

2014 Teachers Service Team Report

In early April the Teachers Service Team met in South Florida with the Evangelists and Elders service teams for a combined and collaborative meeting. Our second meeting of the year will be at the ILC in Singapore in August 20-21. What are we working on at present? Here are some of the items we have been discussing in our time together.

1. How can we broaden the influence of the teaching ministry? We want to encourage, inspire, educate, and inform other men and women who can use their teaching gifts and skills for God and his church. We decided to launch a website for the teaching ministry. Ed Anton has already purchased the name — TeachILOC.com or TeachILOC.org. Ed has developed the website for us to try out. Look for articles, blogs, and upcoming teaching events on TeachILOC.com.

We also want to build a directory of teachers in our fellowship. This directory would list teachers in our regional family of churches and congregational teachers. It would list courses these teachers have taught and their specialties. Also, it would list resources these teachers have produced that can help in the ministry. Look for the upcoming International Teachers Directory on TeachILOC.com.

We would also like to have a teaching track, a class, or, at the very least, a reception for our teaching ministry at all the upcoming International Leadership Conferences and regional conferences. This would be a way for us to recognize and train future teachers in our churches.

2. The women's teaching ministry. The Teachers Service Team is graced by having Deb Anton and Kay McKean on the team. We are searching for other women teachers to join the team as well.

Deb Anton has shared with us ways the women's teaching ministry is being used effectively at the Hampton Roads church. Deb often teaches the women in the MTA in the ACR. Many women are using their gifts and skills to teach in the ministry there. This needs to happen across our churches.

Kay McKean has reminded us of how far we have come in our movement. Yet, we need to realize there is so much more we can do. Women need to be taught by other women. Also, men need to be helped by women to understand how to speak to women in their lessons.

What can we do? How do we help other women develop and use their gift for teaching? We asked Kay and Deb to write an article about this. We also asked them to give us some books written by women that would help all of us understand the perspective of women. We can make sure that our sisters have the opportunity to hear from women teachers. We can speak to women who have the gift of teaching and encourage them to use that gift to glorify God and strengthen the church.

3. How do we build a sustainable Ministry Training Academy (MTA) in a third world setting? We have to teach our MTAs not to be dependent on first world churches for teachers and material. We have to allow these MTAs independence to plan their courses and teach those courses. Here is a four-step approach to building a sustainable MTA in the third world:

First, get students through an MTA. In order for people to become teachers, they must have some foundational courses.

Second, as the MTA is being taught, find students that can become teachers.

Third, provide teaching labs to train prospective teachers how to teach.

Fourth, find a person or persons to run the program. Make sure this person has the backing and support of their ministry leaders.

Here is an example of how to build a sustainable MTA. For years, Gordon Ferguson travelled to Manila to teach courses in a MTA. While there, he spotted a young man who had the aptitude and skill to become a teacher. That man is Rolan Monje. Over time, Gordon trained Rolan to become a teacher. Now Rolan is able to direct the MTA in Manila. This success story can be reproduced across the world.

Along with the development of MTAs, the Teachers Service Team would like to explore the possibility of offering accredited course work to our students. Glenn Giles, an elder in the Denver church, has done much research in this area. Already, Glenn, Douglas Jacoby, and Steve Kinnard teach accredited courses at the Masters level at Lincoln Christian University. Some of our students take courses and others have graduated with degrees from Abilene University, Pepperdine University, Harding School of Theology, and Lubbock Christian College. We want to explore the possibility of partnering with one or more of these schools to allow our students to take classes with some of our teachers while pursuing accredited degrees at their universities.

Recently we asked Courtney Bailey of Kingston, Jamaica and Robert Carrillo of San Diego, CA to be a part of our team. Courtney is a teacher in the Kingston church, and he directs the Damian Jean Baptist School of Ministry in Jamaica. Robert is the lead evangelist with the San Diego church and has recently received his M.Div. from Pepperdine University. Robert helps train ministers across Southern California and Latin America. We are very excited to add the two capable teachers to our team.

As teachers, we want to glorify God, strengthen his church, and win a lost world. Please pray for us as we work together to build the teaching ministry across our churches.

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