

Days of HOPE

Inspiring stories of hope, healing & redemptive transformation in communities experiencing poverty

IN THE CITY

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Welcome to Rays of Hope, World Impact's bi-annual publication featuring real-world stories of impact in the city through Church-Based Seminary, Church Planting, Prison Ministry, and Trauma Healing.

Because of your prayer and support, urban leaders receive tools and training to reach their communities with the Gospel.

Thousands Trained in Africa

In January, World Impact Ministry Developer David Estrada traveled to Uganda to assist Christians with biblical training.

The Lord is meeting the needs of his people in Africa who long to reach their communities for Christ. Bishop Boaz Masinde, World Impact ministry partner, and other leaders of Africa Bible Ministries joined by Estrada conducted ten biblical trainings in five districts around Masaka, Uganda. The group also provided pastor's training close to a highly impoverished area of Kampala, Uganda.

Overall, 3,742 leaders attended the Uganda gatherings, and 488 churches and pastors were represented. World Impact curriculum and a new youth Bible using World Impact's *Bible Blossom* were distributed.

Bishop Masinde leads Maqor Ministries, a movement focused on church planting, evangelism, and training church leaders based in Nairobi, Kenya.



David Estrada & Bishop Boaz Masinde



Bishop Masinde and Maqor Ministries have helped to connect World Impact ambassadors with potential ministry partners, including those in Uganda in January. African believers are thirsty for solid Bible-based training so they can faithfully serve Jesus Christ.

Thank you for providing the support needed to reach undertrained church leaders all over the world.

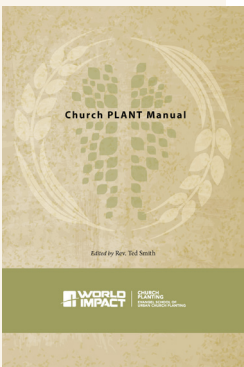


CHURCH PLANTING

Louisville Church Plant School

A diverse group of leaders recently participated in a World Impact Church Plant School in Louisville, Kentucky.

Want to see how World Impact trains church planters? Do you know anyone preparing to plant a new church or revitalize an existing church?



World Impact's *Church PLANT Manual* offers a guided, step-by-step process to planting or replanting a church in an urban context. This resource is principle-based, meaning it adapts to the needs of your specific community.

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Leaders came to the school from three different groups. The first group reaches incarcerated men and women through multiple avenues including World Impact's Trauma Healing, and now Church Planting.

A group of leaders from several different Congolese churches in the Louisville area came to be trained in how to help plant new churches and to strengthen existing but struggling Congolese churches across the Great Lakes region.

The third group came from World Impact partner organization Mission of Hope Africa, which works in the most rural areas of Kenya to spread the Gospel and desperately needed ministry training under the leadership of Isaac Aduda.

Even though multiple countries, languages, and cultures were represented and highlighted, everyone understood the vision of fulfilling Christ's Great Commission.



The World Impact team introduced a new approach to the PLANT curriculum at the Louisville school.

"What we did is we simplified the process, simplified the material, and made it more succinct and more adaptable," said World Impact Senior Ministry Developer, Jordan King. "The teams seemed to really enjoy it."

Because of this school, more leaders now possess the training and empowerment they need to reach their communities, both in the United States and around the world, with the Gospel.

Newly trained leaders plan to start a church inside a hotel in the Great Lakes region, where 30 returning citizens now face life after prison and need support. Mission of Hope Africa has a goal to plant 25 churches in rural Kenya with the effective training they have received.

King is thankful for your generous support of World Impact's ministry, which greatly increases his ability to reach undertrained leaders.

"That giving enables us to spend in-depth time with these teams, help equip them well, encourage their calling, and help them think through where God is leading them," King said. "Without it, there would be a lot more barriers along the way."

View photos from the event at worldimpact.org/louisville24



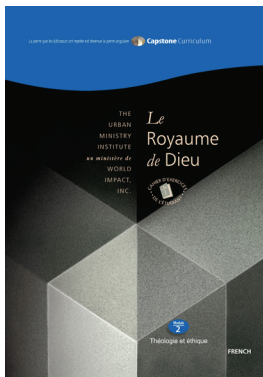
CHURCH-BASED SEMINARY



New French Curriculum Available for Pastors and Leaders

French-speaking pastors and leaders are now more equipped with a practical, well-rounded theological education through the newly released French version of the Capstone Curriculum.

One of the biggest struggles faced by pastors around the world is finding and accessing sound biblical training for themselves and their church. Without it, they are at risk of falling short of what God has called them to.



In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, church leaders under Bishop Barnabas Muzusa have been using each section of World Impact’s Capstone Curriculum as soon as the translation was completed. They now have the full curriculum at their disposal and have the opportunity to lead future leaders toward faithful and effective ministry.

translation teams. Pastor Keith shared that the entire team overcame many challenges to complete this massive undertaking.

“One of the biggest challenges was provision—people, resources, and funding. Really it was God all along, because he has all the provision, all the money. We had faith that He would see it through.”

—Pastor Keith Kisart, Pursue Church

Watch Pastor Keith’s interview at worldimpact.org/pastorkisart



Many different translators, supervisors, and supporters from all around the world have made this translation possible.

“Your generous gifts and support act as a vehicle for God’s provision surrounding projects like this,” shared Marty Sanders, World Impact Regional Director of Advancement.

“Fulfilling the Great Commission is a motivating passion for our donors,” Sanders said. “They understand the multiplying effect of disciples making disciples when leaders have the Scriptures and discipleship materials in their own language.”

Because of your support and the partnership of men and women committed to sharing God’s Word, leaders all over the world have the opportunity to receive training in their native language. World Impact is grateful to partner in this effort and work toward fulfilling Christ’s Great Commission and seeing a healthy church in every community experiencing poverty.

Harold Roesler



Pastor Keith and Rosalyn Kisart of Pursue Church in St. Louis, Missouri, and World Impact liaison, Harold Roesler, have been instrumental in the translation process, along with Pastor Eresh Tchaku of Tanzania, supervisor of the French and Swahili



TRAUMA HEALING



Healing Inside Prison Walls

A few years ago, Brenda Johnson responded to God’s call to step into a leadership role of Southeast Christian Church’s Celebrate Recovery program in Louisville, which worked in nearby prison units alongside Prisoner’s Hope ministries, a World Impact partner organization. Though the step seemed small at the time, it was an inflection point in her ministry life.

Brenda’s church experience as a young person filled her heart with hurt and bitterness toward God and other believers. She remembers feeling like God had left her—a feeling that today helps her connect with incarcerated men and women confronting their own bitterness, anger, and trauma.

When Brenda received World Impact’s Trauma Healing training, she knew immediately that it would unlock new opportunities inside prison walls, and she partnered with the prison chaplain to

organize a trauma response team behind bars. She was impressed by how the curriculum always keeps God as the focal point while allowing participants to bring their laments and struggles to the cross.

Now, incarcerated men and women are training to lead Trauma Healing groups inside their own units.

Brenda has touched the lives of so many in Louisville-area prisons—all because she said yes to the Lord’s guidance for her next step.



Without you, communities experiencing poverty wouldn’t be served as effectively by trained leaders who declare and demonstrate Christ.

Our partners, trainers, and workers also would struggle to grow their ministries without adequate training.

Be sure to subscribe to World Impact’s email newsletter and YouTube page for more stories and ways to engage with God’s work among those experiencing poverty.

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Healing upon Reentry

Outside, as part of our incarceration network, World Impact resources prison reentry partners who offer our Church-Based Seminary courses to returning citizens upon release. World Impact identifies churches and reentry ministries located in communities where men and women are paroled to facilitate the completion of their coursework that began on the inside.



Thank you for supporting the mission of World Impact through our friendship and ministry together. Your prayer, encouragement, care, and financial gifts are helping spread the Gospel in communities experiencing poverty all over the world by empowering leaders with ministry training. You are such an important piece of our call to faithfully equip the Church.



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Your support provides hope where it is much needed.