

Africa: training preachers

Pastor Training International (PTI) and Mission Africa in February held their first-ever training conferences in French-speaking Africa, teaching nearly 200 delegates the basics of expository preaching, preaching through Bible books and perseverance.

They took place in Gaoua, Burkina Faso, and were led by David Vaughn, of the Reformed Baptist Church of Chalon, France, and Peter MacLure, of Enfield Evangelical Free Church.

David Vaughn commented: 'The need for accurate, Bible-based theological teaching is severe in English-speaking Africa; in Francophone nations it is far worse. We are therefore delighted to have had this great opportunity in Burkina Faso to help their fast-growing churches'.

Peter MacLure said: 'All the attendees were very thankful, although by Western standards the facilities were very rudimentary. However it was a huge improvement from the annual denomination meeting; here at least they all had beds'.



Some of the people on the course

PTI provides teaching and resources for churches in need, especially in sub-Saharan Africa; Mission Africa is an interdenominational Christian mission working in northern Nigeria, Chad, Burkina Faso and Kenya.

PTI's emphasis is 'Teach to Preach'. It seeks to improve pastors' preaching and pastoral gifts while also underpinning those abilities with a sound theological foundation. **PTI**

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