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Dear Friends,

It's common this time of year to send a snapshot – usually a family photo taken the past year. I'll get to that, but first a few other snaps:

Timothy Leadership Training Results



363 training sessions. That's how many TLT trainings were reported from thirty-three countries last year. Two more and it would have averaged a new session every day of the year!

With each session being two-to-three days long, that means about a thousand days of Bible study, discussion, prayer and ministry plans.

Over 5,500 pastors and other church leaders attended. Nearly half were in Africa, a third in Latin America, and twenty percent in Asia. Almost all were in places where churches are growing rapidly but leadership training is difficult to get.

We're grateful that we've been able to serve the church in these places of greatest need!

Timothy Leadership Training Impact

But numbers alone don't tell the whole story. How do we know what changes take place because of TLT? Mostly through testimonies from participants. At the end of a training session, each

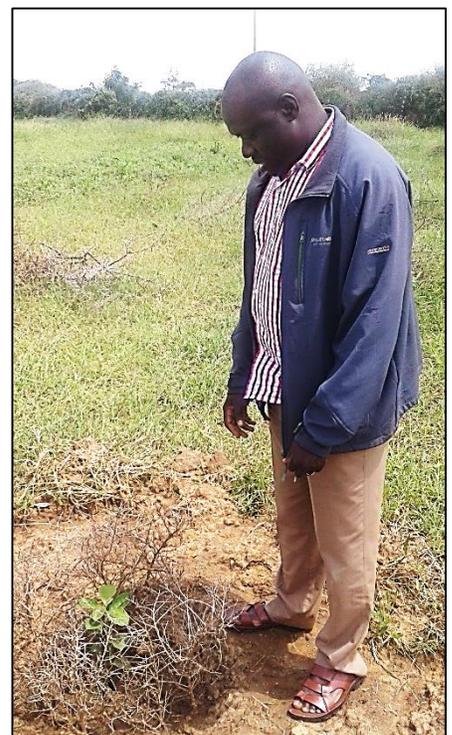
participant makes an Action Plan. They commit to apply something they have learned, and then to report on it during the next training. Here are a few snippets from their reports:

"The TLT training on preaching helped me a lot. Before, I prepared long sermons that were hard to retain. But with the TLT training, my preaching is now clear. People manage to remember most of the messages, and during the week they share them with others who were absent." Pastor Kammiri, Niger

"I made an Action Plan ... to plant 10 trees at my church. Despite financial setbacks, I have planted not only 20 trees at my church, but 300 more at my home." Deacon Okullo, Uganda

"I thought TLT would improve my head knowledge, but found ... it worked on my heart. I made a plan to have a family devotion for my two children. TLT taught me the importance of loving and caring for my family, meeting their needs, especially in their spiritual growth." Pastora Juliana, Philippines

We're encouraged by testimonies like these. And we know they're just the tip of the iceberg. People, churches, and communities are being changed!



Current TLT Projects

Over four hundred people completed their 6th TLT training session during this past year, qualifying them to train others in all the TLT materials. In this way, TLT multiplies locally without outside resources. But local trainers have often said they lack encouragement and support. We're working to set up a social media network, where qualified trainers are able to talk or text with us and other trainers around the world.

Related to this, we're also supporting what are called "Trainers Care Retreats" around the world. In October I was able to participate in such a retreat in India. Thirty trainers came from seven regions in India and Sri Lanka. For three days we met to learn new skills, read Scripture, pray, and sing. Participants described it as "uplifting, enlightening, equipping, and encouraging." There were 350 participants in TLT training in India last year.

Raise Up Global Ministries

Haven't heard of this organization before? No worries! It's the relatively new creation of three ministry programs coming together under one umbrella. These include TLT, Coffee Break, and Educational Care. All three programs train leaders and equip the global church and schools through interactive learning that is centered on the Bible.



By sharing our administration costs, we're able to be more efficient with our resources. And by working together as one organization, we're able to introduce churches around the world to a wider variety of Bible study and training materials.

Family

A couple weeks ago we celebrated Thanksgiving. As foreigners in a strange land, we celebrated two months in a row! But our thanksgiving wasn't limited to these two holidays. An Alberta wedding in our extended family, backpacking in Banff, and fishing in Northwestern Ontario were memorable times (ask brother-in-law Dean how striking our fishing experience was). We're so grateful for all these wonderful experiences and relationships!



What else have we been up to? Carolyn stays involved with volunteering and child-care through our church. Jessica and Ian are both currently supply-teaching in the Rainy River School District in NW Ontario. Johnny and Kristin live and work in Grand Rapids and attend the same church as us, so we see them regularly. And even though Andrea is living away from home with a bunch of other Calvin University students, she checks up on us quite often. Henry increasingly shows up in our family photos –

as do a number of adopted international students, like Rose and Grace. This snapshot was taken in our front yard last Christmas (not much snow last year this time...).

So that's a quick overview! Thank you for your prayers and support throughout this year. This past year we raised **\$36,159USD** on a goal of \$40,000. This is an increase of \$2,500 from the previous year. We're grateful.

We pray that you will know the peace of Christ in this Christmas season and the year ahead. *"I leave my peace with you. I give my peace to you. I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be troubled. And do not be afraid."* Jesus, in John 14:27

With Our Love, *Albert and Carolyn Strydhorst*