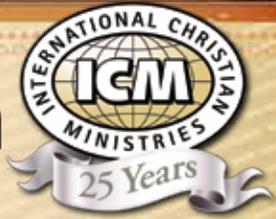




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Africa Rising: Soft Target

By Dr. Phil Walker, ICM President

The mall attack in Kenya this year is a reminder that Africa is rising. Terrorists do not care about the poor living in the village, but want to make a statement by attacking the affluent. In 1968 when we first arrived in Kenya the mall that was attacked was the only mall in Nairobi where you could purchase western products. Now there are many such malls around the city and in other cities. Sub-Sahara Africa is a soft target. It is easy to slip into these countries and carry out atrocities on westerners and affluent Africans. Africa rising represents the spiritual battle ground for the hearts and minds of Africans. It is the battle that God will win by building His Church. The terrorists will not succeed in forcing Islam on sub-Sahara Africa, but the affluence of Africa rising might be the greater danger.

Affluence means opportunity and challenge. Opportunity because Africa will become a continent capable of sending missionaries around the world; danger because it can be a distraction. We have a window of opportunity to help leaders face the challenges of terrorism and affluence. The training ICM offers is not about the ivory towers of theology but about the dirt floors of the church in community. Graduates of our seminary learn how to speak the language of the village farmer while encouraging the urban business owner to serve Christ through the Market place. This holistic approach, every person a minister, empower congregations to be on mission for Jesus in their communities and throughout the world. Terrorist attacks become the reminder of the call; affluence



ATS Graduation 2013 in Kitale, Kenya boasts evidence there is a new surge of energy and hope for Africans as they go forth with degrees and training in theological education, transformed to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

becomes the means of fulfilling that call.

Africa Rising may be a soft target but it is also God's tool for reaching the world. Where sin abounds much more does grace abound. Grace is the power to achieve that for which you were created. God has created the African Church to be victorious and fill the world with the praise of the living God. 🙏

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The New Story of Africa

Africa is rising! We watch as Africa's story is being re-written. The way out of the old and into the new is about partnership not pity. Promise has replaced poverty. The New Story of Africa is becoming a reality as we see the African Church more and more engaged in fulfilling the Great Commission. Our 2013 Fund Raising Banquet – **Africa Rising: Hope Renewed** evidenced new financial partners and many who heard about ICM's intentional focus on leadership training. Banquet keynote speaker, Phil Tuttle, the president of Walk Thru the Bible, added credibility to the mission of ICM by teaching from Mark 2:1-2. His reminder about how to be a "Stretcher Bearer" was an important nudge to us to work together, to overcome obstacles, change lives, experience opposition and glorify God.



◀ ICM country directors at the 2013 International Council held in Bakersfield, California.

► The ICM banquet African auction/market was abuzz with shoppers.



► Phil Tuttle speaking to over 550 ICM supporters gathered at this year's fund raising banquet in Bakersfield, California.



ICM USA REGIONAL EVENTS

Missions Fest

Bothell, Washington
October 18–19, 2013

An Evening with the President

Seattle, Washington
October 20, 2013

Walk Thru the Old Testament

Bakersfield, California
January 10–11, 2014

Seven Laws of the Learner

Bakersfield, California
February 28 & March 1, 2014

For information about ICM Regional Events, please call 661-832-9740 or visit icmusa.org

Burundi Team Fall 2013

Four years ago the President of Burundi asked ICM to start a program to train soldiers and rebels who had been demobilized in practical skills that would provide them with a means of earning a living. In November 2013 Mel Fox (team leader), Dean Rovang, and Thomas Cole will join Phil Walker in Burundi where we will visit leaders and begin the process of developing a plan for a Technical College at the ICM Burundi training center. Please pray for us and consider a financial gift. Each member will need \$3,500 for ministry. *To donate to Burundi Team Fall 2013 visit www.icmusa.org.*

Did you know?

- Over one billion people live in Africa today. Projected to be 1.7 billion by 2015.
- Africa is the world's fastest growing economy.
- Africa is rich in natural resources and becoming richer as an educated population grows.
- Median age in Africa: 19. In Europe: 40.
- The Church in Africa is growing faster than on any other continent in the world.
- African churches have begun planting thousands of churches around the world.

ICM Influences through Teams and Teaching

Ethiopia Team Fall 2013

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done."

I Chron. 16:8. Thank you so much for your prayers for our Fall 2013 Ethiopia team.

"Remember the wonders He has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced."

I Chron. 16:12.

We praise God for BIG answers to prayer: We remained physically and spiritually healthy throughout the trip,

through the Biblical teaching women were released from fear. African leaders were transformed to train and equip their churches to maturity. We give God



◀ Purpose Driven Seminar #5 completed in Addis Ababa, pastors and leaders are released to teach the same scriptural principles to their own groups.



◀ Pastors and leaders in Hawassa share in small group discussion about how to apply God's word.

the glory for His wonders! *To find out more about ICM Teams email Sheryl at sherylg@icmusa.org.*

Africa is Blessed

By Pastor Andrew Madara Neondo, Kitale, Kenya

Africa is the world's richest continent in terms of natural resources. This statistic is among many that should help us as Africans change our perspective about our continent and realize Africa is blessed!

We will only come to the full realization of the riches and potential that God deposited in Africa by way of changing our worldview and begin seeing Africa the way God sees it. We cannot realize this potential if we continue to look to the West for aid and handouts.

This is one of the great tasks we have as men of God and church leaders in Africa. I pray that God will help me to help the believers in my church and community begin realizing that God can help us tap into the resources He deposited in Africa thus utilizing them for His glory to better Africa!

Find out more about ICM's Marketplace Ministry or ICM's Partnerships at www.ICMUSA.org.

ICM Partnerships Expand

Partners Worldwide is a nonprofit organization working with businesses in developing countries to create jobs and transform lives and communities. The organization is expanding throughout Africa through business development and Business as Mission. We believe ICM's commitment to

Marketplace Ministry will strengthen this vision as they reach out to pastors, churches, and denominations, creating a place within the Church for the Partners Worldwide model.

Renita Reed says, "One of the things that has gone so wrong with Africa is that the media continues to tell



Graduating Class for first Training of Trainers for Fall 2013 by ICM missionary Renita Reed, Marketplace Minister, Kitale, Kenya.

one story: a story of corruption, war, hunger, and poverty. Africa is so much more than one story. As we work toward the ICM goals of "Africans solving African problems with God's solutions," this mind set needs to change." 🙏

ICM Partners with VisionQuest Alliance



ICM has entered into an exciting new partnership with VisionQuest Alliance, who will be handling our donation processing, finances, and payroll effective October 1, 2013. We are endeavoring to make the transition as seamless as possible. Donations will be processed as they have been. After September 30,

2013, all donations should be mailed to:
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at laurend@icmusa.org or 661-832-9740.

ICM Partners with Everence



International Christian Ministries is pleased to announce its new partnership with Everence Financial to assist donors with their charitable giving goals. Founded in 1945 by the Mennonite Church, Everence seeks to help people integrate their finances with their faith and values. As a comprehensive financial services not-for-profit organization, along with the capacity that comes with over 2 billion dollars in

assets under management, Everence has various creative giving strategies to help people maximize their stewardship as they seek to build God's Kingdom.

For assistance, call Everence representative Phil Stangland at 661-747-4619 for an appointment. Learn more about Everence at www.everence.com.



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