

# DARE TO DREAM

Dear Family and Friends,

This Update I would like to share with you more about our new partnership with Church Missions Network. I have already shared a lot with you, but now that we have started there is a little bit more information that I would like to share.

In this update we will share about the following:

- Church Missions Network (CMN)?
- Summer Teams
- Dare To Dream & CMN
- First Pastor Business Training

## Church Missions Network (CMN)?

Church Missions Network or 'CMN' is an organization who trains and equips pastors in Eastern Africa. Their goal is to see 500 churches being built in only 15 years of time. At the moment they are almost half way through.

One of the ways that CMN gets churches started is by having medical mobile clinics, but I will explain that more in the next chapter of this letter.

Before any churches are started they first train their pastors. Here in Kenya anyone can wake up and decide that they want to be a pastor, and they would start a church. This causes a lot of people to be lead in ways that are really misrepresenting the church and God. CMN makes sure that their pastors receive proper training and know how to be good representatives.

Through these churches CMN runs feeding programs that serve the orphans and the needy in their community. This is another way to share the bible with the children and the adults who join them.

Through partnerships with churches in The West they help the pastors with building a part of the church. CMN provides the structure and the roof, then the church will lay the floor and build the walls.



## Summer Teams

Every summer CMN hosts medical mission teams to East Africa. CMN targets primarily the rural areas where is limited to no medical assistance. Sometimes people need to travel for 1 hour by foot before they can access medical assistance. When CMN comes into these areas, they first have been selected by the pastors who have been trained, based on both spiritual and medical need.

Doctors and nurses come from The West to offer their expertise in these medical clinics. Most of the medicine is donated by doctors or pharmacies in The US. These things help CMN offer medical care free of charge.

So many people cannot afford the basic care, that the simple things like a cut has escalated into large infections. The free medical care that CMN has been able to treat these cases. They have been able to treat the basics, but also has saved the lives of many.

After these clinics, a pastors will remain in that area and continue to visit people. They will start a church which then allows people to come together in that place.



## Dare To Dream and CMN

Beginning this year we started working together with CMN. CMN has been wanting to help their pastors in becoming financially more stable and independent.

Here in Kenya, if you are a pastor you earn no salary with that. Even though it is a full-time job. Somehow these people will have to take care of their own families financially and at the same time have a full-time job that does not give them a salary.

CMN has been wanting to do something about it for a long time, but never knew or had anyone to do this. Last year we got connected and agreed on working together. So starting 2015 Dare To Dream was going to start the project under CMN.

Our goal is to train all pastors of CMN and assist those who are ready with a micro loan. We are starting in the Kisumu

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area and will slowly expand to other areas. In 2016 we will hire and start training a local who will take over my job. Just like we did in Mbita, we will start a business that will help us sustain the project. We hope to get the program to run on 50-75% self-funded, and the rest coming from outside donations. By the time that I leave, one or more staff members have been trained, business trainings are continuing, loans are given and being repaid, our business is up and running and all pastors with CMN will have been empowered.



### First Pastor Business Training

On September the 28th we started our first business training for the CMN pastors. We selected them and visited them at their homes before we invited them to attend the training. The training went really well and the pastors feel like they are ready to improve their businesses and start some new ones.

During this training we taught on many different topics like; bookkeeping, customer care, networking, biblical business and many other topics. The pastors were ready to receive the teachings and were excited for the next day of training to come.

In about 4 weeks we will be visiting all of these pastors and see how they have implemented the things that they have learned. From there we will continue the program. Our next training is going to be in January or February of 2016.

Our work with CMN has been a true blessing to me and Dare To Dream. We love their vision and can't wait to see what is in store for us in these upcoming years. Please pray with us that all support comes in for this project and that the project will be received well.

I thank all of you who have been supporting us with your finances. Because of your generosity we are able to empower the people here in East Africa. We also value your prayers and words of encouragement. When you feel supported and loved by others it helps you do the rest of your work and stay focused.

Love and blessings,

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