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NEWS

African nations seek guidance for Transformation!



Most Westerners know little of the nation of Uganda beyond the existence of its infamous dictator of the

1970's, General Idi Amin.

Now, however, Uganda is embracing a new identity: agent of transformation. Very recently, a key Ugandan leader who oversees 15,000 congregations was consulting with Harvest Regional Director Tod Bell when he received a call from the Ugandan Vice President with whom he has built a relationship. The nature of their conversation flowed naturally with what he and Tod had been discussing and this in turn opened the door for Ed Silvoso and Tod to mentor the nation in the principles of marketplace transformation.

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Seeds of Nation Transformation Begin to Sprout New Life

“Cast your bread upon the waters and you will find it after many days.”

Ecclesiastes 11:1

Dear Friend:

In 1995 Ruth and I were in Egypt ministering to delegates from several Arab countries among whom was a young man from Kuwait who had fled to Egypt as a result of the first Gulf War. Since then he had returned to his native land where he now works for a Muslim-owned international corporation.

Last week I saw him in Indonesia where he told me he had come all the way from Kuwait to give me a report on the implementation of what we taught him ten years ago, and to receive new instructions for himself and for a core group of leaders he has been influencing. Since he began to apply the principles I highlight in my book *Anointed for Business*, profits have increased 250% in the company he works for. This, naturally, has given him extraordinary favor with his bosses who recently made him Regional Director in charge of all Arab nations plus Iran. His territory extends all the way to Morocco and his position

puts him in touch with extremely influential people, some of whom are coming into the Kingdom of God but have trouble joining a local congregation.

I felt I was in the presence of a young Saul of Tarsus, sweet in spirit but with a soul made of steel, whom God has placed in the most strategic arena — the Middle East. I was able to show him how to incorporate his converts into marketplace “churches” and we devised a strategy to mentor him regularly. By the end of our time together he was visibly encouraged. “I believe I was born to do this for the nations!” was his enthusiastic response. I could not agree more!



In 2002, at a conference where I was teaching on marketplace transformation, we ministered to a lady who has a factory in southern China. She was also in Indonesia last month and told me how she has seen 4,000 of her employees come to the Lord! But she has a problem: how to get those converts into the underground church. I told her, “You already have a church...in the factory!” and went on to show her how to do “church” during the lunch hour. She was so encouraged that she left determined to do it and to encourage other Christians who own factories in the region to do the same.



TESTIMONIAL

Hawaiian architect disciples the leader of a nation!



Francis Oda is CEO of the Group70 Architectural firm in Honolulu and is one of the leading architects in all of Hawaii.

Last year, Francis went to Tahiti in French Polynesia representing one of four architectural

firms asked to participate in a competition to redesign a portion of the waterfront of Papeete, the capitol of Tahiti.

While out for his daily swim during his stay in Tahiti, the Lord gave him a new and unique design for the project, in intricate detail. He quickly swam to shore, drew out the basic idea on the sand with his finger and had his assistant quickly snap a photo.

Francis showed the Tahitian President, Gaston Flosse, the new plans developed from the sand drawing. When asked, "Where did you get this idea?" Francis replied, "Well, I asked God, and He gave it to me." The President was very impressed and intrigued as to how Francis conducted business in partnership with God. (After all, if God can design buildings, He likely knows something about governing nations.)

After several months the President called Francis in Hawaii and was led to the Lord over the phone. On a subsequent trip, he baptized the President, led his wife to the Lord and baptized her, as well as the local architect with whom he will be building the project!

"This," Francis stated later, "is the power of the marketplace!"

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A third spiritual boost came from another lady who had first heard me teach on city transformation in 1985 and shared how radically it changed her paradigms. She went back to her country (Brazil) where she has seen – as part of a larger team – 53 cities transformed. She begged us to go back to "meet our spiritual grandchildren," and to provide them with new marching orders!

Quite honestly, there have been days when we felt such pressure – emotionally, financially and structurally – that discouragement was dangerously tangible. But listening to these testimonies of what has been going on without our knowledge, our batteries are recharged to the point of overflow.

INDONESIA

In Indonesia I participated in a gathering of 140,000 Christians in a stadium to welcome God and begin a national transformation process. This event was held simultaneously in several dozen cities and linked via TV, turning Indonesia into a Solemn Assembly. The next day I had the privilege of teaching 9,000 marketplace leaders and ministering in private to some of the most influential business leaders in the nation who have now invited us to go back. This took place in what is currently the most populous Muslim nation in the world. God is doing something awesome!

Recently our team has received requests for help from highly placed influencers in

Uganda, Ethiopia, Bermuda, Jamaica, Liberia, Hawaii, Philippines, Brazil, Indonesia, Uruguay, Paraguay, and of course Argentina where we have our "alpha" prototype. These requests come from, or involve people who are already in positions of influence.

HAWAII

The leadership of Transformation Hawaii has asked me to take leadership on May 20 and 21 to train up to 10,000 marketplace ministers who, at the end of the seminar, will be publicly commissioned by their



140,000 Indonesian Christians came together to welcome the Lord's presence into Indonesia!

pastors to shepherd corporations, schools and government agencies so that the next week they can launch thousands of transformation groups all over Hawaii during the lunch hour using *Anointed for Business* as the textbook. This will climax on August 1st when these newly appointed ministers,

in a massive state-wide exercise, will enthrone Jesus on campuses, in board rooms, in large and small businesses, hotels and restaurants...in fact, all over Hawaii! This could result in multitudes coming into the kingdom as reported in Luke 16:16 where we read, "*The Gospel of the Kingdom is being preached and everyone is forcing their way into it.*"

And what can we say about Argentina, where leading authorities have come into the Kingdom and are busy influencing their friends and associates? When we go back in July we will be training hundreds, if not thousands, of influencers.

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And what about Elk River, Minnesota, with its Christian bank and oil company and its Spirit-filled Mayor who along with local pastors is shepherding an entire city and even reaching out to outlying cities to lift up Jesus over the entire state. Recently their peers in South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa have been inspired to join in, making it a Midwest thrust. Transformation is underway across the entire marketplace, from maids who clean hotel rooms both physically and spiritually to postmen who deliver blessings along with the mail, to CEOs who disciple entire industries.

My dear friend, God has shifted something in the heavenly places and His will is beginning to be reflected on earth. We sense that the struggle is not so much with the devil anymore as with ourselves since the enemy of faith is less unbelief as it is memory because memory is the record of the past whereas faith is the revelation of what is about to happen. If we want to see what we have never seen – cities and nations transformed – we need to begin to do what we have never done, because if we keep doing what we always do, we will continue to see what we have always seen.

This is why I wish to challenge you – as I also challenge myself – to press forward and do what we have never done, to give what we have not yet given, and to sacrifice what we have not sacrificed. We are standing on a threshold of unprecedented opportunity. Nations will be transformed and today we have the privilege of being part of the first platoon of spiritual marines going to shore.

Important Dates

- May 20-21* Transformation Hawaii gathering; Honolulu, HI
- June 3-4* Anointed for Business Seminar, Fayetteville, NC
- June 10-11* Ed Speaks at Promise Keepers, NW Arkansas
- July 1-11* Short Term Missions; Multiple cities, Argentina
- Aug 6-13* Light the Bay II: Harvest Evangelism 25th Anniversary; San Francisco Bay Area, CA
- Sep 14-16* Transformation Bermuda; Hamilton, Bermuda
- Sep 30-Oct 3* Nation Transformation Congress; Manila, Philippines
- Oct 14-20* International Institute on Prayer Evangelism; Buenos Aires, Argentina

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African nations...

In the next twelve months Ed and Tod will minister to the highest leaders throughout the country, including the President and his Cabinet, to teach Anointed for Business principles that will instruct them how to disciple the entire nation. The President, Yoweri Museveni, is eager to begin. He has said, “You preachers have prepared us well for Heaven; now we need to prepare our people to LIVE!”

FIELD REPORTS

Transformation of our Mayors is underway!



Rick Heeren
Minneapolis, MN

“Recently I was invited to participate in the Mayor’s prayer luncheon on the island of Kauai.

Mayor Bryan Baptiste, a relatively new believer, spoke first. He rose to the podium and almost immediately tears filled his eyes as he was overcome by the presence of the Lord. He took a moment to compose himself and then began to share very movingly about his family. He told of his son, who recently gave his life to Christ and how the Lord had dramatically changed his behavior. Eventually the son’s transformation was so pronounced that it influenced him to receive the Lord also. He cried through the entire meeting. This precious public servant was so grateful for what the Lord had done.

Next pastor Cal Chinen spoke in a very anointed way from Malachi chapter 4 about the heart of the parents turning to the children and vice versa. Then he preached Luke 10 and put it in the context of the Transformation Hawaii movement in a most inspiring manner.

I then spoke about The Elk River Story from my native Minnesota and the parallels with our mayor there who ministers from her position of authority. After my talk, I asked the audience to stand and we all prayed together to make this the beginning of a movement that will spiritually renew all the mayors of our country.”

Rick Heeren





Ed Silvoso
President

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BUY A DAY IN OUR LIFE!

In our previous letter I shared with you the need for an additional \$642,000 over the next 12 months to carry on the assignments before us. \$252,000 results from \$21,000 a month shortage in support, which comes down to \$700 a day or \$4,900 a week. When that money is not in we make up for it by hitting the road to hold seminars, sell books, etc. These activities then cover the budget, but at the expense of my most precious resource – time. Time is so valuable because in my heart there are four more books that God has already given me the inspiration to write, books that once published will provide instruction to leaders all over the world, like the young man from Kuwait or the ladies from China and Brazil. By gaining time, I will be able to write these books. This is why I am asking that you consider, beyond your normal giving, “buying” a day (\$700), or a week (\$4,900), or month (\$21,000) of my time in order to free me to work on these strategic messages. In addition, we have other projects that make up the balance of the \$652,000 in support needed for 2005. Would you give this priority in prayer and if led, make an investment that will buy me the time I need to do this?

When the day comes that we stand on a new threshold, the one leading from life on earth to eternity, we will be glad to hear the Lord’s words, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Come into My joy.” At that precise moment we will be able to understand fully how valuable your investment has been.

Dear friend, let us continue to cast our bread upon the waters...it always comes back! It is better to do so than to eat it. I remain in prayer as you process this challenge and I hope to hear from you as soon as possible.

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2005 FINANCIAL GOAL

CAST YOUR BREAD ON THE WATERS...

Global Infrastructure (\$21,000 x 12 months)	\$252,000*
Mobile Dental/Medical Units for Argentina	\$120,000
Development of new Training Materials for Marketplace Ministry	\$120,000
Vision-Casting Trips to Developing Nations	\$150,000

TOTAL NEED	\$642,000

*The \$252,000 need is most critical, for it will buy the necessary time to write new books that will maximize the impact of the other three items. See section at left, “Buy a Day in Our Life” for suggested segments of time you can subscribe.

...AND YOU WILL FIND IT AFTER MANY DAYS!