

Pastor to Pastor TRAINING NETWORKS



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Two Sudanese pastors who traveled for one week on a motorcycle to attend training

The Cost of Discipleship

When Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote *The Cost of Discipleship*, he challenged the comfortable, nominal Christianity prevalent in the German church as Nazism tightened its grip on the country. Bonhoeffer understood that following Jesus could be costly. Many Christians in Africa understand that cost firsthand—and they are answering the call.

We recently trained another group of 85 instructors for East and Central Africa in Entebbe, Uganda. Many of these instructors are from Sudan and South Sudan and had to cross incredibly dangerous territory to attend the training. They risked their lives not only to be disciples, but to make disciples, as most will go on to train multitudes of pastors in Uganda, Sudan, South Sudan, Kenya, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Several have already lost family members to persecution, yet they came. They crossed territories controlled by brutal warlords and Islamic extremists.



*Dirt mounds placed on the road
to make it impassable*

We have a WhatsApp thread for the P2P movement in Central and East Africa, and I was intrigued when the feed blew up both before and after the training, with attendees obsessing over safe travel. I soon learned why. In one region, two Christians were killed on the road the very day our pastors were traveling. They knew of a place where they could hide for two days until the danger subsided enough to continue. On another road, a warlord had blocked

the route with five-foot-tall mounds of dirt to impede travel. Our pastors literally had to dig their way down the road. The thread included more than 50 pictures of our pastors traveling, along with repeated requests for prayer for safe passage.

Because of the danger, we host courses in conferences lasting more than two weeks, with multiple courses taught at once. This reduces the number of dangerous trips students must make into Uganda. Still, we have a waiting list for this conference—and the next, and the next.

*Our pastors are clearing the road
so they can come to be trained for
ministry*





Good evening members of this beautiful family, on behalf of the West Nile team and on my own behalf I would like to say that we reached well yesterday in our various destinations by God's grace and also wanna thank you 🙏 all for your prayers.

God bless you abundantly

10:02 AM



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I have nothing but respect and admiration for these leaders who sacrifice so much to be disciples and make disciples. They are part of a leadership training movement that will impact tens of thousands of churches. They are humble. They are hungry for God's Word. And they are determined to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

They understand the cost of discipleship—and they are willing to risk everything to advance God's Kingdom.

~ Oyet Martin

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On behalf of yourself and the Palabek region we have reached safely. Thanks for your support and prayers glory be to God. I requested prayer for our brother Okeny from Ikwoto their road is not safe They killed two people yesterday. We are planning for him to transport him from Torit to Ikwoto for his safety but money cannot reach. Our support was necessary. 150,000= Additional money. May almighty God bless you all team.

12:21 AM

The South Sudan team has slept in Kitgum. Pajok, Magwi, Torit, and Ikwoto. By today they will reach home.

12:24 AM



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~ Sika the Man

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Safe travels everyone, our prayers are with you. We are praying for Okeny too that God will take him safely. Pray against the spirit of blood sheds and killing

2:33 AM

~ Oyet Martin

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We give thanks to almighty God for His protection to our brother Okeny sebit from Ikwoto he was made home safely and Martin Torit as well. All teams from the palabek region.

3:34 PM



The Secret Sauce

In our last newsletter, we noted that we have directly trained more than 11,500 pastors and leaders in our first 10 years and have indirectly trained another 30,000 to 40,000 through our graduates. This sounds incredible, and people may wonder how this is possible, or even if it is possible. After all, Christian ministries are known to inflate their numbers from time to time.

Our secret sauce is building a culture of multiplication and removing every barrier to it. Our goal is to ensure that every pastor, regardless of denomination, in every country we enter, has access to training. We cannot accomplish this goal relying on American instructors. This is why we empower nationals to take the lead, charge nothing for our materials or services, and practice a reproducible approach from the beginning. We coach, equip, empower, and encourage. The result is P2P teams worldwide leading pastor training.



Key leaders in the El Salvador team. This team has more than 35 people.



Meetings with different P2P team leaders in Sierra Leone (left and below). This group has secured an office and meets several times a week for prayer and strategy. They purchased a motorcycle to travel into the bush. They have a copy machine. Their commitment and faithfulness are having a huge impact all over West Africa.



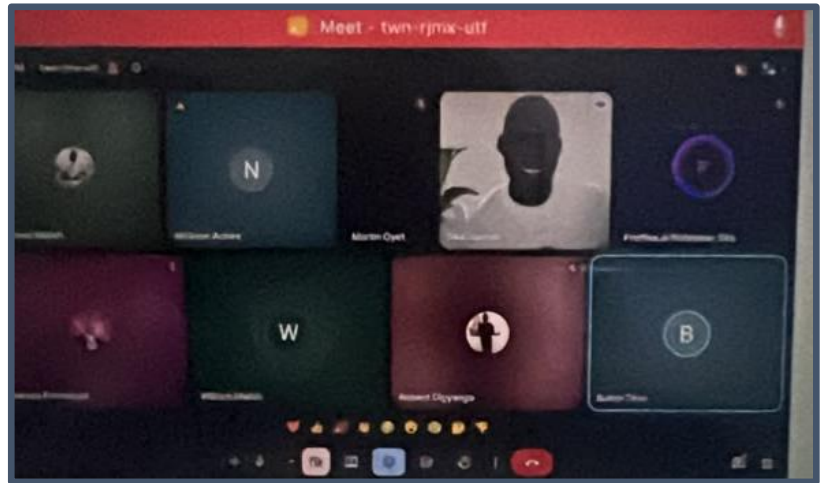
Indigenous leaders are far more enthusiastic and capable than American instructors at training their own people. They know the language, culture, church environment, attendees, and the issues faced in their part of the world. Once empowered and released, they accomplish far more than most people imagine.



P2P leadership retreat in Haiti

For example, we have directly trained about 1500 pastors in the Southern Peruvian Andes Mountains around Cusco and Ayacucho. Most of these pastors are from the Peruvian Evangelical Church, the only large denomination in the Andes. Peruvian Evangelical Church leaders have adopted P2P and are now teaching over 10,000 pastors in over 250 locations. P2P is even being used in their Bible colleges and seminaries.

We have directly trained about 3000 pastors and leaders in El Salvador, and coordinator Ed Nerio reports that graduates have taught over 6000 in independent programs they have started using P2P materials and process. This does not include those taught by an independent Pentecostal seminary called El Sembrador. They train about 400 pastors each year using only P2P as their curriculum. They even require all graduates to return to receive the new courses. This one program has trained over 2000 pastors using P2P.



Our East/Central Africa team spans several countries and they must meet online

Our East/Central Africa team has trained approximately 170 instructors to spin out into 6 surrounding countries. The first article in this newsletter highlights their training.

We currently have 65 active programs in 25 countries, and each country has a P2P team to carry out the work. Their enthusiasm, competence, and fruit are incredible. If we relied only on Americans, we might train 400 to 500 pastors each year. Furthermore, the training would be an end in itself because the pastors have not been empowered to train others. Using healthy local leaders not only increases how many we can train directly but also multiplies our impact by training countless others indirectly through our graduates.

The exciting part is that we are just getting started. We will soon hire a new executive director along with a vice president of international strategy. Our goal is to triple the number of direct programs over the next 5 years and then marvel at how God uses the graduates of those programs.

Please pray for P2P as we venture into new territory, pray for our teams around the world, and pray for our graduates as they train countless others in places we cannot directly reach.



Above, the regional P2P team in Sudan. They are part of the larger East/Central team. Each localized area has its own team.



Left and below, graduates leading classes in Sudan. We receive dozens of reports like these.



*West Nile P2P team
is having a leadership meeting.*



So that's it! Our secret sauce. Equipping, empowering, and releasing national leaders to train others in their countries. It is amazing and beautiful to see. This is how P2P has trained about 50,000 pastors and leaders over the past 10 years. We want to train 10-fold in the next 10 years. We pray that God gives us the insight, strength, favor, and grace to accomplish all this and more.

Please Support P2P

We are a faith-based ministry that relies entirely on the generosity of our partners and friends. We believe we can change the world by training leaders in thousands of communities around the globe to lead healthy, vibrant churches. As we train pastors and leaders who, in turn, train other pastors and leaders, tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of communities will know the light of the gospel and the goodness of God's Kingdom. If you would like to support this vital pastor training ministry, you can send your tax-deductible donations to:

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P2Pnetworks.org

We are a kingdom first ministry.

We are delighted to share our process and materials with anyone seeking to build God's Kingdom through training leaders. We are eager to assist and mentor those with a similar faith and heart for the nations.

We ask nothing in return but faithfulness. If you have an existing mission partnership and believe God is calling you to train leaders, please contact us. We will do all we can to help.

Our 12 Courses

Typically taught over 2 years

- 1. Theology of God**
- 2. Theology of Salvation**
- 3. Theology of the Church**
- 4. Hermeneutics**
- 5. Old Testament**
- 6. New Testament**
- 7. Applied Church History**
- 8. Pastoral Ministry**
- 9. Missions/Church Planting**
- 10. Discipleship**
- 11. Evangelism**
- 12. Preaching**

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