



STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

Story

(Title)	Vision Conference
Ministry type	Wholistic Discipleship
Objectives	Equipping Gods' people for service in their communities
Outcomes	32 participants were trained through Worldview and development, and wholistic ministry and 6 Seed actions have been planned.
Area of impact	All areas –Spiritual, social, physical and wisdom
Country	DR CONGO
Date	22-26 November 2010
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In November 2010 we had a Vision Conference in Makala Slum, where we have invited 32 church leaders to discuss the way the church of Christ could be open to the needs of their neighbors and became “community friendly” as they are concerned by the community challenges and needs. The conference was facilitated by Harvest staff and Samaritan Strategy facilitators; Pastors Jeff Sikabwe, Romain Diaku and Aurélie Mbala.

It was a good opportunity for churches leaders to look for new ways through which they could serve their communities with the purpose to see positive change in lives of their people.

Outcomes

Participants to the Vision Conference have committed themselves to demonstrate God's concern to their surrounding communities by carrying out 5 Seed Actions as follows;

- 1. Group 1: 7 pastors will be involved in ministry outside the church as they will share the love of Christ. Members of this group will share foodstuff and clothes with their neighbors (widows and orphans)*
- 2. Group 2: 7 pastors shown interest in their neighbors, they planed to visit sick people at hospital in Lingwala division to testimony their love for God in distributing fruits and paying medicines for those who can not afford the hospital bills.*
- 3. Group 3: 8 pastors discovered that many street children were not going to school and there are many unemployed young people involved in vandalism in Bumbu area. So they began evangelizing them and taking care of them for their socio-economic reintegration.*
- 4. Group 4: In order to reduce vandalism and bandit in Makala and Ngiringiri divisions, 8 pastors showed interest to organize a door to door evangelism campaign to share the word of Good with unreached families and to organize recreate activities for young on holy days and vocations.*
- 5. Group 5: 6 pastors planned to organize session of reflection on Bible worldview and the image of youth living in Zowa and Chad areas – the worldview of the youth is seriously challenged, and they have planned to begin embracing the biblical.*

Many Seed Actions sample were planed during the training, but in order to experience positive substantial change participants to Vision conference committed themselves to do more acts of service in the future.

Closing speech by *Pastor Willy Kwasso*

It is hoped that this training can be built into the curriculum of the Bible school for urban mission’s students and local pastors. He added, since we went through the training, application has been part of the challenge we give to the congregation. It is amazing to discover that we learned more as we have been applying what we learned. He commented that this is the “comprehensive message” for change in areas like these; slums. This kind of training has been very helpful for us pastors as it allows the whole congregation to get involved in acts of service of love. It has been powerful for us as if for the first time “take off our natural glasses” to examine them. The worldview have been seriously challenged and I trust in the Lord to help us put on the biblical worldview. He concluded; the change in attitude and identification of issues holding us back shows how a participatory group discussion allows our people to discover and analyze our own concerns and priorities, instead of outsiders telling us our own problems.

