

OCTOBER 2007

Conference for Indigenous Christian Pastors and Leaders on Church Holistic Ministry

Few people living in the United Kingdom will have a real understanding of poverty. Of the struggle to make ends meet, to raise money to feed and clothe the family... Few of us will understand the challenges to the church leaders in such communities. They see the need, but don't always have the knowledge and support to make a real difference in the lives of their congregation.

In Brazil this is a very real need for many a church leader. In a meeting between Fred Silva (Emmanuel International Country Representative), João Oliveira (Fred's co-worker) and a couple of Terena church leaders, this specific issue was raised: one of the church leaders shared the need for the Terena Churches to somehow get involved in the day-to-day village activities; to get involved in finding ways to help the poorer families to improve their earnings and to live a better life.

This pressed on Fred's heart and he talked to someone who has strong links with Emmanuel International in Brazil and works for World Vision. This man was also enthusiastic about addressing the need and the ball started rolling. The next step was to set up a conference on holistic ministry for church and Christian community leaders. As possibilities were discussed, they started to understand exactly how important it would be for indigenous church and community leaders to help their villages with community development ideas and grass root projects.

The Terena leadership gave their enthusiastic support to the idea and all involved sat down to work on the details of the Conference.

The goal of the conference is to bring together church leaders (pastors and lay men and women) and Christian community leaders (chiefs, teachers, health agents, etc.). Lectures will focus on the holistic ministry of the church, involving these role players. The participants will have a special time to discuss what they have learned and generate practical ideas on how to make that work in their villages.

Indigenous leaders from four other nations (Cadwell, Caiua, Guarani, and Xavante) have been invited, as well as leaders from other Terena denominations.

Two Terena leaders will speak at the Conference and the guest speakers will be Pastor. Ariovaldo Ramos, WV Chairman (Brazil), and Bob Moffitt, Harvet Foundation President (USA).

The Conference is supported by Emmanuel International, Brazil World Vision, the Terena Uniedas Church, the Terena Bible Institute, and the Indigenous Pastors and Church Leaders Brazilian Committee.

About 200 people are expected to attend the conference. It will be held at the Terena Bible School and takes place 8 to 11 November 2007.

Prayer requests: Please pray for the team making the preparations, for the duration of the conference, and particularly for those men and women who are attending. They are the ones who will take back ideas to their community and will guide the implementation. Pray for God's anointing on the special guests, for good lectures, communication and understanding.

Those of you who attended the 2007 AGM will remember we agreed to contribute to the finances of this conference. Fred Silva will be speaking at the 2008 EIUK Conference, during which he will give us a report on this event. Come and meet him.

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2008 Conference

The Conference of 2008 promises to be exciting!

Included is a brochure on the conference that will give you all the details you will need. If we have left something out, please contact us at the office and we'll gladly answer any questions! With the booking form is a self-addressed envelope for your ease and convenience.

The conference will be held at Sunbury Court. All rooms have their own facilities here and there is no option for standard accommodation. Please note that single rooms are in short supply and to avoid the surcharge if you don't want to share, you will have to respond quickly! Rooms will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon!

1st to 3rd
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Announcements

Congratulations to Anne and John on their wedding



Anne Bingham got married to John Jones on 15 September 2007 in Chichester. Ann was one of the short term team members who went to Uganda in 2006.

Youth Worker in Uganda

There is a vacancy for a Youth Worker in Kasese, Uganda. Full details of this position are available from the office. If you know of anybody or if you are interested, please let us know.

Please pray for this very important role amongst the youth in Uganda; that the right person will hear God's call.

A Changing Church In A Changing World

Each country in which EI works is represented on the International Council, which meets at Stouffville, Canada. One of the key matters decided this year was to include updated wording in the policy manual, so that, should we wish, we can partner with the Christian church, and not only churches in the traditional sense. In doing so the IC also affirmed "We will always encourage, co-operate and support each other, as we seek to meet the needs of the poor, both physical and spiritual, believing that God has brought us together for this purpose, and made us one in Christ." Report by David Bendell, Chairman of the Board.

Ellie Topp

Ellie Topp travelled to Tanzania on 29 October. She will teach maths at the St Michael's Secondary School in Kilolo. She will return on 7 December.

Please pray for Ellie's safety, for her settling in and making an impact in the school.

The Wickhams are expecting!

Andrew and Keeley were very excited to share this news in their last prayer letter: "**WE ARE HAVING A BABY!**"

Everything is apparently fine with the baby following consultations with a midwife, and an ultrasound scan. It is good news and we are very excited, although Keeley is still experiencing sickness! The due date is 3 March."

Prayer request: Please pray for Keeley and the baby's health over the coming months.

Their testimony...

The Wickham's also wrote: "*On our immediate return to Uganda, we did not feel overly close to the Lord. But one event that happened in our first week back really stands out like a neon signpost from God stating, "I AM HERE!" We were down on the rota to lead worship at the international church, feeling about as spiritual as a rotten turnip, and as we were setting up the equipment, practising, etc..., John Willison, the church leader appeared and said, "Do you wanna join us for prayer?" So we joined the prayer group and it turned out that they had felt a real burden for us and had heard something through the words we were singing. Anyway they prayed for us and we spoke about the struggles we were experiencing, it was an emotional and incredible experience, as was the 25 minutes of worship in the church service. So that is really great. Pak Lubanga!"*

Isn't it great how God just reaches out and touches us when we least expect it? He is there, regardless of how WE feel! **Praise God!**

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