



Mission Update

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Pigs grow for profit

By Bishop Jan L. Bederstadt
President

The Jesus Seminary in partnership with Renaissance Outreach Ministries has begun buying pigs which will help to financially support the seminary, according to President Jan L. Bederstadt. Several pigs have already been purchased and are happily eating and breeding at the Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF) north of Nairobi, Kenya.

The Jesus Seminary and KIOF signed a Memorandum of Understanding in March as they have begun working together. KIOF offered the Jesus Seminary space for the Seminary which included office space as well as use of the classrooms. There is also space for students to stay when they are in Nairobi.

While most of the students study at sub-campuses across East Africa, those students in either the Diploma of Ministry program or Master's of Divinity must come to study in Nairobi for at least one semester to learn organic farming. The three months they spend in Nairobi will earn them a Kenya government Certificate of Organic Farming which will allow them to teach anywhere in Africa.

The emphasis on organic farming comes as a means to do Agro-Evangelism, noted Bishop Bederstadt. In Africa, 80% of all families are farmers. The graduates will be able to pastor churches while teaching villagers how to farm smarter, thereby increasing their income.

The goal is to have 30 sows giving birth twice a year. Each litter will be between eight and 14 piglets which can be sold after three to six months. This will produce income to fund the Seminary, as well as training students.



1st Agricultural Student Pastor

The Jesus Seminary has received its first student at the Kenya Institute of Organic Farming in Juja, Kenya. His name is Jinaro Tarus (Center) of Kampiya Moto, Kenya near Nakuru. On his left side is Pastor Boaz of the Full Gospel Churches of Kenya. An additional student will be arriving from the same church. Another student is on his way from South Sudan as well as two other students from Kenya and Uganda.

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A Growing Family

Pigs are very happy at the Kenya Institute of Organic Farming in Juja, Kenya where the Jesus Seminary has set up its campus for training pastors. Two sows have each given birth of litters of 14 piglets. The farm specializes in teaching organic farming and each of the seminary students will graduate with a Certificate allowing them to teach organic farming. They will use this skill to train villagers on how to farm profitably. This is important as 80% of all Africans are involved in farming.



Meet Clyde the Man of the Farm

Clyde (left) is the big boar that keeps all the sows happy at the Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF). He has fathered over 600 piglets in his years and is still going strong. He knows his job description: make bacon or be bacon. And there's no complaint from him or the ladies as he produces some very strong piglets.

A healthy pig is a mud covered pig on the farm

You may wonder why the pigs are sleeping in the mud. It turns out that they are the happiest when they root in the mud. According to Dr. Jane the vet at KIOF, pigs are born in need of iron and by rooting in the dirt, they get iron and other nutrients in their diet.

Pigs that have concrete floors become distressed, producing poor quality meats. Organically raised pigs command a premium price for their meat as the fat is woven into the meat. The amount of fat is reduced, thereby creating healthier pork.

Students who graduate from the Diploma and Master's program will be teaching this as part of their ministry in rural Africa.

Nepal Memorium

As we were going to press, we learned that Rev. Madhav Poudal's mother passed away. She was 95.

Rev. Poudal is the chancellor of the Jesus Seminary Nepal campus in Kathmandu.

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Leadership Training Essential

While most of the courses are taught in the sub-campuses across East Africa, there is more than just agriculture at the main campus in Nairobi. Christian leadership and Christian finance is also taught alongside of the agricultural courses.

“It is important that pastors learn about Christian leadership,” said Bishop Beaderstadt when discussing the course curriculum. “Churches often fail because pastors lack leadership skills.”

Most seminaries and Bible Schools in Africa fail to teach leadership skills. The Jesus Seminar focuses on Christian leadership, The heart of the program is servant leadership.

Jesus is the primary example of servant leadership, demonstrating his willingness to lay down his life for humanity. Jesus would wash the feet of his disciples, illustrating that a Christian leader is about service to others.

“The emphasis on agro-evangelism is just one example of what it means to be a servant leader,” said Beaderstadt. “Our graduates are expected to work for the betterment of their congregations.”

Most churches in Africa emphasize salvation and going to Heaven. Students at the Jesus Seminary will learn theology, but will endeavor to learn more about practical theology that will create disciples for Jesus Christ. The Seminary seeks to build ministry that is relational in nature, raising up the lives of people in Africa and Asia.

Christian finance is being taught by Dr. Jane Ashar. It emphasizes transparency as



Nakuru Sub-Campus Licensed

Bishop and Seminary President Jan L. Beaderstadt presents Rev. Paul Kemoi of the Full Gospel Churches of Kenya the license to operate the Nakuru Sub-Campus of the Jesus Seminary. Churches from a variety of denominations are participating in the Jesus Seminary. Students are trained locally , using local churches as campuses. They will study there except for training in agriculture and agro-evangelism. The Nakuru, Kenya campus is sending two students to Nairobi for the agricultural training. The region around the village of Kampi Ya Moto is heavily agricultural and in time they will teach the agricultural training locally.

well as proper usage of money in ministry.

Most African churches do not practice transparency. Most of the churches are unable to pay their pastors a proper salary, which creates numerous problems. It forces many pastors to then use Messenger to beg for money, which has no accountability to donors.

Seminary students will learn about proper use of money, especially church money. They will also learn about how to do proper financial planning, both for their churches as well as personal finances. The skills taught will help pastors to understand how to use money as a resource. Budgeting and planning will be taught. All of this is to help lift the local people out of poverty as they learn how to do table banking and learning the power of saving.

These programs supplement theological training, making for well-rounded leaders in their churches as well as their communities.



Composting for Good Crops

Julius (back to camera) is the KIOF instructor on crops. While Dr. Jane the Vet (There are a lot of Janes at KIOF), is in charge of the animals, Professor Julius oversees the development of crops. Here he is demonstrating organic composting whereby a stick is used as a thermometer to judge the microbes used to create composition that leads to better soil content.

Returning to USA in May

Bishop Jan L. Beaderstadt will be returning to USA Memorial Day weekend. He plans to stay in USA until mid-November when he will return to Kenya.

While in USA, he is available for Sunday morning worship services where he can bring stories about the mission field in Africa and Asia. Write be.kultraining@gmail.com to book date.

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Visit Nepal in late January of 2025

One of the best times to visit the Himalayas is in late January and early February. Renaissance Outreach Ministries will be offering an amazing trip from Jan. 27 to Feb. 4 for only \$749 plus airfare.

Late January is off-season because of the snows in the high passes for trekkers. But for those on a bus tour, it's the ideal time. No crowds, plenty of sunshine and great views of the world's highest mountains.

The trip will include a rickshaw tour of the old city of Kathmandu as you explore ancient palaces and temples. Journey to Chitwan for an elephant safari as you look for the Royal Bengal Tiger and the Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros. Its then on to Pokhara for a cable car ride to the viewpoint at Sarangkot to watch an amazing Himalayan mountain sunrise. Pokhara is Nepal's playground as the snowcapped peaks reflect on Lake Phewa.

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Included are breakfast and dinner, luxury bus and all local transportation. Accommodations are three star hotels.

Temperatures will be in the low 70s during the day. Nights drop down to around 48, making for pleasant travels. Late January is not the rainy season, so there is normally plenty of sunshine and great views of the Himalayas.

For more information, contact Bishop Jan at be.kultraining@gmail.com.

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