



Missions in Africa?

What Every Church, Nonprofit and Individual Should Know

Join Whitworth University for this one-day conference on effective missions to Africa.

Sponsored by the Whitworth Africa Initiative

When: April 24, 2010, 8 a.m-4:30 p.m.

(A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.)

Where: Chapel and Weyerhaeuser Hall, Whitworth University

From AIDS to education, from the environment to evangelism, from short-term trips to indigenous leadership, concern for Africa is growing.

- Are you thinking strategically about how to make a difference?
- Are you prepared to do and to supply what Africa really needs?
- Are your efforts actually making a difference in Africa or are they simply building Africa's dependence on the West?

Whitworth University invites churches, nonprofits and individuals to join a panel of distinguished speakers, professors and mission agencies for this one-day African mission conference. The conference will help you consider strategies for mission engagement and help you evaluate the implications of your mission work both now and in the future.

Early Registration (on or before April 16): \$10 per person

Late Registration (April 17-21): \$15 per person

No charge for students, but you must register.

Register at www.whitworth.edu/africasymposium or contact Nancy Kessler at 509.777.3449 or nkessler@whitworth.edu.

Devotion

Bishop Gideon Maghina – Bishop Maghina was born in Singida, Tanzania. After earning a bachelor of divinity degree at Makumira Theological Seminary, in Arusha, Tanzania, he was ordained into holy ministry in 1984. In 1999 he received a master's degree in sacred theology at Trinity Theological Seminary, in Columbus, Ohio. He is currently in the doctor of ministry program with Fuller Seminary.

The bishop served as a parish pastor from 1984 to 1990, and then was appointed a principal of the Bible Institute, in Kiomboi, Singida, Tanzania, where he remained until 1997. He served as a bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Central Diocese from 1999 to 2005. He is currently working with Radio Ministry Moshi, in Tanzania, helping Radio Voice of the Gospel to communicate the Gospel to all people, especially in northern Tanzania. Bishop Maghina is married and the father of six.

Plenary Session



Broader Scope of Africa; Management Accountability – Larry Probus – Sr. Vice President & C.F.O., World Vision

Probus joined World Vision in June 2003, following 25 years of experience in public accounting and corporate finance. World Vision U.S. is the largest member of the World Vision Partnership, a global Christian relief and development organization that serves an estimated 100 million people annually.

As World Vision's chief financial officer, Probus is concerned with making sure that there is good accountability for the utilization of donors' resources. He will address how accountability and stewardship have helped spur the growth of World Vision's ministry around the world. There is a delicate balance between keeping people accountable and dictating terms of partnership.

The same is true when it comes to good stewardship. Probus will share how, in his professional capacity at World Vision as well as in his personal experience as a Christian, he has been able to navigate this balance.

Seminars



Community Transformation and Microfinance – Mike Stemm – Co-Founder of New Covenant Foundation, a thriving nonprofit in Ethiopia

In this seminar, Mike Stemm will tell his exciting story, present the model that he and his partners have developed in partnership with Ethiopians, and then reflect on what they have learned about the potential that microfinancing holds for community transformation.

Stemm has worked for several years in developing microfinance ventures with a view toward community transformation. New Covenant has spawned several for-profit businesses, as well, including Dominion Trading, which produces and exports coffee. He is currently launching another venture in food processing.



Aids & Orphans: Shelter in the Storm – Dr. Mike & Robin Nash – Missionaries to South Africa

The scope and magnitude of Africa's dilemma regarding orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) will be reviewed. The seminar will highlight the various approaches to the problems, discussing the advantages, disadvantages, challenges and opportunities presented by each. Cultural differences in the traditional Western and African approaches will be compared and contrasted, with an emphasis on ways in which the local and worldwide church might address OVC issues.

Since 2005, the Nashes have worked with Two Tunics in AIDS-affected communities in South Africa. Living in the Port Shepstone area of KwaZulu-Natal, Mike has served as the medical director of the Genesis Care Centre, a 40-bed HIV/AIDS palliative care center; he has also volunteered in the Port Shepstone Hospital

ARV program. Robin has led the development and implementation of a program to support orphans and vulnerable children through partnerships with local community-based projects. This Two Tunics program currently supports more than 800 children in the Ugu District. Mike is an internal medicine physician with 25 years of experience in the U.S. Air Force and at Spokane's Veterans Hospital. Robin is a preschool teacher who previously taught at Northview Christian School, in Spokane.



What You Need to Know about Short-Term Missions – Bob Savage – Director, Global Learning Exchange, Partners International

How do you form partnerships with African ministries that can make a difference over the long term? How do they see the process differently than you do? What can American ministry teams do to offer practical help? Savage has helped many churches get started. Two months ago, during his latest trip to Africa, he met with African leaders about the kinds of help they want – and don't want. One case study will be the experience of Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church and its new partnership with a church-planting ministry in Ghana.

Bob Savage has been with Partners International for more than 20 years. He has worked in all aspects of partnership with indigenous mission organizations and has relationships with local leaders in 40 countries. His latest role with Partners International is to direct the Global Learning Exchange Program, through which churches in the USA develop deeper partnerships with indigenous organizations by sending teams of professionals for short-term visits.



Dependency and Cross-Cultural Communications – Moses Pulei – Assistant Professor of Theology, Whitworth University, and Kent McDonald – Theology Lecturer, Whitworth University; Regional Trainer, Young Life

The issue of dependency in mission relationships is widely recognized. What is often overlooked is that there are two kinds of dependency: healthy and unhealthy. If there is to be a productive partnership, it is crucial that we understand the difference between the two.

Communication across cultures can foster or help curb dependency. As in any culture, communication is crucial. In cross-cultural situations, people unintentionally communicate something they did not wish to say. Therefore, it is necessary to learn ways to communicate well in cross-cultural situations. In this session we will present case studies and examples from the mission field.



Born in Namanga, Kenya, Moses S. Pulei was first educated in Kenya and Tanzania before attending Whitworth, where he completed his bachelor of arts degree in June 1997. He received his master of divinity degree in June 2001 and his Ph.D. in 2009 from Fuller Theological Seminary, in Pasadena, Calif. Pulei teaches in the theology department. He serves on the board of staff of Hope, Blood Water Mission, the Baraka Foundation and The Krista Foundation. He is married to Brittany Pulei and has two children, Charis Naini and Tobiko Malei.

From 1994-2000, McDonald worked in Kenya as a missionary. He is now the regional trainer for Young Life, teaches in the Whitworth Theology Department and directs the Young Life Training Program at the university. He serves on the board of Two Tunics, which enables and equips community-based partners to expand care and treatment of HIV/AIDS patients in South Africa, and he spends every other summer teaching youth ministry and training youth leaders in East Africa.