

DARE TO DREAM



Dear Family and Friends,

The first official update of the year 2016. It has been a busy start of the year with already its ups and downs. But all in direction of a better program!

This time I will share with you about our CMN program and progress we have been making since last year.

CMN (Church Missions Network)

To those who are joining us in our journey and are reading the first update I would like to share with you a little bit more about what CMN does.

CMN's primary focus is spreading the gospel to the people in Africa. The gospel means to tell people about Jesus and forgiveness of our wrongdoings. CMN is training pastors to in a two year seminary. These pastors will start churches in areas where CMN has mobile medical clinics in the summer. The medical clinics are a way to serve the people with their physical problems and at the same time introduce them to Jesus.

The churches that are being build are in some very rural areas where you will find a lot of poverty. To help in the short term, CMN has a program called K4K (Kare 4 Kids). This is a feeding program for the orphans in the church's area. You might ask, what about long term.

That's where DTD is coming in to help.



One of the churches CMN helped to build

DTD & CMN

Now a little bit of a background on why CMN and DTD are partnering up. For a few years the CMN director has been wanting to help the pastors. But just giving money wasn't going to work. They need to receive training of some sort and be given micro loans to create sustainability. But CMN didn't have a person who could do this, so ta-da, there came along DTD.

DTD will be training all the pastors (over 250) who are working with CMN. Those who qualify will be given a micro

loan and more intensive mentoring in bettering their businesses.



From left to right: Keith, CMN's local missionary, Yours Truly, Tom, K4K manager and also a pastor

Business trainings

Last year we started with the first 10 pastors who are from the Kisumu area. The training and the pastors response has been great, and has given us the confirmation to continue and branch out. So this year we will branch out to 4 areas. These areas are spread out through the Western side of Kenya. We will be doing 1 training per year at each location, with 10 pastors in each class. We won't exceed over these numbers because otherwise we won't be able to manage properly.



Loans

This year we have started giving out micro loans to 6 pastors. The progress that they are making has been great to see. It's an honor to be a part of this whole process. We expect we'll give out probably 10 - 15 new loans out to pastors in 2016.

We love that when we give out the loans we visit all of them on a consistent base. During our visit I get to encourage them in their business, pray with them and their

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families, but also challenge them and advise them. Like our last visit was to a pastor who purchases and sells vegetables. We started talking about harvest seasons, networking with farmers, and clients. I gave him the suggestion to start giving a bag of a different vegetable to his customers for free. And challenged him to see the response of his costumers. He loved the idea, so next time we meet he will share with me about his experience.

Right: One of the Pastors business's with the help of a loan, a combination of keeping Ducks and Chickens



Adding Work

Because the program continues to grow we will be looking for a Kenyan staff member to assist me with the project. But we would also love to see another Westerner/Missionary join us. Someone with experience overseas and loves community development. A person who is a Christian, and ready to make a long term commitment. If this is you or you know someone like that please contact me by emailing me at this email address: projectdaretodream@me.com.



To live in a foreign country is not always the easiest thing to do. You have your ups and downs, struggles and victories. The work that we do is not easy, and especially not in a foreign country. Besides financial support, we also need a lot of moral support. In the month of March we posted something along these lines on Facebook and the response we got from you was incredible.

Thank you so much for your support, it means so much more then you can ever understand.

Love and blessings,

Bob de Groot
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You would get to help cuties like these, I know, 'Where can I sign up?'

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