



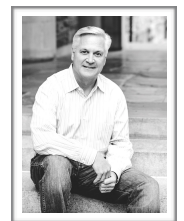
Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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They finally arrived! If you will remember in our June newsletter, we shared a picture of 300 pounds of conservative books on theology. A special family donated these books to our key leaders and pastors in Kisii, Kenya, Africa. They were from the library of their loved one who is now in heaven. We shipped the books with FedEx, so we knew everything was in order, but the books got held up in customs in Nairobi, Kenya, the capital city. Over the years, we have learned that in foreign countries they are quick to cull out shipments to investigate them so that the items will not be sold in the country without payment of a governmental tax. On top of this, we learned that someone had altered paperwork and piggybacked on our shipment to avoid paying shipping costs for their fertilizer. It's been frustrating to say the least! But, when I think of all the Apostle Paul went through on his missionary journeys, the frustration we experienced was not hard at all.



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Kissii, Kenya**



Chris Hodges  
President & CEO

**2 Corinthians 11:23–28** – *“Are they servants of Christ? - I speak as if insane - I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.”*



These are just some of the pastors and trainees called to plant multiplying and sustainable churches. They will greatly benefit from being able to check these books out for sermon preparation. Right now, pause, and say a sentence prayer for them. They are truly disciples who make disciples!





Evening Jesus Film Presentations continue on in faraway Africa, because of your gifts and prayers! Thank you for continuing to make a difference in world evangelism! Those who make decisions for Christ are directed to a local disciple making church, trained by Abiding Above Ministries and Global Church Movements.



Shown in the picture below in the red shirt is Daniel. He is my longtime friend and key leader for disciple making and church planting. Represented in this picture are more leaders he has personally discipled. Here is what he sent to me recently:

*“Since we did the last training in your visits, I have been able to see energy and purpose to serve among those who were part of the training conference. Those following through with discipleship and have a heart for evangelism and training are about 14. Out of these 14, we have 11 who have already planted a church. The rest want to plant a church in a place they have identified and are currently reaching out to people in those areas with the aim of planting a church.”*

Praise the Lord my friend! There is a Holy Spirit movement in Kissi, Kenya and the surrounding villages! As we say in the Deep South, “Spreading like kudzu!”





***Acts 2:46-47***

*“Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.”*

Instead of just going to church and studying the Bible and going home with no real fruit, we are to spread the gospel 24/7, by choosing to pull people together in small groups or 1 to 1 and make disciples. It's to be our mindset and life. We are only sojourners here on this earth. Our true home is heaven.

Please keep praying and helping ....

Abiding above,

President  
Abiding Above Ministries  
Colossians 3:1-3