetic word revealing a satanic plotting against the church of Togo and that the setting in order of the Ephesians 4:11 leadership and the empowering and release of the saints to battle means the church of Togo will prevail. One pastor shared that he had seen a week earlier, a man that opposed him saying he controlled all the air over Togo. The man was very prideful in boasting of his authority and plans against the church. When he finished speaking he mounted on what was like angel's wings and flew away. The pastor confirmed that this man, this dark being, represented the spirit of Islam with evil plans to capture the nation and prevail against the church. Samuel preached the evening crusade in the village of Akepe where Pastor Michael has begun a work under the oversight of Living Bread Missions. The crusade was well attended and around 70 fully committed their lives to Christ. We all believed in prayer that the next day would be a pivotal day for the church of Lome and the nation of Togo. James began the final day of teaching with the ministry of apostles and prophets. Michael followed with a strong message on the church at war from Daniel 10. Samuel ended the teaching sessions with a presentation on the wisdom of God as the key to victory. Seminar attendance had now grown to well over 300 leaders and church workers. All sessions ended with strong declarations in prayer. The seminar itself concluded with an explosion of united spiritual warfare over the principalities including the dark prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2) and the spirit of Islam. Pastor Johnnie desired the team to return in 2006 and 2007 and declared that a partnership with the team had begun. James preached the final crusade at Akepe village and there were about 8 salvations. A number of deliverances began as Samuel prayed over the crowd. Michael went into the crowd to pray for a woman who immediately manifested the spirit of python with hissing sounds. He cast the spirit out in Jesus name and the woman became calm and peaceful. Then a teen girl violently

thrashed on the ground. Three of us contained her as we commanded the legion of demons under the ruling spirit of witchcraft out of her in Jesus name. The young girl was fully set free and in her right mind within 15 minutes.

Nov 10-14: The team had a strong sense that God was increasingly using us to release new leaven into the lives of leaders, churches, and nations as we proceeded to the commercial city of Cotonou in the nation of Benin. James departed to return to Accra and Kenya. Samuel, Sampson and Michael joined George Ogele in Benin for the fifth training base of the operation. A day of rest revealed that there was a fierce battle over this city and nation with many adversaries including witchcraft, principalities and strongholds of wickedness. The team put on the full armor of God and prayed for the wisdom and anointing of God to speak through us only that which would release the new leaven. The team also prayed against the spiritual pride in leaders. We visited a new church plant in the village of Akogbato on the west coast. Pastor Toussaint (meaning "all saints") has been used by God to grow the church to 25 members in less than a year. We prophesied over three young men that they would pastor three new churches in the region. This they gladly received as it confirmed what God had already spoken to them. George Ogele's objective is to plant one new church each year. The evening meeting was attended by around 86 leaders. There was much disturbance with microphones and tribal drums outside the building, but Sampson was empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring forth the opening message on Jesus' pattern of ministry. Our team prayer the next morning revealed that we were battling beasts of darkness in the city and in the land. We did strong warfare declaring the power of God's word to pierce the darkness, scatter His enemies and displace them. There were no more disturbances during the rest of the meetings. The church must arise and step or march forward rather than stand still or shrink back. We were convinced God sent us to begin a forward moving. Samuel preached at one church as Sampson and I joined George for the ordination of Rev. Gabriel into the Divine Touch Ministries International. In the afternoon, Sampson departed to return to Accra and George and Michael joined Rev. Marumba at Radio Station Maranatha for a discussion on making disciples. The second evening session was attended by 110 leaders. Samuel taught on the wisdom of God and there were signs of a real breakthrough in many hearts. On the final day of ministry, the impact was growing with each session. Michael taught on God's order of leadership for the church. Samuel followed with six principles of effective leadership. Michael finished the daytime teaching on the restoration of the teaching ministry in the church. Around 35 leaders received teaching CD's. Leaders began to refer to the training as something very special even reporting that they had never heard the things being taught. The "Encounter that Makes a Difference" Seminar ended with a final evening session attended by 84 leaders. They were like a totally new and changed group as they were now united and empowered for intercession and praise. They held nothing back as Samuel preached boldly on the new covenant relationship and then led them in a series of faith decrees and prayers releasing the new leaven and fresh anointing. Many leaders were led by the Holy Spirit to place offerings at the feet of the apostles and the total came to 20,000 francs or about \$40.00. The church of Lome had awakened and risen to new life and power in Christ Jesus.

Lessons learned

- An Apostolic Training Team of 3-5 members that is willing to travel to strategic locations to equip varying numbers of leaders is more effective than a single conference of thousands.
- The character and anointing upon a team that is united to do God's will provides a powerful testimony of how leaders are to operate under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- Church leaders worldwide must get serious about understanding, promoting and establishing the Ephesians 4 biblical model in every church.
- Villages must be intentionally established as a primary target of strategic operations.
- Leaders who are faithful, wise in the things of God and patient will also have favor with man.
- Though we pray and desire for leaders to have their own personal vehicles, we must thank God for the availability of public transportation.

Conclusion

The operation was very well planned by Sampson Dorkunor and his contacts. The anointing upon the team increased at each location. It was like Jesus Himself was leading us in a triumphant march at each training base. Effective doors were also opened for future operations and it is evident that God's enemies are today scattered and confused. In addition, there were 160-200 souls added to God's kingdom through the evening crusades in Ghana and Togo. Many were delivered from demons. Some

375 Ephesians 4:11 leaders received training throughout the 3-nation region. If each pastors a church of at least 50 members, the regional impact factor could reach as many as 18,750 people. We praise God for Sampson and Janet Dorkunor and George and Elizabeth Ogele who took special care of the team and all our needs. We also thank God for Pastor Stephen A. who ministered to our needs in Bolgatanga and for Pastor Johnnie and his team at the End Time Fire Ministries in Togo who provided food and lodging far above all that we asked or even desired. Finally, we praise the Lord for the thousands of intercessors who daily placed themselves upon God's altar on our behalf and for the leaders and churches of Ghana, Togo and Benin. This operation shot arrows of victory and deliverance and opened doors that no man can shut. Sampson Dorkunor makes the following comments:

"The spiritual atmosphere of the team had a direct impact on the outcome of the ministrations. An example of this is that when the team resolved to make prayer paramount, God decided to progressively reveal what He was out to do. This direct onsite preparation was very good...I really thank God that we are "Apostolic" in operation. When the heavenly doors are open, we shall have some people come from Ashaiman, Bolga, Akatsi, Lome, Akepe and Cotonou among the crowds. The operation has directly contributed to Kingdom Expansion...The main seminar meetings were in-depth. What was unique was how God presented to every group "just what they needed." Testimonies continue to abound as to how sensitive the issues were to the communities involved. Decisions have been made and steps are to be taken. What we need to do now is to pray for the courage for implementation of what God spoke to people's hearts. We need the results for a transformed church world."

After Action Report Ukraine Dental Clinic 2005

1. Overview

1 day set up

3 days operational dental clinic

120 patients attended clinic

Treatments: exam, fillings, extractions, fluoride treatments

2. Highlights

- Successful dental clinic, mentoring Ukraine dentist Marta and Doctor Yuri
- Outreach and connection to children's orphanage to mentally challenge girls, gifts were sent by the Daughters of Jerusalem of HMCR
- Raised money among the team to have ½ ton of raisins delivered to Paul Hurley Ministry to be distributed to the girls orphanage
- Judy's 1st engagement as a guest speaker for the women's conference, 100 participants for the conference attended, Topic: Streams of Living Water for Health and Stress
- Pastor Chuck spoke at both Sunday Services

3. Conclusion

The Ongoing relationship between High Mill Church of the Resurrection and Bethesda Church has been strengthened through this mission trip. Acknowledge measurable growth to both Bethesda ministry and medical Ministry in Ukraine, through the leadership of Pastor Taras, Doctors Yuri and Marta.

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