



# ***A DEFINING MOMENT***

## ***Touching the Nations for Christ Discipleship Training***

### ***Kenya: 2 Timothy Discipleship***

***And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses,  
commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2 Tim 2:2)***

#### **NEED**

The 2007 population of Kenya was estimated to be 36,913,721. According to Operation World, 79% are “Christian” with almost 36% of the population considered “Evangelical.” However, of the 3,500 to 4,000 churches of the Kenyan Baptist Convention, only about 100 have a discipleship process implemented in their churches. A biblical process for making disciples in the Baptist Convention of Kenya churches has been identified as a critical need by Pastor Samson Kisia (Trustee of the Baptist Convention of Kenya). In addition, this disciple-making program will help withstand the Islamic threat to the churches in Kenya.

#### **SOLUTION**

At its core, biblical discipleship leads us to invest ourselves in others, just like Jesus did with His disciples. This three-year project will help solidify the generous investment of time, energy and money that the LifeWay Mission Ministry and many volunteers have provided over the years. Since 1997, God has blessed this relationship with Samson Kisia and Kenya with 31,560 professions of faith (that can be confirmed) and 131 new church plants. Using this as a foundation, this project will provide a model for discipleship training that will transform the church in Kenya.

#### **GOALS**

- Create a strategic plan that will guide this project.
- Train 800 teachers (fundamentals of age group teaching).
- Train 100 writers.
- Train 3,000 teachers and leaders in Ongoing Open Bible Study.
- Train 2,800 “gatekeepers” in Progressive Spiritual Transformational Discipleship.
- Train 6,000 church members in Progressive Spiritual Transformational Discipleship.
- Plant, grow, develop and/or encourage the local and worldwide church.
- Grow and encourage individuals toward a better understanding of Christ, their world and His role in their life.
- Encourage healthy and biblically honored relationships.
- Proclaim the good news of eternal life given to us by God through His son Jesus Christ.
- Increase the resources and capabilities of Christ-followers to be more capable and effective “Kingdom-builders.”

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The discipleship base in the Baptist Convention of Kenya churches will serve as a foundation for additional Kingdom growth in Kenya. This three-year project will be supported by locally printed resources and training.

This project consists of four parts

1. **Strategic Planning**

LifeWay will send a team with expertise in strategic planning, editing, sales & marketing and procurement technology to work with the local leaders to develop a strategic plan and model that will lead them to be self-supporting to the extent that they could produce the resources needed to support the discipleship ministry needs in Kenya and surrounding countries.

2. **Writers and teachers training**

LifeWay will send teams comprised of writers and teachers to conduct workshops that focus on the learning processes for various age groups, learning goals, age-group teaching methods aimed at achieving the learning goals and Kenya contextualization of the teaching methods.

3. **Ongoing Open Bible Study**

Provide low-cost, systematic Bible study curriculum that will support ongoing evangelism, assimilation and the discipleship process.

4. **Biblical Discipleship Process**

Provide training and resources that help church leaders capture the heart commitment to an ongoing, biblical process of making disciples.

**EVALUATION**

The integrity of the project will be based on the success of completing the strategic planning component. Throughout the three-year project, local leaders and LifeWay team members will review the other parts every six months to determine progress toward the initial numerical goals. As needed, adjustments to the goals will be made as local conditions warrant.

**FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Strategic Ministry Planning	\$ 60,000
Writers and Teachers Training	\$114,800
Ongoing Open Bible Study (includes 3 years resource production)	\$898,956
Pastors & Leaders	\$ 36,024
Biblical Discipleship Process	\$303,540
Staff & Office Cost	\$210,000
Contingency	<u>\$102,570</u>
Three-Year Total	\$1,725,890