

AWAKE

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Solutions For a New Economy

“The power of God’s Kingdom is released when people act with loving and obedient sacrifice. God wants us to be like Him, and loving sacrifice reflects the character of God Himself. As we become like Him, His power is released, we flourish, and the world around us flourishes. The call to sacrifice is indeed from a God who loves us – from a God who is Love.”

From the book *“If Jesus Were Mayor,”* p. 231



For we do not live for ourselves or die for ourselves. If we live, it is to honor the Lord. And if we die, it is to honor the Lord.

Christ died and rose again for this very purpose – to be Lord both of the living and the dead. Romans 14.7-9

AWAKE AND FLOURISH

BY BOB MOFFITT

Our Harvest newsletter, “A Wake,” is an especially appropriate title during spring - the season that coincides with Easter here in the Northern Hemisphere. Though it is a play on words this title reminds me of the awakening of the earth from the slumber of winter. As I write the desert mountain behind our home is coming awake. The air is fresh and fragrant. Flowers bloom in a riot of color. Mocking birds constantly and beautifully sing, build their nests and raise their young. The mountain flourishes.

The Bible tells us that God’s agenda is to see his entire creation flourish - the earth, individuals, families, communities and nations. For some reason unknown to us, he has chosen his people, the Church, to be the instrumentality of moving from a polluted and raped environment, from broken lives and families, and from broken societies to a state of healing that some call “transformation.”

At Harvest spring is a reminder of our calling - to call the Church to awake from a sleepy and limited understanding a realization of her full potential - the proclamation and demonstration of God’s huge purpose (Eph 3:9-10) - the restoration of all things under the reign of Christ, our glorious king (Col 1:20).

As you read, you will see evidence that God has given us the privilege of encouraging this kind of flourishing in 20 countries around the world. Read and be encouraged!



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The Harvest Foundation Board Is Family

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By Linda Morris



Although I have been part of Harvest for nearly eight years, February 2, 2009 gave me a new view of Harvest and its leadership. It was the day of the semiannual meeting of the Harvest Foundation Board of Directors, and I was invited to act as secretary for the meeting. With the Board, I, too, am grateful for the years that our beloved Karla Tesch served as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

To many readers of AWake, this meeting is not a new or unique event. However, to this observer there are some differences between the Harvest Foundation Board and boards of other organizations. One difference is the "longevity of service" on the Board, with some of the board serving as directors since Harvest Foundation's inception. Others are long-time supporters of Harvest field and U.S. staff for as many as 25 years.

While they are concerned with the continuation of the Harvest Foundation as a corporate body, this board departs from the usual role of boards of secular corporations. Yes, this board oversees to assure the fiscal stability and integrity of the Foundation. Yes, it oversees the responsible operations and activities of the ministry. And, yes, this board is a group of professional, astute and committed individuals.

However, this Board sees itself as part of the Harvest Foundation/Harvest family and not a distant, uninvolved group.

Another aspect that sets them apart from secular boards is their prayerful, godly demeanor and their sacrificial service to Harvest and their own particular ministries apart from Harvest. The men (and women) who serve Harvest at the Board level are interested in and knowledgeable about every staff member, no matter what their role or where they are located.

The Board, staff and volunteers fellowshiped over a sumptuous, sit-down, family style lunch, complete with tablecloth and napkins. The delicious food was prepared and served by volunteers Mardette Hemann, Barbara Piatt, Cindy Johnson and Naomi Van Liew.

These volunteers have studied wholistic ministry, having studied the On Earth as it is in Heaven and If Jesus Were Mayor, initially led by Elly Oliveira. Because of their commitment to wholistic ministry and their love for Harvest, the small group (now a prayer fellowship) adopted Harvest as their ministry. The members of the Harvest Foundation Board of Directors are: Dick Blair, Marv Bowers, Tom Davis, Darrow Miller, Bob Moffitt, and Jack Thein. Many thanks to these wonderful servants of the Lord!



2008 MINISTRY REPORT

	Countries	Events	Participants
Vision Conferences	Africa	28	2,546
	Asia	10	825
	Americas	27	2,610
Vision Casting Conferences	Africa	17	2,963
	Asia	34	1,470
	Americas	145	1,647
Other trainings and projects	Africa	76	8,511
	Asia	256	2,496
	Americas	132	4,290
TOTAL		725	27,358
Mentorship	Africa		39
	Asia		97
	Americas		124
TOTAL			260
Curriculum	Africa		2
	Asia		31
	Americas		38
TOTAL			71





THE HARVEST CHAMPIONS

Two years ago Harvest invited its donors to consider "championing" an individual Harvest staff member and their ministry. Simply stated, a "Harvest Champion" is an individual, couple, or group that takes 'point' responsibility to walk with one of our staff in prayer, encouragement, and financial support.



When offered the opportunity to serve as a champion, Dave Denmon, the owner of an auto repair shop in Phoenix, chose a Harvest staff person who trains and mentors church leaders in West Africa, Chris Ampadu. Dave visited Chris five years ago and said it only took the first three hours of the three day visit to know that he wanted to partner with Chris.

25 years ago Dave Denmon was broke. He read Malachi 3:10 and thought, "I've got nothing to lose. I'll test God." He did. Since then, God has blessed Dave in multiple ways, including Dave's business. But, says Dave, "Blessing has an obligation – looking for opportunities to steward the blessing."

Dave drives an older truck. He could afford a new one but says, "If I did have it, I would be investing in something that will rust. Instead I'm investing in something that lasts forever. In addition, Chris calls me frequently on my cell phone. His prayers are supporting me today."

In this last year, Dave's support has contributed to 27 training sessions in different countries, teaching 4,652 church leaders, walking with 21 men and women who are being mentored to spread a vision of biblical discipleship among the churches in West Africa.

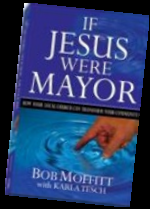
In a recent note to Dave, Chris writes,

"Thanks so much for your kind words and your wish of BLESSINGS for us all. We do appreciate your huge support for us. Words cannot express my deep appreciation. Dave, thanks so much. It is through this kind support that you've consistently given me that has enabled me to continue working so hard for Kingdom business. Your partnership is so valuable to us. In our family retreat which ended yesterday, we prayed for you and Judy. Together with my family, our office staff, Stella and Pat, we love you and Judy and continue to pray for you and your business. God richly bless you."

Please contact the Harvest office if, like Dave, you would like to become the champion of one of our staff.



What if Jesus were Mayor?



An enhanced edition of the book *If Jesus Were Mayor*:

How Your Local Church Can Transform Your Community has just been published by Monarch Books, a major Christian book publisher, giving significantly expanded distribution to the message of the importance of wholistic ministry through local churches.

In posing the question, "What would Jesus do if He were Mayor?" the authors are not imagining that Jesus would literally return in the flesh as a community leader. Instead, (quoting from the book), they are "asking the reader to imagine what would happen if Jesus' character, values, laws, and teachings were the governing basis for our communities. The idea of Jesus as Mayor is only to help us think how it would be if His will were carried out in our communities and societies."

You can find *"If Jesus Were Mayor"* at the Disciple Nations Webstore, <http://www.disciplenations.org/store>

Mildred Van Liew Memorial Fund

Harvest has several special needs accounts. In this issue we highlight the Mildred Van Liew Memorial Fund. This fund was established in memory of the Paul and Naomi Van Liew's mother. Mildred had a great love for seeing the underprivileged experience Christ's love and to have a personal relationship with Him. She was especially committed to providing a loving home environment and education for Korean girls who were orphaned during the Korean War.

This fund was established with a primary focus on meeting the financial needs of Harvest staff, who are behind in their regular operating support. If you would like to honor or memorialize a beloved woman in your own life, you can do so by giving to this fund in her name. Several people have done this for Mother's Day and you can join them in offering help where it is most needed. You may send a gift to Harvest Foundation for the Mildred Van Liew Memorial Fund and your donation will be used entirely to supplement the ministries of national believers.

Thank you for your participation.

Bugesera Vision Conference with Rwanda Partners

Ministry type	Ministry Stories
Area of impact	Wisdom
Country	Rwanda
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Bugesera is among the regions of Rwanda that were hurt the most by the genocide of 1994. In Nyamata, the main town of the district, there is one of the biggest memorial sites of the 1994 genocide.

Rwanda Partners chose to work with people in Bugesera for a three fold purposes:

1. Reconciliation and unity among people who survived from genocide and those who killed.
2. Alleviation of poverty.
3. Healing women who were victims of rape.

We held a Vision Conference from February 16th through 20th with 21 people working with Rwanda Partners. Among them I was much challenged by Mary Gahongayire because of her story.



1. Mary Gahongayire

Mary is a strong woman, and a mother of six children. A victim of rape in genocide of 1994, she works with Rwanda partners as a leader of 120 women who were victims of rape during the genocide. During this terrible time in Rwandan history, she lost her mother, a sister and a brother. In 2001 she lost her husband in an attack of unidentified people.

During the session on Luke 2:52 and Development, Mary confessed that she can't grow spiritually because of her life's experience. *"My mother was really a faithful lady and committed in her spiritual life, my husband too," she said, "but they all died. I don't see the reason to grow spiritually. And sometimes when I try to concentrate for prayer, it doesn't last because of that experience."* That was a real challenge to me during the Vision Conference. I prayed to the Lord to help her understand that we aren't Christians to avoid trials in life, but to be able to overcome them. My other concern was that if Mary can't grow spiritually, how will she help the rest? The only help she is able to give is in the area of physical needs because in that area they do income generating projects.

At the end of the Vision Conference, she told me that she will make an effort to pray for her own transformation. One positive thing she did was to forgive people who killed her mother and siblings.

2. Impact made by the Vision Conference

Before the Vision Conference, we were invited into the office of Theo, the country director of Rwanda Partners for a meeting. The main agenda of the meeting was to set goals for the training we were going to hold with the Bugesera people. In his word of introduction, Theo said: "These are people who don't change in their mind. They almost don't understand the real purpose of training. They just come for formalities. We have invited you because the materials you teach are able to change the mindset of people. And after they have got a new mind, they will be able to understand and accomplish what we need in our programs."

At the end of the Vision Conference, these people understood that what they were doing with Rwanda Partners wasn't worldly things, but was God's work. They expressed their gratitude for their training, and committed themselves to change their way of working in all they do with Rwanda Partners.

