



# GLOBAL TRAINING NETWORK

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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**D**ear friends,  
As we begin a new year (and new decade), I thought you would be encouraged by an overview of some of the latest stats that have been gathered from the first five years of Global Training Network's ministry around the world.

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### INTERESTING STATS FROM GTN'S FIRST FIVE YEARS...

Since GTN began in 2004, our staff have been involved in **training and equipping approximately 90,000 indigenous pastors in 36 different countries throughout the developing world.**

Over the past five years, GTN has had a combined total income (from all sources and all staff members) of approximately **\$4.5 million.**

If you were to divide 90,000 into \$4.5 million you would realize that **for every \$50 given to GTN (for all people and all purposes - including travel, administration, financial audits, conferences, etc.) one pastor has received significant biblical training that will help them to more effectively pastor and lead their congregation(s)!**

**When you take it one step further**, you realize that the average indigenous pastor that we train **teaches and shepherds at least 100 people in their congregation(s).** These are the people who are directly (first hand) impacted from the pastors that are equipped at our training events.

In reality, the number of people directly impacted by these 90,000 pastors trained by GTN is **9 million people (90,000 pastors multiplied by 100**

**congregants).** *This doesn't even take into consideration the people who are impacted by these 9 million congregants that are within their family circle or village.*

**Now, here is the final number...for every fifty cents given to GTN in our first five years in existence, one person has been DIRECTLY impacted through the indigenous pastors that we have trained!**

Compare that with how far **fifty cents** goes to impact people in your average ministry here in America today. Compare that with how much we spend on just property and church buildings here in America.

Now, please don't hear me say that we should not give to support the local church and local ministries here in America today - *we should and we need to!* Nor am I saying that there isn't a place for buildings and property for churches - there is.



**FOR EVERY \$50 GIVEN TO GTN, ONE PASTOR HAS RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT BIBLICAL TRAINING.**



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GTN Staff member Dan Smythe teaching a group of women in India a few months ago.

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Also, please understand that *I am the first to acknowledge that numbers definitely don't tell the whole story, nor are they the most important factor in determining ministry effectiveness. **Changed lives for the glory of God is our focus!*** But at the same time, numbers do give us a “glimpse” of some of what God has done over a certain period of time, as well as the stewardship of His resources.

**What excites me the most** is that over and over, when we go back to many of these same cities and villages, we see **pastors that have been changed and matured, congregations that have grown deeper and wider in their walks with Christ, and even entire villages that have been transformed** because of a church that has learned “*what the church is supposed to be and do*” within a community (reflecting the glory of God in the surrounding neighborhoods through evangelism, discipleship, caring for the poor, orphans and widows, going about doing good, etc.).

**As I've said so many times before, if you want to see a village, town or city transformed, begin with transformed pastors and Christian leaders, this will in turn produce transformed believers within the many congregations, which in turn will help to touch and bring transformation to a community.** This is why the image of a “pebble dropped into a pond,” with the ever widening circles going outward, is an excellent picture of the ministry of GTN.



**SINCE WE BEGAN FIVE YEARS AGO, APPROXIMATELY 90,000 PASTORS HAVE RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT BIBLICAL TRAINING THROUGH GTN IN 36 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.**

Almost every place where GTN goes to train leaders, we continue to go back year after year to make sure that **genuine transformation is taking place through our training.** As we look to the next five years, we are going to be working even harder to go deeper and stay longer with the same group of indigenous pastors and leaders to make sure they are developed and disciplined properly and ready to pass the baton through **multiplying the training** we have given them to others (**2 Timothy 2:2!**)

I share this simply to give you a “short glimpse” at some of what has been done through all of our wonderful staff around the world these past five years! *To God be all the glory!*

Your prayers and financial partnership have made all of this possible! Thank you!

Blessed to be a blessing to all peoples on earth,

**P.S.** As we begin a new year (and a new decade), I was reminded once again of the wise words of the Apostle Paul in **Philippians 3:12-14**, where he writes...

*“...but **I press on** to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me...**But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on** toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

In 2010, GTN will be introducing several **new and exciting opportunities** for you to be involved in. I look forward with great anticipation for what God is going to do!



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