

# HEART FOR AFRICA

"TRANSFORMING BIBLICAL PREACHING ONE PASTOR AT A TIME"

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## "ABUNDANT BLESSINGS"

Intensive Care Ministries

Bible College



*"The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns  
and in all that you put your hand to,  
and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you."*

*Deuteronomy 28:8*

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We are blessed in so many ways when the Lord works in the hearts of people to move them to visit us and this amazing team of Tanzanian ministers. Day in and day out, the faithful men and women of ICM Tanzania labor tirelessly for the Lord with no recognition or fanfare. When they hear of an impending visit, their enthusiasm shoots up and their excitement goes through the roof!

2017 was a big year for visits. You heard about two teams whom the Lord used to really touch our hearts. Now we would like to share the personal testimonies from our third and final set of visitors who came to dedicate the main campus of the Intensive Care Ministries Bible College located in the beautiful Mount Meru area.



**Dan Finrock, ICM Founder/Exec. Dir.:**

*“So is my word that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

**Isaiah 55:11**

I reflected upon these words this past November as two of my board members—Pastor Tim Anderson and Ed Sanabia—along with our African director and his wife, Jim and Janice Larson, sat in the new Bible College facility in Tanzania. My thoughts took me back to 1996 when I first came into Africa doing many Inductive Bible study seminars in various countries. Several years later, Troy and Jen Gnuschke became our first directors in Tanzania and began conducting a more in-depth Inductive Bible Study (IBS) training. Seven years later, Jim and Janice Larson took over the leadership, and the work has blossomed and born much fruit under their direction. I

**Jim, Silas, Loth, Pastor Dan, Bishop Eddy, Bishop Suleman, and Bishop Elisha after dedicating Bible College**



sat in this new school, which is being taught by all national pastors, getting a glimpse of the fruit of His word accomplishing and succeeding in matters which He sent through His faithful servants. How thrilling to see the fruit of ICM’s labors over the years!

***“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”***  
**Romans 14:19**

Before we went to the dedication, we visited eight churches that are pastored by men ICM has trained to be the Bible College instructors. Some of these churches were very poor, but we noticed that several of them were being reconstructed to accommodate church growth. We heard many of the churches where pastors systematically teach book by book, chapter by chapter, have grown dramatically. As Tim, Ed, and I shared the word in these churches, we could see a wonderful receptivity. God’s word never returns void!



**Conducting staff meeting**

I met with all the ICM-TZ leaders the last day of our trip. These pastors come from many different denominations, yet they highly respect one another. Some of these men are Bishops over their denomination, yet they desire to work with ICM because of the tremendous impact of the training received. We heard story after story of how IBS dramatically changed the way they studied and taught the word.

**Ed Sanabia:**

There is a wondrous bridge that spans societal, cultural and ethnic barriers: the precious bond of Jesus Christ. On my trip to Tanzania, it was beautifully displayed on the faces of the brothers and sisters who humbly embraced you with all the warmth and hospitality of genuine faith. Always greeted with a hearty “hujambo,” their sweet and gentle spirit was ripe with the fruit of acceptance, and you immediately sensed the love of God. Although the natural beauty of the countryside was breathtaking—epitomized by the majestic Mt. Kilimanjaro—it is the subtle kindness of the people that made the lasting impression. But perhaps the most significant aspect of the church in Tanzania was

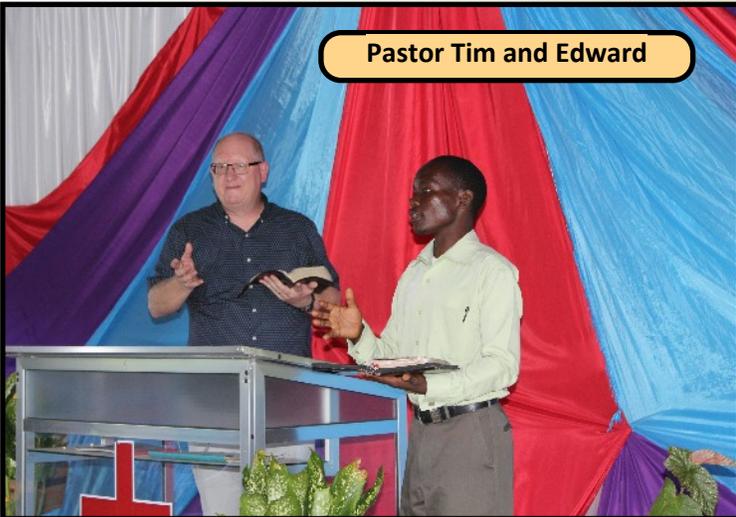
**Ed and Silas**



the consistent offering of solid expositional Bible teaching by indigenous pastors. It was obvious they had been well trained in the Inductive method of Scripture study which miraculously has resulted in the first ICM Bible College in East Africa. Soon the sweet aroma of methodical Bible study will be wafting from classroom to classroom across the campus and, Lord willing, soon across the continent. My sincere thanks to Jim and Janice Larson, "mama na baba," for their generous hospitality in allowing me a peek at what God is doing in and through them in this beloved country. Asante sana dear friends, and Mungu akubariki.

**Pastor Tim Anderson:**

**Pastor Tim and Edward**



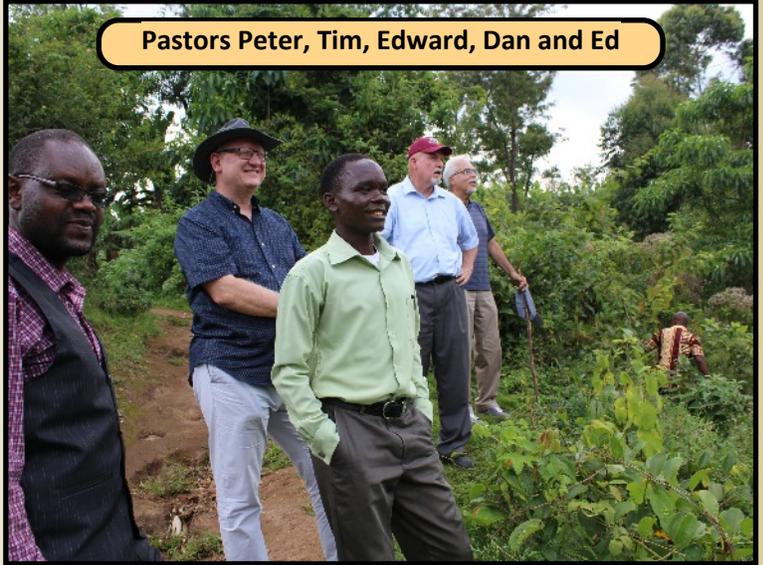
I just spent a week with the ICM team in Tanzania. The big gathering was for the dedication of the ICM Bible College on Mt. Meru, but we also gathered in a smaller staff meeting the following day. On top of that, we were able to travel a bit and visit these pastors in their home churches. We spent some concentrated time with these leaders God has raised up.

While flying back home, I tried to write down some of my observations. I found each of these men very

remarkable, but more than that, they are quite a team. I think the Kilimanjaro climb they shared just before we arrived was pivotal. They were filled with vision for their country (and all of Africa!).

I made a list of ten qualities I saw in the team: humility, teachability, students of the Word, thriftiness, adventurous, willing to suffer hardship, willingness to work hard, heart for the whole church, heart for other countries and, above all, team players.

**Pastors Peter, Tim, Edward, Dan and Ed**



It seems to me that the pattern in the Bible is that when God wants to do something, He raises up a man. What does it mean when God raises up a whole team? What does it mean for Tanzania? What does it mean for East Africa? I can't wait to see what God does with these men! I pray God's blessing upon them, their families, and their ministries!



We pray that you appreciated these testimonies. If you want to learn more about our work in Tanzania, please visit our website. If you have any questions regarding how to explore a potential visit, please contact us at our ministry email address: [jimandjanice.larson@gmail.com](mailto:jimandjanice.larson@gmail.com).



Catch up on our personal journey through our website news, and find many more pictures there.

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# Picture of the Month



A rare albino baboon we saw on the way home from a seminar.

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## PRAYER ITEMS

- Prayers for our work permits and resident visas to be approved this month, allowing us to remain here another 2 years.
- Praise that we have re-started ministry at the high school and with the college group.
- ICM-TZ Bible College sessions February 7-16 and another class February 21-March 2, both at Meru campus.
- Praise that the construction of our classroom at Mwanza/Lake Victoria is almost completed.
- Pray for funds to finish construction of the campus at Morogoro. Land and buildings were donated, but the buildings need to be remodeled and upgraded.