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## Special Update from Tanzania

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### Naitolia Video Based Teaching Seminar

On June 1st & 2nd, 2010 Key Connections Ministries and Glenn Park Christian Church hosted a video based teaching seminar in Naitolia. Naitolia is a small village located near the Tarangire Wildlife Park about 55 miles west-southwest of



Arusha. The area is relatively flat and desolate, but the church located there is working hard to grow and mature. Pastor Godfrey, and his church leaders invited pastors and church leaders from the surrounding area to come and participate in the seminar. In response a group of over 150 pastors, church leaders, teachers, and church members attended.

Over the course of the seminar three videos developed by Good News Productions (GNP) were shown. After each showing the large group was divided into four small groups. These small groups each had their own tent, teaching team, and a solar video pack unit.

#### More About The Videos

The three videos were selected from many produced and made available through Good News Productions. The videos are Biblically based dramatized stories set with the appropriate cultural norms and local language to impact the East African Swahili speaking viewer. They are not only entertaining, but packed with crucial lessons and teaching so that the viewer can gain a better understanding of Biblical principles.

Video 1—Sinfulness: “Shida ya Samweli” (The Problem with Samuel) This video follows the life of a man who has fallen deeply into the sinful behaviors of drunkenness, unfaithfulness, lying, and theft. He and his family experience many devastating consequences brought



about by his behavior, but he is eventually led to the Lord. Putting off his previous sinful life he begins to recover and reap the rewards of a Godly life.

Video 2—Selfishness: “Weka Rasilmali Katika Maisha sio Kwenye Kifo” (Invest in Life Not Death) This video follows the life of an ambitious young man who

wanted to start a small business. He seeks capital from others from his village, but they refuse. He leaves the village to make money in the big city. There he finds great hardship and is tragically killed in an accident. The people of the village provide a large amount of money to return his body for burial in the village. They freely gave to satisfy a cultural tradition, but were too selfish to help the young man start a business. The story ends on a positive note with the death of the young man only happening within his father’s dream, the startup capital was received, and the young man developed a prosperous business.

Video 3—Lawlessness: “Dunia bila Wakristo” (The World Without Christians) This video follows the life of a man who strongly believed the world would be much better off without God, the church, or Christians. He never failed to belittle evangelists, missionaries, or anyone else who had Christian beliefs. After becoming intoxicated he passed out on his bed. When he later awoke he found his entire world had changed for the worse. His wife was a witchdoctor, his daughter was a prostitute, his son was being sold into slavery, the church was a vacant lot, the school was training witchdoctors, and the medical clinic run by the missionaries was gone. As the thugs were just about to catch him for a small amount of money he owed, he awoke still in his bed. He was greatly relieved to find everything was back like it was, except for him. He now realized how important it was to have God, the church, and Christians in the world.

... SO THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK ... 2 TIMOTHY 3:17



## More About The Solar Video Packs

The usefulness and value of the Solar Video Packs was demonstrated as each small group began their lesson time. The teachers were able to utilize the video pack to target selected portions of the video allowing them to draw specific teaching points into clearer view. A significant number of those in attendance weren't able to read or write. Presenting information by utilizing



video, audio, and reinforcing it through a question and answer teaching format greatly improves their ability to learn and retain these important Biblical truths.

The video packs consist of two rugged plastic cases. One case contains the video screen and DVD player. The second case contains all the power equipment including a 12V battery, an inverter, charge controller, and a foldable solar panel. The units are developed and provided by Good News Productions.



In order to better utilize the five units we currently have, Key Connections Ministries has developed a loan out process. Pastors schedule the video pack for his church's training activity. He then comes and receives extensive usage and care training. After using the unit for his scheduled event, he then returns it so it's available for the next pastor.

## More About The Teachers

It was a pleasure to have the Glenn Park Christian Church mission team from Wichita, KS here to help host and to provide teachers for this seminar. They worked hard to learn about the videos from summaries written by Polycarp, write questions, and prepare scripture references before they even arrived in Tanzania. After their arrival they completed their preparations by watching the videos for the first time and marking the locations for additional viewing.



Back row L to R: Stan Dunn, Sametta Ricke, Tina Lindsay, Peter Lukumay (Translator), Steve McFarland  
 Middle row L to R: Connie Dunn, Carol Raddiffe, Vernie Woollard, Isack Laizer (Translator)  
 First row L to R: Polycarp Antto (Translator), Ricky Brammett, John Ricke, Local Pastor, Jacob (Translator) Not pictured

Each small group teaching team consisted of two teachers and a translator.

All four teams reported those in their group asked lots of good questions. They also said the teaching time never seemed long enough and went by too quickly.



Carol, John, Peter (Translator)



Polycarp (Translator), Connie, Stan



Vernie, Ricky, Isack (Translator)



Tina, Sametta, Jacob (Translator)

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