



It is only in Africa where you fly east to travel west. So on a Thursday night at 23:00 I boarded an Ethiopian aircraft flying to Addis Ababa only to find myself 5 hours later, further away from my destination. My destination is Lomé, the capital city of Togo, in West Africa.

The group of leaders, pastors, evangelists and church planters that awaited my arrival is from seven countries in West Africa. The countries are Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Chad, Niger and Burkina Faso. The leaders travelled a couple of days to reach their destination and the conference venue. We spent three days training these leaders in the John Journey concept. John Journey teaches that every believer is a witness and soul winner for Christ. Every believer naturally becomes a disciple maker to the people that you have just led to Jesus.

Once discipleship-groups have been established, the birth of home cells or house churches is a natural result of the John Journey work and Rabbit Churches are planted rapidly and this is followed by more formal forms of church planting which we call the Lion Churches.

Pastor Inoussa Gbadamassi, Pastor Christoff Devanue and Dr Louis Blom were the teachers in the John Journey conference. The pastors enjoyed the training very much. The training was very effective. The soccer bible training combined with the John Journey strategy is extremely effective.



The Leaders of 7 West Africa Countries



Past Inoussa Gbadamassi and Dr Louis Blom

The highlight of the training was the Sunday when all the participants received their Certificate of Participation as well as their certificates of their Rabbit Churches and Lion Churches planted during the previous year. Furthermore each participant received a resource pack sponsored by Judea Harvest and its generous partners at no cost to the recipient. These include three boxes of John Journey French Bibles, training materials, soccer balls, Audio bibles, John Journey training dvd's in French and various other tools. The gifts and training tools were received with great excitement and thankfulness and will indeed make an incredible difference in the lives of these church planters and their effectiveness. No labourer can work without tools.



Graduation of Students

Although the conditions were very tough; no air conditioners, very humid and hot conditions, long hours of teaching and two days of field visits, visiting Lion and Rabbit Churches throughout the city of Lomé as well as the rural surrounding areas, were inspiring. With this in first hand of what God is doing in the lives of these unreached animist people as well as Muslim people in the country and surrounding countries, is incredible. Witnessing and hearing the testimonies of the church planters and hearing about the incredible miracles God performed in their lives are so inspiring.



Resources distributed

This is the fifth year of Judea Harvest working the John Journey strategy in West Africa and towards the northern parts. Right now we target three countries in the Muslim part of Northern Africa and are preparing to send out church planters into those countries where Islam makes evangelism and church planting extremely difficult and the newly converted Christians are persecuted to a very high level. However we are compelled to do this work as God has commanded us. And this gospel shall be preached to all nations and then the end shall come." Matthew 24:40". Although this work is hard, difficult and expensive, we feel compelled to do it. It is part of Africa. Our vision is to reach Africa for Christ and it inevitably includes the Muslim parts of North Africa. Therefore Judea Harvest will not stand back at this challenge and thank God for our faithful partners that share this vision with us to preach even in the Northern Muslim parts of Africa. We ask for your prayers and support as we endeavor to grow this work.



Rural Area's



Food distribution

Next year we plan to bring 4 x teams of 12 of these evangelists and church planters from West Africa and North Africa into our newly established training base, Three Trees in Pretoria, for a

three week comprehensive training programme as well as an exposure trip to the work of God in Southern Africa. We believe these vision and training trips greatly excel the work in West Africa and North Africa. We gladly report that the team has planted 47 Lion Churches in the past year of which I personally visited 12 during this trip. Each Lion Church was started by planting a group of Rabbit Churches and as the Lion Church has been established the Lion Church continued to plant out more Rabbit Churches. The average number of Rabbit Churches that was planted before and after the Lion Church is 8. Therefore 376 Rabbit Churches were planted by this incredible and powerful team of church planters.

We thank all our partners and donors and request you to continue praying with us for this incredible project. I personally want to thank Pastor Kola de Klerk, CEO of Judea Harvest; he is personally spearheading and driving this project for the past 5 years.

God bless!

Dr Louis Blom
President of Judea Harvest