

ISP Launches Teacher's Movement in Kenya

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There is an African proverb that says, "Before you stand up and teach, you must sit down and learn." The Kenyans are eager to learn and are already beginning to teach others.

ISP (International School Project) leaders traveled to Kenya three times in the last two years to lay the groundwork for building a teachers' movement. In April, Steve and Deborah led a *Movement Launch Training* (MLT) to equip educators to establish local teacher movement communities and prepare for upcoming outreaches.

"In my 11 years of working with ISP, the Kenyan teachers were the best group that I have ever worked with," comments Steve, who helped lead the training. "All 25 of them are passionate about their faith. They were chomping at the bit to grow and were eager to use their positions as teachers to have an influence for Christ."

Deborah adds, "The Kenyan teacher-leaders who came to the MLT are so excited and hungry to see spiritual multiplication in their country. After seeing ISP's vision and strategy, they are eager to partner with us to learn how to bring Kenya to Christ."

The Movement Begins

Because of the MLT, teachers from five Kenyan counties are meeting in community groups. They have already planned a

prayer meeting and are also preparing for the upcoming DreamMakers conference; the first ever in Africa!

"We (the core group of teachers) met on Friday the 26th to strategize," says Josephine of the Kiambu County Teachers Group. "(Our) next action plan is to have an evangelism/discipleship training which we scheduled for the 23rd and 24th of June."



Kenyan teachers.

Movement Launch Training

by Jo Anne

In January, I was asked to spearhead the development of *Movement Launch Training* (MLT), the ISP strategy and ministry training needed to start a teachers' movement in a new country or city. Participants are teachers, volunteers and CCC staff who will give leadership to the movement.

New leaders learn that through their dependence on God they can be a part of His plan to reach their nation with the Gospel. Participants go back home to establish local Teachers' Movement Communities. These become the place for fellowship and

support, where educators grow professionally and spiritually as they seek to reach their colleagues, and in turn, their country, with the Gospel. The MLT helps participants deepen their walk with God and obtain ministry training in basic evangelism and discipleship skills.

We have held prototype MLTs in Ecuador, Cambodia, Kenya, Taiwan and a few unnamed countries. The initial trainings have been well-received, so much so that we returned to Ecuador in May to do a follow-up training.

Thank you for your partnership with us in reaching educators with the Gospel.

Creative Access Country

Russ is going into a country on the African continent that is not quite as open to Christian activity as Kenya. Pray for him and the team. They will be on the ground training local Christian teachers the last two weeks of August.

It won't be his first trip to this country, but a lot has changed since he was last there.

In Him,
 Jo Anne & Russ