

Feedback Regarding International Leaders' visit to Africa.

Report from Dr Louis Smit; National Coordinator for Coaching – CBMC SA

Because of my interest in the Leadership Coaching, it was good to hear that **Paul Johnson** was coming out to South Africa again. He made a commitment four years ago in Chicago to invest in me and the leadership coaching program and to establish coaching here in South Africa. Little did I realize what the spin offs would be and that this program would be a big life changer. Not just did he train me to be a facilitator, but also released a sense of belonging and wanting to be part of coaching. The way he lives the coaching values and always believing the best in me, made me even more passionate about advancing the Kingdom principals and to become a disciple maker, a change facilitator and a servant to train, equip and empower the next generation.

Here is one example of one man pouring his life into another man and the effect of touching and reaching a next generation, but also a next nation! Thank you Paul for your commitment, enthusiasm and believing in me.

Organising a breakfast to hear the president of CBMC International, **Jim Firnstahl**, was not difficult. More than hundred men attend. Excited and expectant to hear how God is changing the world through CBMC, we instead got a humble man started shearing how God called him to this ministry and casting a vision on how God is calling each and every one of us to get involved in where God is busy already. The big challenge was to invite people and to become part of the Great Commission to go and make disciples right there where we are. So simple and yet so overwhelming. However, the observation on how a simple message like that, could energize the local men and make them believe that they can change the world when they start to invite men right where they are! The vision and the passion for the vision that Jim brought was inspiring and I am sure that there will be great rewards because of this one event!

Three days later I met up with **Lee Truax** at a dinner meeting.

The next morning I attended a breakfast for Marketplace ambassadors, with a guest of mine, who is the HR manager at a big international corporation. This time, the ordinary Lee Truax, changed the way my guest saw his life in the corporate world and even made him think that he might have not yet accomplished his purpose in his company!

You stand overwhelmed when you see people change. People that you have built a lifetime into and nothing happening! And then a person like Lee Truax comes along, say something, and people change...!

I guess when you evaluate and ask the question: "Is it all worth to invest all the money and bring out men from America to come and invest into us?" Yet I know that I am a different man because of men like Paul Johnson, Jim Firnstahl and Lee Truax. Over the years we had a lot of men from the USA visiting us, building into men here in South Africa. But if it was not for them, I surely would not have been the man I am today and we would not have had CBMC and the ministry of reaching men for God. If I can look past the cost of getting these men here, I see the blessings of changed lives, men casting vision and equipping and empowering a new generation to go to the end of the world. And seeing how local men here in South Africa are catching the vision to take the gospel into Africa. That is exciting.

Thank you to these humble men who came to us to serve and equip us. Thank you to CBMC USA and CBMC International for your vision to release these men to serve us and for your resources to help us spread the Good News to Africa. Because of your obedience, we are growing as we are going!

Regards

Louis Smit

Regional Coordinator

Report from Gerhard Scheepers; CBMC SA; Director for Africa

Zambia 2015 Training.

A very successful 3 day Leadership and Coach Training Event were conducted in Lusaka Zambia from 4-6th June 2015. It was attended by 36 leaders and potential leaders from Zambia, Zimbabwe, Ghana and South Africa. A group of 10 men from South Africa did a 4 x 4 trip from Cape Town, through Gaborone Botswana, through Livingstone to Lusaka in Zambia. Each town they drove through was prayed for and ministry materials were distributed. A trip of over 7000km.

Cbmc International **President Jim Firnstahl** was very instrumental in casting a world vision of the activities of Cbmc and the growing need to be more intentional and to target high profile business leaders, government officials, Ceo, business owners as well as young upcoming entrepreneurs. His talks were very inspiring and motivating and gave new vision to the leadership of how to claim their cities and countries for Christ through more innovative ways to engage high profile leaders through organized prayer and outreach events.

The group was also very privileged to have Americas leading Coach Trainer **Paul Johnson** (Director of Leader Advancement) for his second visit to Zambia and he did induction training to the Coach training course. Testimony was share by one of the Zambian Cbmcers, who attended the first course, how this training has helped him in his business with his workers and colleges. More leaders have committed to do the coaching course and we trust that more coach trainers will be trainer to present the coaching course in Africa.

Paul also introduced us the new online eOT program and other programme which available free of charge online from the Cbmc website. It makes long distant training now possible. All were very excited about the new direction and vision and approach to training from Cbmc USA.

Jim and Paul also attended the Africa Forum meeting together with **Frik van Rensburg, Gerhard Scheepers, Harm Engelbrecht all from South Africa, Berry Mwangi (International Board), Masimba Chimwara (Chairman) Zimbabwe and Alex Chrisanga (Zambia)**

Reports were given of incredible growth in membership and all countries reported 2-3 new teams per country which were establish since the last meeting in Johannesburg 12 months ago. The target was set for 10 group's in 3 years per country for Zambia and Zimbabwe, so that each country can financially afford a full time representative. **Jim** challenge the leadership to draw up a business plan of action, coupled with a budget and job description for a full time worker and his responsibilities and accountability structure. More finance is needed to grow the ministry in Africa, but account has to be given how the money will be spend and on what projects. Jim will then be prepared to try and raise funding for these projects. After 3 yrs. the focus will be to grow the ministry in the next 2 countries.

The South African group return to Cape Town Via Namibia. Good contacts were made and a possible new group has been formed in Gaborone with possible groups in Upington, Livingstone and Windhoek. Thank God for a well-organized event in Lusaka.

Gerhard Scheepers

Director CBMC SA for AFRICA

Report from: Cobie Brancken, Coordinating Field Worker Gauteng, CBMC SA

Report on the visits of **Paul Johnson, Jim Firnstahl**; 29 to 31 May and 2-3 June and **Lee Truax**, 11-12 June 2015.

Jim Firnstahl (CBMC International President), **Paul Johnson** (Director of Leader Advancement) attended the Regional Convention in Gauteng at Luipersdkloof facilities.

Jim delivered a very interesting lecture on globalization which included his personal testimony. That clearly showed, that worldwide the harvest is ready but the workers are few, an amazing opportunity for the ministry of CBMC to expand in the Market place.

Paul, highlighted the importance of transforming members into spiritual leaders by incorporating and utilizing the tools readily available to us. He also emphasized Frik's teachings, titled "Renew your mind", through which the weekend's theme of prayer was emphasised.

Tuesday, 2 June, Jim addressed the Pretoria Leaders using the mustard seed principle to motivate and encourage everyone attending. The feedback was absolutely phenomenal and everyone left feeling positive.

Wednesday, 3 June, Paul and Frik attended a CBMC team gathering in Menlyn, Pretoria. The chairman gave Paul the opportunity to share his experience, within CBMC, with us. We were all

blessed by Paul's wisdom as he also shared his testimony. This was followed by a Questions and Answers session, focussed on Coaching.

Thursday, 11 June, Lee Truax accompanied by Ken Powell, from the US, was invited by Mosotho Moepya (The chairman of the IEC) to address a small group of leaders at the International Elections commission's offices. We spend time introducing and familiarizing the leaders to the Ambassadors Program as well as the E-Timothy programs. Both these programs resonated well with the men which confirmed that these men are ready and fired up to get involved/connected as CBMC members. For me this meeting highlighted the major influence International Leaders play in the transformation and renewal of the mind in our country, even if they only confirm what the local leaders have been saying all along.

Friday, 12 June, Lee was the keynote speaker at the meeting hosted by the Pretoria teams. With more than 50 men in attended, the overall feedback was magnificent and Lee really connected with the men. I do want to say a special thank you to Brian Eekhout for his contribution in arranging this meeting.

To summarize: I truly believe that our country is in great need of more visits from our International Counterparts as it contributes to the expansion of our ministry.

Shalom

Cobie Brancken

Coordinating Field Worker Gauteng

Report from David Schafer. Team Leader. On Paul Johnson training sessions.

Casting the CBMC Vision was most inspiring through the simple illustration of choosing a million dollars today, or one dollar doubled every day for a month. That's what CBMC is all about...one on one discipleship. The challenge "to make disciples" (if Christ really is the Lord of our lives) really touched our hearts. Are we being obedient to His command? Can we do a better job? DEFINITELY! Thanks Paul for the reawakening! One can become a 1000 in just three generations! JUST DO IT!

eOT is an unbelievable tool. Every CBMCer must get involved personally and even get his church involved. Just start using it now. Thank You Jesus....Thank you CBMC.

Coaching Leadership may well be the most powerful tool in the box. Listening intently to others and the Holy Spirit, and then asking powerful open ended questions will help in all aspects of life including CBMC. We must get this tool into every CBMCers hands.

We must ask everyone we know to be a CBMCer! Now!

Thank you Paul and CBMC USA. You are a blessing to all of us in so many ways.

Report from Charles De Villiers. Leader, heading up our Young Professional initiative.

Dear Frik, Harm and Ariana

Thank you for putting together the evening dinners with our guests and also the very successful breakfast on the 9th with Lee Truax.

It really lifted the profile of CBMC and I know that these things don't happen without a lot of behind the scenes effort and prayer.

Trevor also to thank you for arranging such an amazing venue and for handling the MC function with sincerity and professionalism.

My guests expressed their appreciation and as I mingled with others I believe they too really appreciated the opportunity.

I know it will bear fruit for the kingdom because that is what we have asked God to do!

Warm greetings

CHARLES DE VILLIERS

CBMC Zimbabwe Report on the CBMC Africa Training held in Zambia from the 3rd-6th June 2015.

Team included:

1. Simon Bandah
2. Maxwell Jamela
3. Steve Doma
4. Gabriel Nenhowe
5. Masimba Chimwara

Introduction

We thank God for a trip well-arranged and our travel was safe, both going into Zambia and travelling back after the training.

From an initial 12 persons who had expressed an interest in attending, only 5 made the trip. The 5 members represented 4 different teams, Simon and Maxwell being members of the Harare Tuesday group, Steve Doma being a member of the Marondera team, Gabriel is the leader of the Banket Team and Masimba is a member of the Thursday evening Harare team. Only one team, the Chitungwiza team was not represented, as the representative was late in coming to the pickup point.

Training Programme

The comments from the team were that the training was well conducted, and helpful especially to the new members. Training material concentrating on teams and team building we believe was supposed to be the focus, as well as how to finance the ministry. Coach training was just an introduction and we feel we could have best used the time to dwell on teams and how to build sustainability in our teams.

Bible Study

The fact that we were staying in different hotels made bible study time as programmed to be difficult, but we used the same time allocated to do bible study at our hotel. In future, we can use the material as a guide if all people cannot be available at the same time. We ended up cancelling important items on the programme to allow time for bible study. Otherwise the bible study material was great.

Support

We appreciate CBMC International for facilitating scholarships for 4 members of our team. We really appreciate this. We pray blessings upon the sponsors.

Way forward.

As Team Zimbabwe, we have started implementing some of the things learnt. We are having a vision casting in Mutare at the end of June, 27th to be particular, and we have a CEOs and captains of industry breakfast coming up end of July, the 24th in Harare.

Conclusion

Thank you to the African Executive Committee for the good work, and we pray that God continues to bless you and your work at expanding the ministry in Africa.

Zimbabwe Team

Simon, Max, Steve, Gabriel and Masimba

Letter received from a guest after the presentation of Lee Truax on the 'Marketplace Ambassador'.

Hi Trevor,

A quick note to say thanks for a well-organized and compelling morning. May I also say on behalf of Common Ground Church, a sincere "thank you" for what you and your team are doing to increase the fame of Jesus in our city!

Godspeed

Steve