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We're visiting with Bishop Israel Wandamba of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He was our primary contact for the most recent conference that we held there, where 154 pastors came, 12 churches planted and numerous folks came to Christ. And, we are going to be asking him some questions about the conference and his impressions of that.



SI: Thank you so much for joining us from afar, Bishop Wandamba.



Bishop Israel Wandamba (IW): You are welcome.

SI: First off, before we arrived, what were your expectations regarding the Strategic Impact Conference?

IW: Well, Pastor Sainet shared about Strategic Impact...bishops, pastors and church leaders were very eager to attend this conference and have a personal experience on what was going to be shared. And, no one wanted to miss this experience.

SI: How do you feel that this conference most benefitted those pastors who were able to participate?

IW: You know, there is a lot to say. But, I would like to be specific. The approach itself was very, very good. Such that, pastors and leaders who attended the conference received the impartation of knowledge and how to do church planting movements. They were revived... they were revived when they saw your passion...your passion for the lost souls. So, the leaders there were revived and, in fact, they have grasped what you taught us during the conference.

SI: What was the best thing that you personally experienced at this conference?

IW: My God! I was quickened, revived, encouraged to do ministry. And right now, guess what? My church is involved in evangelism! Even today, we have got a program...we are going somewhere to do evangelism. So, you can see how this conference has really touched...it was like it came for me!

SI: That's great...already mobilizing your people! That's wonderful!

SI: During these recent weeks...these three weeks or so that have transpired since the conference took place,

what have you heard or seen that's already happening, in addition to what your church is doing, among the pastors that attended?

IW: Apart from what our church is doing, already, some pastors who attended the conference... they are gathering every week... at least twice a week...going into some areas, do evangelism and plant churches. So this movement is going on! And this is the fruit of this conference. And, even today, there is an area which pastors are going - Pastors from different churches who attended the conference - they are doing evangelism. Already there are groups which are invited and the work is going on. And there is a passion for the lost souls and the fire for church planting is growing!

SI: So, pastors are actually beginning to work together as teams and going out together?!

IW: Yes, Yes!

SI: Has that happened much before in Tanzania from your knowledge?

IW: No, no, no, no, no! It was very difficult for people to work together... no, no, no! This is new and of course, people are very much happy, and they are looking forward to seeing more fruits on this movement.

SI: Wow. That's amazing that pastors are now...walls coming down...and working together to help one another plant churches. That's wonderful.

IW: You know, Dustin, this conference has just begged a unique unity among leaders... working together... planting churches together... evangelizing together. It was not like that before. It is more like a paradigm shift. God has just visited in a special way... and we cannot avoid that! We can't run away from that!

SI: How do you feel this conference equipped the participating pastors, not just to do individual church plants, but to really begin a movement within the nation?

IW: Building on what we learned from the conference... your approach was good, the approach was simple, and it was easy to adopt. And, you know, there is no ministry that have ever trained leaders to do church planting in the simplest way like the way Strategic Impact did.

SI: How we at Strategic Impact best serve you, Bishop Wandamba, in the future?

IW: You can serve us by enhancing what you have already started. You have already started the fire. Already news is spreading

into other parts of Tanzania. Tanzania has got 27 regions, and 120 ethnic groups. So if we can identify 6 regions of Tanzania and do this same movement, I tell you, we are going to reach our Tanzania.

SI: Well, as a Bishop, you've traveled a decent amount, to other African nations. Do you see as great a need in the other nations as there is in Tanzania?

IW: There is a great need of doing this work in other nations. I've traveled to other countries - I haven't seen this strategy. I haven't seen this movement. I believe that, if this vision will go into other nations of Africa, Africa shall be saved. You know what, a lot of people are doing ministry, but the strategy that you are using is unique and I believe it will bring a very big change in our nations of Africa. Africa needs your ministry. And one of the markings which I want to assure you, whenever you go into these African nations, you will leave unity. Because gathering pastors together and motivating them to work together... that is unity, and that is God's work.

SI: Do you have anything else to say to the Church in the United States?

IW: Yes! I would like to encourage my brethren in the United States that please, double please, maintain

support Strategic Impact to reach out Africa and other nations as well. Because what you are doing is very much needed. It is unique ministry and I'm telling you, this ministry is going to penetrate into different nations. So, I'm encouraging the church in America to support Strategic Impact so that this work goes on until when Jesus comes back.

SI: Thank you so much for your time and your hospitality. May God continue to bless you and your ministry there as you train up leaders and as you mobilize your people to reach the lost of your nation.

IW: Amen! And greet your family and greet your brethren in the United States.

SI: I shall, I shall. Thank you, Bishop Wandamba.

IW: Thank you, Dustin.

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