



PTI strengthens the church in many of the poorest places in the world, by teaching pastors to expound the Bible more effectively. Our fundamental purpose is therefore to *Teach to Preach*.

**WELCOME** Mostly **P** likes to look forward, with new conferences and 'teach to preach' opportunities and that which took place in Tanzania this summer was no exception. But sometimes it is right to look back and to pay tribute to the contributions made by PTI's good and faithful servants over many years. The recent deaths of Brian Sage and Brian Thompson mean that it is appropriate that the second article this time is an appreciation of their Godly commitment and hard work for PTI and our Lord's kingdom.

- Existing countries
- Potential new countries
- Conflict is preventing training

## Morogoro and Arusha, Tanzania 22 June to 7 July



This was the third and last visit to eastern Tanzania, where we followed the old curriculum. Sally came to teach the Pastors' wives and women leaders.

### Morogoro Conference

Conference numbers rose from about 50-60 to 75. Simon taught through Acts and Peter Genesis 1-12. The aim was to give the foundations of the Bible from Genesis and the principles behind the early church from Acts. Overall, we felt the teaching went well and we had good translators.

Sally took three afternoon sessions. They were based on Mark: *"Jesus frees us from Guilt; Jesus frees us from Fear and Jesus frees us to Serve"* which were very well received. More ladies attended this year and several Pastors' wives said *"We are coming this year because there are special sessions for us!"*

Donations enabled us to buy 130 Swahili Bibles and to leave money for a further 45. These were greatly appreciated as many participants had very old, tatty Bibles.

We also visited the 450 seat Sanga Sanga Institute of Bible and Mission. This impressive centre for teaching God's Word

is run by AIM and the AIC Church and is already being used by pastors, children's groups and others.

### Arusha conference

Numbers at Mt Meru Baptist University exceeded our expectations, with 104 there on the last day. Extra notes were printed and we completed all the planned teaching and workshops. We were particularly pleased that David Kereto, a Kenyan Masai pastor, joined us and his contribution was very well received.

The Church had put under discipline several pastors, including the chair of the conference for the previous two years, but it did not affect the conference. Sadly the lady translator for Sally dropped out, but the teaching was much appreciated.

As part of a church delegation we attended a session of Parliament in Dodoma, where we presented an NIV study Bible to the Speaker. Dodoma is the new capital, under intensive construction as all Government departments and foreign embassies are now set to move from Dar es Salaam.

■ by Peter and Sally Maclure, with Simon Moore, PTI Trainers

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## Now at home with the Lord

In July two of PTI's mentors, **Brian Sage** and **Brian Thompson**, went home to be with the Lord.



Brian Sage

Brian Thompson

Brian Sage had until quite recently been marking and responding to the questions pastors had as they read the simple systematic theology book 'Foundations of the Christian'. I first met Brian as a young minister and was struck by his interest and the encouragement he gave at that time. These qualities made him an excellent pastor and when I became involved with PTI it was a joy to see him using his gifts and wisdom to mentor pastors from many parts of the world. We thank the Lord for his faithful service and remember his wife June in her loss.

We were also sad to hear of the sudden passing of Brian Thompson, a longstanding PTI mentor. Brian is survived by his wife, Marian, to whom he had been married for almost 60 years. He had been a lecturer and, later in life, was pastor of Mendlesham Green Baptist church in Suffolk for ten years. He became involved with PTI when it began and took on marking the workbook for Christian Handbook, a task he carried out for over ten years. Brian was a gifted man had a clear grasp of truth and was a conscientious marker who always provided helpful insights back to his students.



These two deaths leave a large hole in PTI's mentoring scheme which we trust the Lord will fill. Maybe you, or somebody you know, would be suited to this role, being able to encourage and assist pastors in the majority world to be better equipped to lead, teach and disciple their congregations. If so, please contact Alastair Stevens to find out more.

■ by Simon Percy and Alastair Steven, PTI Trainers

## Prayer points

Everything by prayer... with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6)

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### Thank God for:

- The excellent work Brian Sage and Brian Thompson did as mentors to many pastors in the majority world
- Simon and Gareth getting their visas for the training in the Caribbean
- Several new pastors and churches expressing an interest in becoming involved in the training
- The good opportunities Simon has had to share about the work of PTI

### Please pray for:

- The Ministry Board and Trustees as they each meet to plan the training that will take place in 2018
- Gareth J and Simon P as they prepare to do training in the Caribbean
- Keith F and Tim S to receive their visas for training in Asia
- Ken McIntosh and James Sercombe as they prepare to do training in Ethiopia
- Maciek S and Andre B As they prepare to do training in Myanmar
- The Lord to provide the additional funds needed to enable further pastors to receive this vital training

## Proposed conferences for 2017, God willing

September 25-29

Caribbean

Simon P, Gareth J

October 2-6

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Simon P, Gareth J

October 30 – November 3

Ethiopia, Jima

Ken MacIntosh, James Sercombe

October 30 – November 3

Asia

Keith F, Tim S

October 23-27

Myanmar, Kalaymyo

Maciek S, Andre B

November 1-3

Myanmar, Mandalay

Maciek S, Andre B

November 6-8

Myanmar, Yangon

Maciek S, Andre B

November 6-10

Ethiopia, Addis

Ken MacIntosh, James Sercombe

November

India, Andaman Islands

Merv N, Rob O

November

India, Jaipur

Merv N, Rob O

November 14-16

Myanmar, Myitkyina

Paul W, Ian C

November 21-23

Myanmar, Kyaingtong

Paul W, Ian C

