



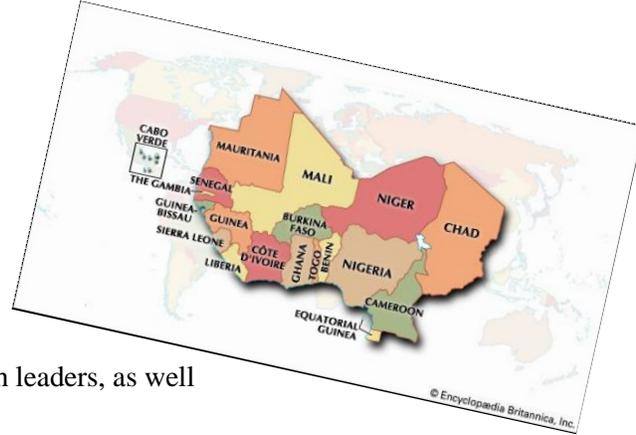
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## Discipling Marketplace Leaders

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Dear Friends,

It is with great excitement that I write to you today. I just returned from an amazing three-week trip to West Africa, with opportunities to visit Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, and Liberia. In Burkina Faso, we met with 300+ leaders of the Assemblies of God church. We also met with pastors from the Christian Missionary Alliance, as well as the Apostolic Church. DML teams in Burkina Faso continue to teach and train pastors and church leaders, as well as business members of all shapes and sizes.



It was our first trip to Cote d'Ivoire, but we quickly found them to be a hard-working people, both pulpit pastors and marketplace ministers, ready and eager to understand their role in the Mission of God. We look forward to seeing what fruit will emerge from the planted seeds. In Liberia, we met with the leadership of the Harvest Intercontinental Ministries Unlimited who are actively rolling out the DML ministry to each of their 80 churches across the country. In all three countries, we found open doors and engaged denominations excitedly implementing workplace ministries in the local church. God is good!

Despite my excitement, we continue to be saddened by the sacred-secular divide, which causes God's people to labor in their spheres of influence in isolation, which then renders the Church ineffective. Your support is vital in helping God's people change course and to empower the church to be relevant seven days a week.

To see the tangible impact your support is having, please read the story about the Masai people on the attached newsletter. We ask that you pray along with us for the unique opportunities to bring the gospel in and through business. We hope that you will be as encouraged as we are when we hear of the unique approach of our partners to this call from God, that there is nothing secular. Everything belongs to God and is under His authority.

**Will you please give a gift today so that we can empower all of God's people to flourish and bring praise to Him seven days a week?**

Allow me to leave you with the Halverson benediction, a favorite of ours:

*You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you there.  
Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.  
Christ, who lives in you, has something He wants to do through you, wherever you are.  
Believe this, and go in His grace, and love, and power.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Grateful for your partnership,

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