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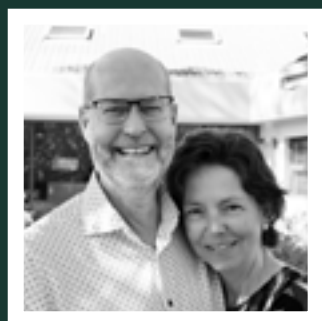
Transformed Families
in Madagascar

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A Growing Hunger for
the Word in Nigeria

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Regional Director - Africa & Islands



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To engage people in relationship with God through knowing His Word.

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(Psalm 119:105)

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A note from Stuart

This month, we're celebrating pastors across Africa — men and women who faithfully teach God's Word, care for their communities and invest in the spiritual growth of others. Their service often comes with great sacrifice, but its impact reaches far beyond the pulpit.

In this edition of Africa News, we share stories of pastors whose commitment to Scripture is transforming marriages, strengthening families and equipping believers to study God's Word for themselves. From leadership conferences in Zambia to discipleship initiatives in Kenya and Nigeria, we see how God's truth brings lasting change to individuals and communities.

To every pastor serving across our continent, thank you for your faithfulness. And to our supporters who pray and give to support this work, thank you for making these stories possible. May these testimonies encourage us all to keep helping others know God deeply and live differently.

With gratitude,

Stuart Kemsley

Regional Director - Africa & Islands

Kenya



Testimonies

"My name is Pastor Joshua Kuya from Mathare, Kenya and the Precept Method has transformed the way I understand God's Word.

It has taught me to let the Bible speak for itself and to use Scripture as my primary reference rather than depending mainly on commentaries or isolated verses. It has also deepened my understanding of God's Word and influenced how I prepare to preach and teach. Since encountering this study method through the Precept Africa Institute, I have been blessed to establish three Bible study groups in our church that are using this approach. I am encouraged to see the members actively participating in discussions, asking questions, and learning how to apply God's Word to their lives.

My vision is not only to grow in my own understanding of Scripture but also to equip other church leaders with the Precept method so they can start small groups and teach others what they have learned. I thank God for the Precept Institute, and pray that God will continue to bless all those involved in making it available to us."

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God's Word Transforms Families

For Pastor Denis Gabriel in Toamasina Madagascar, studying God's Word is only the beginning. True transformation happens when people put it into practice in their everyday lives.

Through the Precept Institute, Pst. Denis has seen how Biblical teaching can bring real change to marriages and families. After recognizing that many couples in his church and community were facing challenges with communication, love and parenting, he introduced and led them through the study: *Marriage without Regrets*. **As they work through the studies, couples are learning to strengthen their relationships and take their roles within the families more seriously. Some have already testified that their homes are more peaceful and harmonious as a result.**

Pst. Denis' response to this need in his community has led to him start two *Marriage Without Regrets* study groups — one at his church and another in his neighbourhood.

"I have personally realized the importance of putting God's Word into practice...when people study God's Word, it is meaningless if they do not put it into practice."

After experiencing transformation in his own life, Pst. Denis is motivated by seeing how relevant God's Word is to the struggles people face every day.

"I am also encouraged when I hear them say that they are now better prepared for things that may happen or situations they may face in the future. Studying the Word gives them greater peace of mind."



Left: Pst. Denis. Right: Precept Institute students from the Toamasina Hub.

Despite the challenges of ministry, Pst. Denis hopes to equip more people to share God's Word, and establish more Bible study groups and leaders throughout his community. We thank God for this dedicated pastor's heart for marriages and families.

Discipleship That Multiplies

For Pst. John Wambugu Maina, one of the greatest joys of discipleship is seeing believers grow from depending on others for spiritual guidance to studying God's Word and seeking Him for themselves.



The journey began with a simple practice: reading one Bible chapter daily and discussing it during Life Group meetings, sometimes late into the night. Later, the introduction of Precept Bible study materials brought a new depth and structure to their study, equipping members to discover Biblical truth for themselves.

"I am seeing believers who once depended heavily on others for spiritual nourishment now opening the Scriptures for themselves and seeking God personally."

The transformation has been encouraging. Members who once struggled with personal Bible study, prayer and fasting are now practising these disciplines willingly and consistently. More recently, the same approach was introduced to church staff, inspiring greater confidence, commitment and ownership of their leadership responsibilities.

Training others requires time, patience and a willingness to invest in people, but the lasting impact makes the sacrifice worthwhile. The goal is not to create dependence on a leader, but to equip believers to examine Scripture, recognise truth and help others grow.

"I am grateful to witness believers becoming stronger, more confident, more committed, and more equipped to fulfil their God-given calling."



We thank God for this commitment to discipleship that multiplies, equipping believers to grow in faith and pass God's truth on to others.

A Growing Hunger for the Word

Nigeria



In 2015, Pst. Ezekiel Kolade Ajibola attended a three-day conference hosted by Precept Nigeria. He initially planned to attend only the first day before returning to his church responsibilities, but within the first five minutes, his plans changed!

The simple, interactive nature of the Precept Method captured his attention, sparking a deeper desire to know God through the careful study of Scripture. **He began using Precept's 40-Minute Bible Study materials in his local church and soon began to see the transformative power of God's word in his own life as well his church.**

One year after the first conference in Nigeria, Pst. Ezekiel requested that the training be taken to another state, **where around 350 people attended over three days!**

"The conference ignited a hunger in me for the Word and birthed a burden to help believers correctly study the Bible, interpret the Word of God and apply it accurately to their lives."

Today, Pst. Ezekiel continues to organise breakfast outreaches and takes the initiative to introduce communities across different towns and states to the Precept Method. **His love for the Word and for the Lord is truly contagious and is evident in the number of lives being changed through the Bible Study groups being formed in his province.**

"The more I engage people in knowing the Word of God, the more I grow, love the Word and gaining more understanding."



We thank God for Pst. Ezekiel's growing passion for Biblical truth and his commitment to helping believers across Nigeria also discover the joy of studying God's Word for themselves.

From Studying the Word to Living It Out

For Rev. Olajide Adesina Olutunde, the Precept Method has transformed more than the way he studies the Bible. It has changed how he lives, leads, and disciples others.

As both a Precept Institute student and Bible study teacher, Rev. Olajide has learned to apply the principles of the Precept Method rather than solely relying on what others say. This approach has strengthened his prayer life, deepened his confidence in God and helped him make decisions guided by Biblical truth rather than emotions or circumstances.



The impact has extended into his marriage and family relationships, where he says he has learned to practise patience, forgiveness, humility and love, even during disagreements. He has also witnessed similar changes among those he pastors, as they learn to resolve family conflicts, communicate with greater understanding and raise their children according to the Word.



“Precept has helped me understand that studying God’s Word inductively is not simply acquiring knowledge, it is allowing the Word to transform lives, marriages, families, churches, and communities.”

Rev. Olajide has also watched once-passive participants grow into confident students of Scripture who study the Word for themselves and share it with others. We thank God for his faithful service, and for leading his congregation by putting Biblical truth into practice.



A Church Inspired by the Word

Since learning the Precept Method as an Institute student, Rev. Adamson Muntebe Muma has seen a remarkable change in both his personal study of Scripture and the life of the church he pastors.

He began applying the method to his own Bible study, preaching and teaching during church services and Bible Studies. The results have been so encouraging: a growing hunger among congregants to know God more deeply and a renewed enthusiasm for studying His Word.

One change has particularly stood out. Without any prompting from church leadership, congregants began arriving at services with notebooks and pens in hand – ready to take notes during Bible studies and sermons. Some are even arriving earlier than before!

Rev. Adamson has also noticed that members have become more confident in pointing out errors in interpretation and applying inductive principles as they study Scripture together. An incredible new culture of attentiveness to God's Word is taking root in the congregation which is amazing to see.

*“There is a natural hunger for God's Word.
We all want to know God more and more!”*



Rev. Adamson sees 1 Peter 2:2 coming to life in his church as believers grow in their desire for the Word: *“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation”*. We are encouraged by Rev. Adamson's enthusiastic leadership and for the renewed love for Scripture springing up in his congregation.

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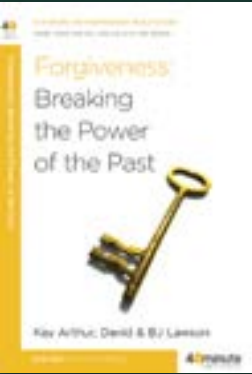
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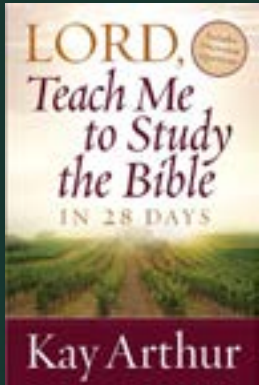
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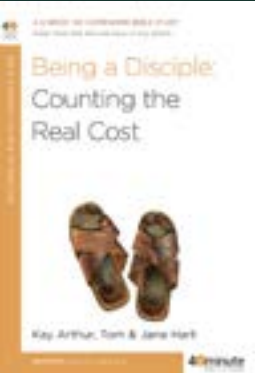
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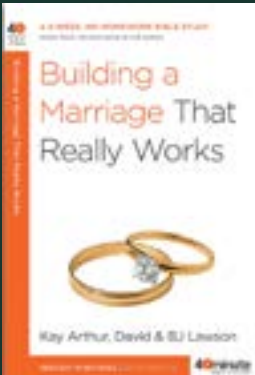
Trusting God



Growing in God



Walking with God



Obeying God

Did you know

'Look-Insides' of all these resources are available to download for free, so you can get an overview of the study and do the first lesson.

Equipping Leaders to Serve with Integrity

Zambia Hosts its First Conference in Lusaka

📍 Zambia



Pastors and church leaders gathered in Zambia for two conferences at the end of September, where teaching, fellowship and practical leadership training encouraged participants to reflect on their calling and grow in their understanding of the Word.

Through teaching from the studies: *Haggai* and *Rising to the Call of Leadership*, leaders were challenged to uphold God's standards not only in public ministry but also in their personal lives. Many left with renewed vision, practical tools to use in their churches, and a desire for further training in the Precept Method. It was especially encouraging to have many of our Precept Institute students serving and participating in the conferences.



Far Left: Stuart and Pst. Luke teaching and sharing with local pastors.

Top Row: Volunteers extending hospitality to attendees and serving lunch.

Rev. Jacob Masipiri Phiri began studying: *Rising to the Call of Leadership* and is currently organising a group of five church leaders to work through its principles together.

Another participant and medical doctor, Dr. Irene, is considering a new season of service through theological education and ministry training, and hopes to join the next Precept Institute intake.

We praise God for every pastor and leader who attended, and for the prayers and support that helped make these conferences possible. May the lessons learned continue to strengthen churches and communities across Zambia.

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