

Reports/Echoes of SPM 2012

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8/9/12

We bring you hearty greetings from the 85 participants at this year's School of Practical Ministry. Bob Reichard and I made a safe landing, and immediately got to work. There is only one regret – that we had to turn away many, but we rejoice that those in attendance are having a blast.

As I write, Bob has just called for a break, and it is amazing how all the participants are soaking in the lectures. We give thanks to the Lord. We have included a few photos herewith and will send more as things unfold.

Our desire is to make this program very much "hands on". Please note, and pray for the following:

1. Friday 8/10 and Monday 8/13 are fasting and prayer days for all the participants. Everyone will skip breakfast and the time will be devoted to prayer, lunch will be fruits, and the meal will come in the evening.
2. The entire class of 85 will be on the road in the evening of Friday 8/10 and Saturday 8/11, as we minister at a gospel crusade in the city of Kumba, in the South West region. We are thrilled that the Mayor of Buea is sponsoring the transportation of all the participants to Kumba for both services.
3. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (8/14 to 8/16) evenings, all the participants will storm the neighborhood of Bokwaongo - knocking on doors to share their faith, pray for families and bring the message of hope.

Once I lay hands on it, I will attach a clip from the local tv station which Bob and some Pastors saw in tonight's news. Thanks for praying and encouraging.



8/15/12

In exactly 2 days, the maiden edition of the School of Practical Ministry will wrap up here in Buea. We are grateful to the Lord for your support and sustaining prayers. The course is progressing very well. Participants are enjoying wonderful moments of fellowship, prayer and collective ministry.

As previously announced, we were in Kumba last weekend, accompanied by the local TV station which has since aired the message from the evangelistic service. On Sunday, participants went to various congregations here in Buea, where most of them served as guest speakers.

The last 2 nights have been very encouraging. We have just concluded the second night of the gospel meetings in Bokwaongo, and once more, the participants were out after a full day of lectures. Their visits to homes in the neighborhood allowed a unique opportunity to extend God's Kingdom as they ministered to different families.

The graduation service is scheduled for this Saturday, after which the participants will return to their homes, some travelling for as many as 10 hours. Please continue in prayer for each one and for all the families involved.

With Gratitude,

JNE



8/16/12

Tomorrow is the final day of lectures for the SPM. In keeping with the focus on practical ministry, participants are out tonight knocking on doors and extending the Kingdom of God. Tonight will also feature the closing service at the evangelistic outreach in Bokwaongo.

This week has brought great joy to our hearts, as the Lord has blessed the participants with great resources, wonderful insight through Bob's teaching, and excellent avenues to implement their lessons. Two examples are noteworthy:

On Tuesday, after discussing the lesson on communication, Bob announced 4 passages and asked participants to apply the principles discussed to any passage of their choice. Thereafter, all who chose the same passage met for half an hour to discuss the context, keywords and phrases, an appropriate theme and a practical application. This was followed by presentations from each group, as well as input from the rest of the class. Simply stated, this was a most moving activity.

Another exciting event occurred on Monday night, through the Wagner-Houts Spiritual gifts assessment. The excitement in the room was amazing, as people noticed gifts they never thought of, and felt increasingly responsible to the Lord for proper use of the gifts. Yesterday, we distributed a set of Bible dictionaries to each servant, and tomorrow, a devotional book will follow.

Tonight, we will be at the crusade meeting. It pleased the Lord that a local TV station is covering all the services and has already started airing the messages. Please pray that many will be drawn to the Lord tonight and through the TV programs, and that many will be set free from the grip of Satan.

Blessings,

JNE



8/22/12

We have posted the news clip from the local TV station at www.hopeoutreachinternational.org, as the file is too big for emailing.



8/30/12

We have included a video of the closing ceremony of the recent school of practical ministry at www.hopeoutreachinternational.org.

Hope this is a blessing to you: <http://youtu.be/IDS0pZh88YM>.

With Gratitude,

JNE