

boisvert update

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**Tri-M
Africa**
Mobile
Modular
Ministry

“Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these [the new heavens and earth, v. 13], be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace” (2 Peter 3:14).



Graduation Time in Tarmine, Tanzania

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WE MARKED a new year on our calendar almost two months ago,

but from many countries, the first greetings of people you have not seen since 2015 must start with “Happy New Year!” As we wait on God’s calendar, we seek to be diligent in serving Christ until He returns.

2016 marks our 20th year with Tri-M and 35 years since my Ordination at First Welsh Baptist Church in Pennsylvania. That brings back many memories of how

faithful God has been as we have served Him. In addition, we are extremely grateful to you, our prayer warriors, in the defense and proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world!

TANZANIA

In January Doug was able to travel back to Tanzania to teach and take part in two graduation ceremonies. Our first venue for Tanzania was taught in Arusha, an International City, by Doug and the Ugandan professor/founder of an international organization partnering with Tri-M, named Reaching through Training and Teaching, or RTT. The second venue

was co-taught by Doug and Tanzanian Pastors in a rural village setting to demonstrate the ability of village Pastors, who lack the normal academic requirements of formal seminaries, to study in a modular setting. The third venue was also a village setting, solely organized and taught by Tanzanians to show that they were not dependent on outside teachers to provide training.

This third teaching venue was with a group taught by all Tanzanian men using our Swahili Tri-M Africa courses. Doug was invited to teach the last course in the curriculum and to be part of the graduation ceremony in order to show Tri-M’s recognition of the fine work the Tanzanians have done in training village Pastors. These Pastors have proven the benefit of such training, and their Churches are sharing how their preaching has become so packed with clear truth right from the Bible that they are growing more than ever before. To God be the glory!

An exciting part of this last trip was seeing that the Tanzanians have both the vision and initiative to take on the main responsibilities and privileges of expanding and carrying on this training without us. The leaders are getting many invitations to “Please come and teach our group” through-

out Tanzania. Tanzania is a very big country, and travel is difficult to virtually all of the villages. Please join us in praying that these leaders will be wise in not overextending themselves as they seek to respond to these heartfelt requests from every corner of Tanzania! Also pray that the Tanzanian Baptist Churches, numbering over 1200, will rally behind these teachers in prayer and financial support for the teachers' expenses in order to reach as many as possible.

With all that said, Doug is thinking this is the correct time to take on more of a consulting role there, and he is anticipating limited travel to Tanzania in the future as those there carry on the training. We are anticipating seeing the same evidence in the Uganda and Western Kenya teaching venues as well. This year is shaping up to be the time of transition in ministry focus that we have been waiting to see. However, this also means that Cheryl's venues are now complete, and she will not be traveling with Doug until new venue opportunities for the ladies present themselves.

MONGOLIA

Doug will be leading a team at the end of February 2016 to return to Mongolia. Pastors **Ron Berrus** and **Drew Fenstermacher** will teach with Doug. Please join us in prayer for discussions that need to take place in determining the details for adding future groups to the training. It also seems to be time to encourage more involvement of the Mongo-



Mongolians Waving "Thank You"

lian leaders to share in the teaching of these new groups. This will be a big stretch for them as they have multiple responsibilities already. They are currently discipling each student in between our teaching modules, which involves travel and removes them from their own ministries, secular jobs, and income. However, it is time to at least discuss possibilities and see how God might lead in this next step for Mongolian training.

OTHER VENUES TO BE EXPLORED

Upon Doug's return from Mongolia later this month, he will meet with individuals to discuss needs in other areas of the world that are more sensitive than those already mentioned. Please join us in praying for God's wisdom and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading in these discussions. *We must be cautious of what is mentioned with regard to these areas of the world so as to safeguard the brethren with whom we may be partnering.* Forgive us for not being more open about this. We are not trying to sound cloak and dagger but only seeking to protect our at-risk brethren. Also, we are still in the process of understanding what is wise to say and what is not. Please pray for God's clear leading in these discussions and even in our reporting about them in the future. It might be that God is leading us to consider areas outside of the continent of Africa for future Tri-M training venues.

A NEW TRI-M DIRECTOR

As an answer to prayer, we welcome **Richard Howard**, who was elected Director at our Tri-M Annual Meeting last month. Please pray for Heavenly wisdom and God's direction as he takes on this new responsibility. Rich and **Richelle** have served God developing and Pastoring a multi-ethnic Church and working with Tri-M in Rwanda and the



Rich and Richelle Howard

Democratic Republic of Congo for a number of years.

SUMMARIES AVAILABLE

If anyone would like to receive a 2015 Report Summary from us, please e-mail us at trimbois@yahoo.com, and we will get it right out to you.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR

- 1) Tanzanian leaders to be wise and strategic in developing new teaching venues throughout Tanzania
- 2) The South Sudanese believers as they follow up on their first teaching module without Doug's presence
- 3) The February 2016 Mongolian trip to honor God's Word and encourage our Mongolian "students"
- 4) Support needs as extra costs could be incurred while exploring new venues in 2016
- 5) Strength and sensitivity to the Spirit's direction in scheduling and evaluating our priorities

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