

DIGNITY UPDATE: Southern Africa

HUB

Overview

Jon and Jude Witt returned to Zambia late June and are settling back in there. Jon and Bernard have met to agree priorities and plans for the coming months.

Southern Africa Hub: Dignity Zambia / Namibia / Tanzania

- **EQUIP meetings to continue support of existing Impact Teams are planned for August and October.** August will see Bernard, Jon, Pilius and Royd visiting every team around Zambia to discuss the Deeper campaign, how things are going and upcoming plans. EQUIP in October will see everyone gathering at Ndubaluba.
- **Mbeya region, Tanzania (mid September)** Frank and Liton have successfully planted a handful of Life Groups and we will be working to help establish a local team there.
- **Petauke, Southern Zambia (November)** Since moving to this area Cornelius has worked with volunteers to plant many Life Groups. We need to work towards getting a full team running in the area.
- **Kalomo, Southern Zambia** Lawrence is currently working as a solo Impact Team member forming relationships and seeking openings for Life Groups. We need to expand this and build a wider team to ensure the longevity of the work.
- **Siavonga, Southern Zambia** Due to its remoteness this area has always struggled a bit. We have decided to do some exploratory work to attempt to raise a team from within Siavonga town that can work out in the rural areas around.
- **Kasempa, North Western Zambia** Phil Wallis, whom we met a year or so ago, is working from a mission hospital outside of Kasempa. We have discussed opportunities and, although it is early days, we could potentially work with Phil and the existing North Western team to create an Impact Team close to the mission hospital.
- **Caprivi Strip, Namibia** The Impact Team here is not currently working as well as it should be. A couple of team members have fallen away, leaving Moses working in to the situations alone. We plan to meet with Moses soon to discuss how we go forward, ideally by recruiting 2 or 3 people from existing Life Groups in the area so that we get committed, rural villagers who are likely to take the work forward.

Southern Africa Hub: Deeper Campaign

- **A small number of groups have embarked on replicating themselves and the initial signs are encouraging.** During August we need to resource and encourage the teams to make it happen in a more widespread manner. This needs prayer, as it needs to be something that catches light rather than is forced from above. We are currently looking at printing materials to allow for the resourcing of various groups throughout the rest of the year. Our feeling and hope is that if we keep talking about this and encouraging replication it will become more a part of the DNA of what we do, thus creating a 'under-current' of planting and villagers taking the work forward. **Throughout all our work we should be consistently featuring and encouraging the Deeper campaign.**

Core: Planting & establishing new Hubs (Impact Team / Life Group Pioneering in new areas)

- **Mombasa, Kenya (July)** Partnering with Tobbias Ngala of Trinity Chapel Mombasa Bernard and Jon will run training with the hope of planting a rural Life Group movement 100km outside of Mombasa. This connection has come through our contact with NewThing through Anthony Delaney.
- **Windhoek, Mid- Namibia** We hope to follow up our work here last year with Impact Team training for the people in Katutura, Windhoek.

Upcoming Dates for next 6 months

- July 15th – 24th: Jon & Bernard travel to Mombasa, Kenya for Impact Team Planting.
- July: Trip to Southern Zambia to meet Moses (Caprivi Strip, Namibia), Lawrence (Kalomo, Southern Zambia) and others from the area.
- August: First meeting of Leadership Council.
August: Visits to every team within Zambia by Jon, Bernard, Pilius or Royd.
- September: Training and raising up teams in Tanzania, Southern Zambia.
- October: EQUIP at Ndubaluba for everyone
- November: Impact Team plants in Petauke (Southern Zambia), Kasempa (North Western Zambia) and Windhoek (Mid- Namibia)
- December – no additional plans to allow time for any items that have slipped throughout the year.



Tobbias and Walter making plans for training in Mombasa, Kenya



Bernard sharing about the vision of Dignity in Mombasa, Kenya

The Numbers from Southern Africa

Measurable	Number to date, 2017	Number for 2017 at Last Update	Number at end of 2016	Comments (*these numbers are cumulative. All other numbers are for the current year)
Total Number Life! Groups*	462	450	440	Inc. Windhoek groups
Impact Team Missionaries*	20	20	20	
Apprentices*	22	22	21	
Number of clusters*	14	14	14	
Impact Team Areas*	8	8	8	
Sole Team Impact Team Training	0	0	5	None run in 2017 so far
Equip Courses	2	0	8	April: Kalomo & Mkushi
<i>Intelligence</i> Schools of Evangelism	1	0	5	April: Katima Mulilio, Namibia
Areas Initial Visit	1	0	31	
Life! Group Training Courses	0	0	72	Started mainly from June
Volunteer hours	10,904 [†]	1,760	16,708 [†]	[†] Estimated figures based on 1 leader volunteering 4 hours/month per Life Group

DIGNITY UPDATE: Central Administration

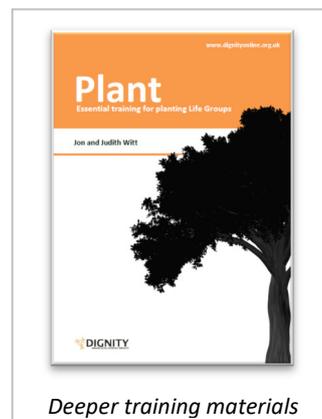
CORE

Overview

May and June have been busy months for the Central Administration team with 2 large fundraising events, a social and prayer meeting and support for the UK Intelligence training. Maral Assadzadeh has continued to volunteer in the office.

Core: Sharing our Knowledge

- Work on *Foundations* continues. We are awaiting comments on Book 1 from 4 Zambian team members, Book 2 has been edited and is about to be compiled. Book 3 is with the editing team and Book 4 is almost ready for the editing team.
- We placed an order for **600 *Rooted in Jesus* books**, the majority of which Jon & Jude took with them to Zambia. This order took the *Deeper* campaign into account and hopefully will provide enough stock to supply groups for the rest of this year.
- As part of the *Deeper* campaign we are producing ***Plant* which takes existing Life Groups through the process of starting another group in a neighbouring community and also contains essential training for new group leaders.** This is now complete and typeset in English. We will be typesetting Bemba and Lunda versions in the coming weeks.
- Translation work continues on *Love Your Village* and *Rooted in Jesus*.



Core: Planting & establishing new Hubs (Impact Team / Life Group Pioneering in new areas)

- **Intelligence Manchester (17th June) was attended by 11 people.** People came from the Wirral, Malvern, the Iranian Life Group that meets in Manchester and a couple who are about to travel to sub-Saharan Africa also attended.

Core: General

- Gill arranged a well-attended social and prayer meeting on **Saturday 6th May**. We are very grateful to Andy and Amani Brown for hosting this event. People enjoyed the opportunity to see Jon and Jude throughout the day.
- Our **Year of Prayer** continues. We have started an online calendar for people to sign up & commit to a week of prayer.
- **6 riders completed the 2 day C2C bike ride.** It was a brilliant challenge, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Huge thanks to all our riders and to everyone who sponsored them. The event raised £11,783.40 (including estimated Gift Aid).
- **26 walkers and 2 runners joined us for the first ever Dignity Marathon.** Again, it was a great challenge and the feedback from participants was really positive with many people talking about "next time". Thanks to everyone who took part and to everyone who sponsored them. A number of people commented on the great community atmosphere on the day which was created by the team of volunteer marshals and finish line party helpers – our thanks to them as well. We think there is scope to repeat this event (annually/biannually) and for it to grow. The event raised £3,894.89 (including estimated Gift Aid).
- Special thanks to **Simon Forman** who is taking on 3 challenges this year to mark his 40th birthday & fundraising for us.
- Since our last report 1 new regular monthly gift has been started, 1 has been stopped and one has been decreased. Overall movement for 2017 to date is +£270.83/month.
- A **trust fund application** seeking funding for *Deeper* was unsuccessful. We reported to a trust that had pledged a further gift towards *Foundations* and they have made a gift. Two further trusts are to be applied to for *Deeper*.
- The **75 Bibles** shipped to Zambia by Medical Missionary News are currently being held by customs.

The Numbers

Measurable	Number to date, 2017	Number at end of 2016	Comments
Movement in regular monthly giving	+£270.83	-£10	Refer to finance report for further information
Total number of regular givers	48	46	
Trust fund applications made	2	4	
Prayer meetings held	2	5	
Events & church visits happened	3	11	Intelligence Manchester. Jon visited Malvern.
Events & church visits scheduled	0	-	
Bibles recycled this year	106 received 75 sent	11 received 31 sent	Total Bibles recycled to date = 406 Bibles waiting to be sent = 89
Translation in progress/completed	10	3	LYV Bemba, Rinj 4 Lunda, 2 x Deeper materials into 4 languages currently in progress.
Volunteer hours (UK)	216.5	460*	*This figure is estimated