

AFRICA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Quarterly Newsletter



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Dear friends of ALS,

May God richly bless you as we begin a new year with Covid hopefully mostly behind us; in this newsletter I would like to communicate some exciting developments in the past few years.

The vision of ALS is to impact the rapidly growing cities of Africa with the gospel of Jesus Christ by providing excellent biblical training and resourcing for church and community leaders. We are passionate about this and would value your on-going prayers for 'doors to open' for our resources into this great continent of ours. The onset of Covid in 2020 caused a few friends in different leadership contexts to rethink gospel impact in our rapidly changing world. In short how to reach and resource leaders when travel is sometimes restricted?

We are now trusting God to reach and resource leaders in three major ways:

1. Through training and discipleship – we have developed five excellent training modules in print and electronic format and supplemented with internationally respected Dr Michael Eaton's outstanding Bible commentaries and systematic theology. The five modules are:

- Gospel and Mission,
- Spirit and Leadership,
- Church and Church planting,
- The Word of God,
- A module on applying the gospel in the marketplace and life. We combine this with a strengths-based assessment for leaders.

Part of our current 'rethink' is to record these training modules for upload onto YouTube so any leader with internet access can download the training onto a smart phone or laptop and use it in their locality. Our future vision is also to translate these modules into 'the big five' languages of the continent i.e., English, Portuguese, Swahili, French, and Arabic.

2. Resources and equipping –the distribution of Dr Michael Eaton's Bible commentaries and systematic theology in print, digital (now available on Kindle) and audio form, as well as other audio leadership resources now available on our new website www.africaleadershipschool.org. We see this as continuing Michael Eaton's legacy in ministry and building on it. Calvin Eaton who is a trustee of Sovereign World Trust is involved in this development.

3. Leadership development and church planting – the gathering and training of city leaders at various locations across the continent for gospel training and church planting. Over the past 3 years I have been involved extensively in East London in South Africa where I had the privilege to train about 90 leaders from several churches across the city!

Prayer Points

- for favour as we move forward in faith
- for awareness of these resources and to reach the people who need them.
- for finances to resource this work
- for doors to open for the gospel across the continent

Please email us at info@africaleadershipschool.org if you have any further questions or testimonies regarding the effective use of our resources.

Included below is a recent testimony from the New Covenant (NCMI) group of churches that are currently using Michael's Plan and Purpose as their systematic textbook.

Blessings

Craig Botha.

Testimony

January 2022

Hi Craig,

Just to give you an update on how our college, E2M (Equip to Minister) partnering with NCMI is progressing.

We launched our program in March 2021. We are using Michael Eaton's Plan and Purpose of God for the two-year certificate in Theology. We have divided it into eight modules that stretch over the two-year program.

The material has gone down very well with the students. Our student body is made up of pastors, pastors-in-training, and several young people preparing for church planting.

We have opened registration for the third intake and are hoping for a good response. Currently, we have about 70 students on board and hoping that the number will grow during January.

Thanks to Zoom, we have tutorials in person where we discuss the material.

What is particularly encouraging is the demographics of our student body. We have students from around South Africa, America, Europe and even one in Kyrgyzstan!

We are trusting for another fruitful year as we partner with our students in equipping them for the work of the ministry.

Thank you again for making Michael's book available for us on Kindle. It is a massive blessing to be able to give our students an Amazon voucher to get the book.

Every blessing,

Malcolm Black
Dean of academics