

# TPI Summer Newsletter



Left: John and Jennifer Balmer; Right: Thirty people are saved at a crusade at Yemba Village, Malawi.

## TPI Expands into Asia; Jennifer Balmer Joins TPI Full-Time

For the past two years, Jennifer and I have been praying about the expansion of our ministry, Training Pastors International (TPI), to reach more globally into further regions of the world (India, China, and other parts of Asia) in order to train national pastors, evangelists, national missionaries, and church planters where the church is expanding at enormous growth rates and where there is a great need for training pastors to handle that growth since 85 to 95% of the pastors in the Majority World (4/5 of the world's population) have little to no theological training for their ministries.

We came to the conclusion that for our ministry to expand into these new regions of the world, we would need to bring Jennifer Balmer, our TPI Executive Administrator, from her position of functioning primarily in a support role for TPI to that of a full-time missionary with John so that we together might be able to respond to God's call in our lives in a more complete and comprehensive way. This decision represented a major shift in our lives as Jennifer gave up her position and salary as the Administrative Assistant in our church in order to become a part of our full-time missionary team for the first time since we started TPI 14 years ago. The ramifications of this decision mean that Jennifer and I are stepping out completely by

faith with no outside income and relying solely on the gifts of individuals and churches to fulfill the mission of training indigenous pastors in Africa, India, eventually China, and other parts of Asia. God's timing is always perfect, and He has made it clear that it is **now time** for us to obey Him and "step out in faith" to become a full-time missionary couple.

Therefore, we had a Commissioning Service on Sunday, May 22, 2016 in our home church, Beulah Baptist Church, where eight churches and many other individuals came together to send both of us out as a full-time missionary couple for the first time with Training Pastors International to serve the Lord in these expanded regions of the world so that the Majority World pastors throughout Africa and Asia might be able to preach the pure gospel message and multiply Biblically-based churches in their communities and countries. We have seen the Lord help us train thousands of pastors in the past 23 years, who cannot receive this training otherwise, and we hope that the Lord will bring more churches and individuals in the United States to partner with us to enable us to reach and train thousands more pastors in the years ahead so that Majority World countries might have "a trained pastoral leader for every church" = the motto of TPI.

## 2016 Summer TPI Institute Schedule

July 25 – 29  
John Balmer/Wally Gilmer  
Martin Shikuku  
Kitale, Kenya

Aug. 1 - 5  
John and Jennifer Balmer  
Joseph William  
Harare, Zimbabwe

Aug. 8 - 12  
John and Jennifer Balmer  
Michael Fondren  
Nepa Wa Msambelwa  
Kinshasa, Democratic  
Republic of Congo

Aug. 15 - 19  
John and Jennifer Balmer  
Glyn D. Mittawa  
Mponela – Doma, Malawi

### TPI MINISTRY STATS

In the history of our ministry since 1993, we have:

- taken 43 Mission Trips in the past 23 years
- conducted 139 Pastoral Training Institutes
- trained 26,791 indigenous pastors
- awarded 13,914 certificates

All in 20 countries in Africa and 7 other countries in the world



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## TPI Summer Missions Trip: July 21-August 23, 2016

We are planning to conduct 4 pastoral training institutes for approximately 1,200 national pastors in four countries in Central/East/Southern Africa.

Pastor Wally Gilmer from Stallings, NC, will join me for the first week in Kitale, Kenya. Mrs. Jennifer Balmer from Lynchburg, VA, and Pastor Joseph William from Harare, Zimbabwe will join me for the second week in Harare, Zimbabwe. Pastor Michael Fondren from Indianapolis, IN, and Pastor Nepa Wa

Msambelwa from Kinshasa, DRC will join me for the third week in Kinshasa, Dem. Rep. of Congo. Jennifer Balmer and Pastor Glyn Mittawa will join me for the fourth week in Mponela-Doma, Malawi.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER **A SPECIAL GIFT** TO HELP THESE PASTORS GET THIS TRAINING BY OFFERING TO PAY FOR THEIR TUITION, which is \$30 per pastor? You could be launching a pastor's ministry and blessing a pastor's life!

## Financial Needs of the Summer Missions Trip

There is a huge need to help us train these **1,200 pastors at \$30 a pastor = \$36,000**, of which we so far have raised about \$15,000.

We also need to raise the funds for John's and Jennifer's travel expenses of \$10,000 - \$11,000.

Would you consider helping us offer this training free-of-charge to these pastors in Africa?

**Opportunity to Train an African Pastor** → 30 + 30 + 30 Plan = 3 Pastors Trained & Countless People Edified & God gets the Glory! (\$30 a month for 3 months = \$90) That **\$90 would train three pastors in Africa**. If we can find **250 people** to do this, we could cover most of the remaining funds for our TPI Summer institutes.

Make check out to TPI, include these funds in the envelope provided, and mail it to us.



*Pastoral Trainer: Wally Gilmer, Zimbabwe TPI National Director: Joseph William, TPI President: John Balmer, and a participant of the Mutare, Zimbabwe TPI Institute, who received his certificate.*

### W I Phiri – Pastor's Testimony of TPI Institute

*All before this I have been preaching but I now know that I was not preaching from the Bible, I was just preaching from my own mind. Now after I have attended the TPI Institute in Zomba, Malawi, the institute has changed my life in many ways, and I will be preaching from the Bible. I will be taking time to read the Bible, study, memorize, meditate and apply to preach the true message. I have also learnt leadership principles to lead the church according to the will of God. Now I have known and will teach the truth.*