



The East Africa Connection

"Teach these great truths to trustworthy men who will, in turn, pass them on to others"

2 Timothy 2:2 (Amplified).

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"JOBS FOR KENYA" TAKES SHAPE

We are beginning to work on the final segment of development and training that will allow us to open a micro loan office in Kitale (Western Kenya) later this year. I will be attending and teaching at a Navigator's training seminar in Nairobi this summer. Attending with me will be two long-term friends that are gifted and trained in bookkeeping and accounting. They will be assisting Jobs for Kenya in the initial screening and evaluation of business candidates. With unemployment over 40%-60% in Kenya, receiving application will not be a problem. At this seminar, I will be teaching Kingdom economics in the morning devotions and attending the class. Here are some of the subjects to be covered during the seminar: **business plan development, cash flow projections, record keeping, banking and capital challenges, legal aspects, and marketing.** We will have access to these and 10 additional classes for our loan applicants and our business seminars in Western Kenya.

In 1991 the **Navigators Kenya** realized the impact micro loans could have on the economic growth of the nation. Knowing the vacuum would be filled by those not open to the gospel of Christ, they formed the **Economic Projects Trust Fund (EPTF)**. EPTF's passion for developing Kingdom entrepreneurs has grown since 1991 into many additional programs to help people into being the next great business leaders in Kenya. If you would like to read more about EPTF and their progress see: www.EPTF.org.

Timothy and Anne Mahinda are the owners of Trust Mark Insurance Brokers, one of the largest insurance brokers in Nairobi—a major business as a result of a \$200 micro loan from the Navigators. Here is a short testimony from Timothy Mahinda:

I got a loan of 15,000 ksh (\$200) from EPTF and was able to buy a few files, a tie, a suit, and some strong shoes for walking. That really helped me start my business. We gradually grew to become a registered insurance brokerage and started getting corporate clients, some of which are the leading organizations in Kenya. We are thankful to God for that and our desire is that we will be a blessing to many people. We are here for a season, and we would like to invest for eternity.

"The blessings of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble it"
(Proverbs 10:22).

NAVIGATORS/JOBS FOR KENYA TO ASSIST KMTI

Kenya Ministry Training Institute has trained over 800 pastors. **About 90% of them need to work to support their families while building their church.** Many are discouraged and unable to find work. Those that do find work spend 6 days a week on the job with no time left to pastor or build relationships in their church. After several weeks of prayer and waiting on the Lord, we feel Jobs for Kenya micro loans need to be granted to our best student pastors and a few of their key leaders that qualify for small loans. These men and women have been trained in Kingdom economics and understand God's mandate to work and provide for their families. They will become lights in their community, showing that it is possible to break poverty's hold over the nation.

The Navigators will provide on-campus assistance and training to KMTI graduates and students. **With their assistance, Jobs for Kenya will be operational in a matter of months** as opposed to working one-two years to develop all the procedures needed to start a micro-loan operation. The EPTF (Economic Projects Trust Fund) will provide us with the following assistance:



Our new barber shop



Wanjau Naduba—EPTF Director



EPTF training seminar

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Pray for Joe and Nancy for safety as they serve in Sudan
- 2) Physical healing for Bob (knee & back)
- 3) For Kenya to clean up corruption
- 4) Political and tribal peace in Uganda
- 5) That we can start the second class in Uganda



Martin Fisber, inventor of cooking oil press

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our new website:
www.JobsforKenya.com

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- **Credit Union Type Saving Plan:** They will assist us in setting up a credit union type savings plan for all our graduates and alumni. This will give the individual a stake in his business.
- **Business Start Up Loans:** KMTI's pastors are generally creative entrepreneurs or they would not be trying to build a church with 60% unemployment in their congregations. When they are given an opportunity and financial support, they readily actualize their business ideas. Jobs for Kenya will provide start up loans to support viable ideas with the potential to raise families out of poverty.
- **Business Conferences:** The Navigators will provide joint business conferences with us that will act as interactive, networking, leadership development and inspirational forums where the new entrepreneurs can be impacted by the experiences and achievements of others in Kenya and the United States. (This is where you come and help us train and impart.)
- **Business Management and Mentoring Program:** The Navigators will be directly involved in helping us set up a mentoring program for each new business owner. They have mentored many business owners, resulting in growth well above the national average.

GOD DOES NOT PRODUCE POVERTY

Poverty is not God's plan for the third world nations. It happens when people and nations do not follow God's plan to extend His Kingdom into the entire world. Wealth does not come through welfare or foreign aid. If it did, our inner cities would be rich beyond belief. Prosperity does not come from taxing the rich and giving it to the poor. The US has sent over one trillion dollars in aid to Africa during the last 40 years. Our tax dollars were given to lift them out of poverty, but many of these nations have less now than before our gifts. God's plan for His creation is that man was to work and take care of the garden. **It is through man's work and God's ideas that wealth is created—not through welfare.** Welfare kills and destroys God's plan for His creation. "If a man will not work, he shall not eat" (2 Thess 3:10).

You may say to yourself, My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me. But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce (create) wealth (Deut 8:17-18).

God gave Thomas Edison the idea for the light bulb. Edison applied work to this God-given idea, and millions of jobs and trillions of dollars of wealth were created. In Kenya our job is to find men like Edison and release them to build their nation.

POVERTY ERADICATING MACHINE

The picture at right is a cooking oil press manufactured by Kick Start in Kenya. Using one of Kenya's main crops (sunflower seeds), this machine presses kitchen quality sunflower oil. It uses Kick Start's unique system of hydraulic pressure and modern technology and **will produce enough saleable oil to support the three people running the press and their entire families for the next 20 years.** This oil press costs \$750. You can read about it at www.kickstart.org. Help us put an oil press in the hands of a Kenyan entrepreneur and break the cycle of poverty for three families.



FINAL WORD

Bob needs a tune up. The last three years while traveling back and forth to Kenya/Uganda I have kept walking by having steroid shots in my lower back and knee. After a fall last week that option is no longer viable. Dee will have to nurse me through back surgery and knee surgery (torn legament) this Spring. Both will be outpatient but pray they will be successful. The doctors say I will be good for many more trips. Sometimes you just have to stop and have the car serviced. **We should be up and running by July and will spend a good part of the last half of 2010 in Kenya. While recovering I will be developing all the forms and manuals for the micro loan program.** I am still searching for more job creating machines (like the oil press featured in this newsletter). Please send me any ideas or concepts you have found.

God's blessings,

—Bob and Dee Vande Brake