



Join Us in Prayer

AS WE STEP FORWARD IN FAITH, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR WORLD IMPACT'S GOD-SIZED 2030 MISSIONAL GOALS.

Please pray that God would guide and sustain this work as we seek to train leaders, strengthen churches, and bring the hope of Christ to communities that need it most. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and support as we trust God to do what only he can do.

By 2030 we are trusting God for...

-  **Engaged Churches:** For 500 World Impact-trained churches to report increased health in their churches, equipping them to engage their community.
-  **Prison Ministry Growth:** To double World Impact's program training presence from 90 to 180 prisons in North America.
-  **Global Theological Training:** To provide theological training in 40 countries.
-  **Trauma Healing:** For 90% of trauma healing participants to report applying biblical truth in their healing journey.
-  **Online Leader Access:** For 10,000 leaders to access World Impact's online offerings, providing them with affordable, accessible biblical training.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and mission!



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"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD." — PSALM 46:10

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Where the Church Stood Firm: Equipping Leaders in Tanzania

PSALM 46 CALLS US TO BE STILL IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS. EVEN WHEN GUNFIRE ECHOES IN THE STREETS.

In November, Tanzanian church leaders and a small World Impact team experienced just how difficult, and how fruitful, that calling can be.

A Listening Summit is meant to be marked by stillness. By attentiveness. By leaders listening together for the voice of God. That was the intention as pastors, bishops, and church planters gathered inside a walled church in Tanzania. They came to pray, open Scripture, and discern how the gospel might take deeper root in their communities.

What no one expected was the soundtrack.

In the distance, gunshots echoed — unmistakable, jarring, and sobering. Outside the church walls, unrest was spreading as the government violently repressed protests to the recent presidential elections. Roads were closing. Communication networks were shut down. Fuel was scarce. Fear was real.

And yet, something remarkable happened.

The seats remained full. People came. And people stayed. They chose dangerous time with God and fellow church leaders, over the safety and comfort of their homes.

Because of your partnership, World Impact was able to walk alongside what God is already doing—strengthening leaders, equipping churches, and advancing the gospel in communities experiencing poverty. This was not work directed from a distance. It was entered humbly, with listening hearts, alongside local leaders seeking God's wisdom in a fragile moment.

Inside the church, leaders prayed. They listened. They spoke honestly about the challenges facing their congregations and communities. Together, they leaned in—choosing to listen for God's voice rather than retreat in fear.

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



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Africa trip report, continued...

A TUMI graduation followed, marking a hard-won celebration of perseverance. These graduates completed rigorous biblical training not because it was easy, but because it was essential. They returned to their communities better equipped to teach Scripture faithfully, disciple others, and lead with courage.

And in a quiet but powerful moment, a new water well was dedicated—honoring the legacy of Ray Dorsett, a longtime World Impact volunteer and board member. As clean water flowed, it stood as a visible reminder that the gospel speaks to both spiritual and physical needs—and that faithfulness leaves a legacy of life.

In Tanzania, amid uncertainty and unrest, God's people chose stillness. And in that stillness, they listened and found him faithful.

To read more about the November Africa trip, search "World Impact Report from Africa" at worldimpact.org/blog.



Different settings. The same calling.

Through The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI), church leaders are being equipped with biblical truth in communities experiencing poverty, from villages in East Africa (above) to behind prison walls in Florida (right).

When Biblical Training Takes Root Inside Prison Walls

IN A PLACE WHERE DIGNITY IS OFTEN STRIPPED AWAY, WHERE BEIGE CINDERBLOCK WALLS AND METAL RAILINGS USUALLY DEFINE THE VIEW, SOMETHING UNEXPECTED WAS UNFOLDING.

On a recent Friday afternoon at Polk Correctional Institution in central Florida, a space that rarely welcomes outsiders had been transformed. Gold and blue streamers lined the walls. Balloons framed a ceremonial archway. At the foot of the stage, a tall vase held 20 red roses, one for each man about to be honored.

Guests settled into metal folding chairs to the soft strum of a guitar singing about God's love. Just beyond the archway waited 20 men in black caps and gowns over prison blues. They were graduates of a year-long program of The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI), administered by God Behind Bars, preparing to walk a stage few ever imagined they would reach.

This ceremony marked more than personal achievement. It marked preparation for mission.

Among the graduates was Richard. When he shared his testimony, he spoke honestly about a decision that cost him his freedom and, for years, his relationship with his daughter. From prison, he began writing letters anyway, trusting God to do what he could not.

Restoration came slowly. Letters were read. Visits followed. And one day, his daughter called him "Dad."

But Richard's story did not end with reconciliation. Through TUMI's rigorous biblical training, he discovered a calling beyond himself. He was equipped to disciple others, lead Bible studies, and invest in men walking the same hard road. What God restored in his own life became something he could now multiply in the lives of others.

That is the quiet power of TUMI inside prison walls. It does not simply fill time. It forms leaders. Men equipped to teach Scripture, model faithfulness, and raise up other disciples dorm by dorm, cell by cell.

As each graduate's name was read aloud, they were no longer known by numbers in a system. They were named as scholars. As men of God. Shoulders straightened. Smiles emerged. Applause filled the room.

In that moment, the air carried something both solemn and electric: the weight of redemption and the fragile joy of renewal.

Because of your partnership, transformation like this is multiplying behind prison walls, where the gospel is taking root and leaders are being raised up to carry hope further than any one life ever could.

