



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 to the November edition of **P** newsletter. The summer conferences in Tanzania revealed how many pastors lack even Bibles. We were pleased to supply 30 new Bibles to them - some had never owned a new one before. We also thought we would introduce you to the 30 or so volunteers, many working behind the scenes, who help keep PTI's show on the road. If you think God might be calling you to be one of them, do please get in touch.

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

Arusha and Morogoro, Tanzania, 22 July – 6 August 2016



Our first task was to preach in churches on the Sunday before the first conference. This was mainly for Maasai pastors on the foothills of Mount Meru, just outside Arusha. Numbers averaged 65 each day and most delegates had attended last year. About 10% were women. Simon taught from Mark and Peter from Ephesians.

The visit reconfirmed the overriding conviction that the Bible is powerful and relevant and comes to life for people of all cultures and backgrounds. We were amazed to see how it speaks into their situation, so Ephesians 1: 1-14 addresses the dangers of prosperity teaching so that we are blessed "in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

However, we were shocked to find that only two-thirds of the participants had complete Swahili Bibles, many were used and tatty with many missing pages. Others told us that, as they had brought the single family Bible to the conference, those at home would be without one for the entire week.

The clincher was when we asked one of the translators to read from Revelation 21 and said, "I haven't had those last pages for a very long time!" So with the help of PTI and host Michael Nhonya, we were able to buy 30 Bibles, with the participants making a small contribution. One pastor exclaimed "I have never held a new Bible before – my previous one was old when I got it – I can't wait to show it to my family!"

Pastors from different denominations, with slightly higher levels of education, attended the Morogoro conference. Numbers were slightly down on the previous year. We also attended an ordination service for two Baptist pastors and spoke at different churches on the Sunday. 24 delegates from the two conferences, who speak English, have asked to be part of the mentoring programme. We were grateful and humbled by the privilege of ministering God's word to them.

■ by Peter Maclure and Simon Moore, PTI trainers

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Many hands make light work. Who are the PTI team?

Santa may supposedly have his elves in Lapland, but PTI is blessed with its own faithful helpers behind the scenes, who are certainly no fictional characters. They both help PTI maintain its vital ministry of teaching majority world pastors how to preach and keep you informed about the work as you lift PTI to the Lord in prayer.

Who are they? Firstly eight charity Trustees, who oversee the work and ensure it complies with the necessary legislation. Jeremy Marshall is Chairman, Peter Milsom his deputy; the others are David Ide, Roy Proctor, Chris Embleton-Smith, Mike Taylor, Ken Brownell and Robert Strivens.

The Ministry Board decides the what, where and how of PTI. Its nine members are Chairman Ken Brownell; Deputy Chair Gareth Jones; Curriculum supremo Keith Ferdinando; Director of Ministry Simon Percy, Alastair Steven (in charge of Mentoring); Peter Milsom; Paul Williams; Gerald Tanner and Daryl Jones. The Ministry Board also interviews and approves the trainers.

The overseas trips are overseen by Richard Williams, who liaises with both the trainers and the in-country hosts to ensure that conferences are run successfully and safely. And Jackie Stenner books the all-important flights.

The mentoring side is the responsibility of Alastair Steven and he is assisted by Mike and Peggy Thomas, Joyce Griffiths, Bill Bridgens, Brian Sage, Paul Mackerel, Mike Taylor and Peter



Kinley. Between them they buy, produce, translate, send and mark the work books.

Iain Taylor and Andy Solanky produce the newsletters and reports for the website. Simeon Woodcraft keeps the Facebook page up to date and Paul Brunning and Mike and Peggy email or post information to you.

Equally important are Sally Kendal, who ensures that the IT system runs smoothly and who updates the website; Katrina Brunning and John Helm, who deal with PTI's finances and Portia Omo-Bare who is PTI's Administrator.

In total more than 30 people work behind the scenes on behalf of PTI and I am very grateful to God for these unsung heroes. Please pray for them, and consider whether the Lord is calling you to be one of them.

■ by Simon Percy, PTI Trainer

Prayer points

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

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Thank God for:

- The two new conferences that took place in Ethiopia
- How well the conference in Yangon went and for how beneficial the pastors and church leaders are finding this training to be
- The excellent joint meeting of the Trustees' and the Ministry Board and the clear outcomes that resulted
- The many devoted and hardworking people who work behind the scenes to enable pastors to receive this vital training

Please pray for:

- Mervyn N and Rob O as they conduct conferences in Jaipur India and on the Andaman Islands
- The Ministry Board as it meets to review and develop PTI's training
- The two new pastors who have applied to become trainers and for the support of their churches
- Jeremy and Jackie as they continue their respective treatments for cancer
- The planning and arrangements for the Thai conferences and for a second trainer

Proposed conferences for 2016 and 2017, God willing

November 21-25

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Andaman Islands

Jaipur, India

Missouri, India

Mumbai, India

Karen Village Thailand

Thai pastors Chiang Mai

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