

# Ministry Update

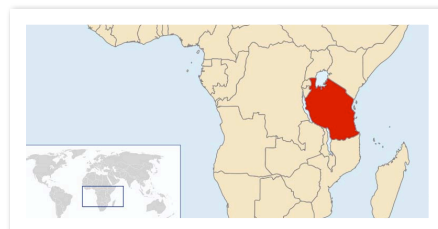


## It was an electrifying moment!

More than **150** Tanzanian pastors and Christian leaders stood and locked arms together to symbolize their commitment to evangelize their nation and the African continent. They enthusiastically rose to their feet to respond to this challenge issued by our president, Mike Downey, at the end of our leadership and church planting conference in **Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania**, August 27-31. Our team thrills in anticipation of the potential of their resolve to plant multiplying



church planting churches that will saturate their country and Africa with the Gospel.



During that momentous week our Strategic Impact team from the United States and Africa built into the lives of these leaders in three areas: *1) personal and spiritual development, 2) leadership skills and 3) a strategy for planting multiplying churches.* In the afternoons the participants divided into 12 teams to work with 12 mother churches to get first hand experience in church planting. This not only provided a hands-on model for church planting but also resulted in **501 people making first time professions of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, and 12 new mission churches started!** We feel this was our best conference yet.



We are so gratified that in the last two years God has used our ministry to train 582 pastors and leaders and to lead 753 to faith in Christ. Yet we also are convinced that **the best days lie ahead for Strategic Impact** in helping to train and deploy national leaders all over the world to launch self replicating church planting movements!

We fully recognize that this is a joint effort. Because **you** have also '*locked arms*' with us in prayer and giving financially, we are able to take advantage of these incredible opportunities to train pastors to reach their nations with the Gospel. **THANK YOU** so much for your faithful support of our staff and the training ministries of Strategic Impact. We would ask that you continue to ask God how He would have you participate in this strategic ministry in these days of great opportunity. *Your prayers and financial gifts are greatly needed* for upcoming conferences scheduled for India in December of this year and in Africa and Latin America in 2008!



**God bless you for standing and locking arms with us!**

*Floyd VanDeburgh*