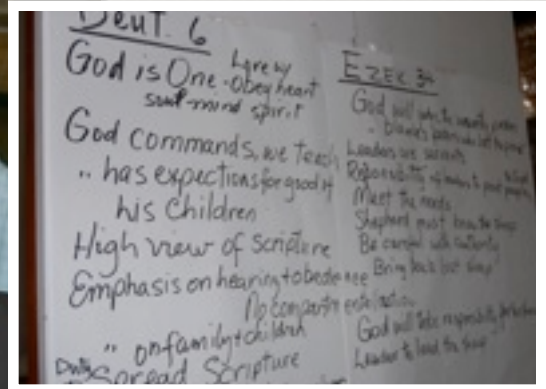




THE SHELBY'S



DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDIES
ABOUT CHURCH PLANTING AT CPM
CONFERENCE LAST WEEK

Church Planting Movements Workshop

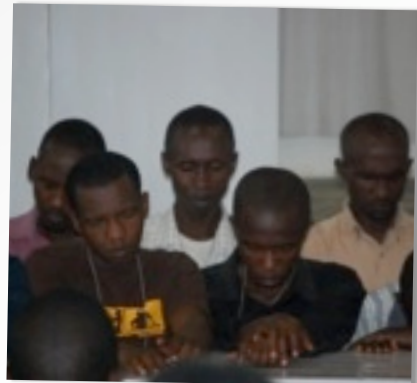
This month was a pivotal month for us here in Rwanda. Our national team hosted a Church Planting Movement Workshop August 17-25. Last week, people from almost 20 African nations attended. The purpose of the workshop was to study the scriptures

to find out how church planting was intended. At the heart of it all is using Discovery Bible Studies, allowing God's scripture to move in the hearts of people. We were reminded of John 6:44, that anyone who comes to Christ must be drawn by God. It is not our job

to convince, only to open God's word and allow it to do its powerful work, as we live Christ before the lost. Our team is excited and challenged about living a consistently obedient lifestyle so we can say, "Follow me as I follow Christ."



PRAYING FOR TOGO



PRAYING FOR RWANDA



PRAYING FOR IVORY COAST

A very special closing part of CPM was that, in alphabetical order, representatives from each nation prayed for those representing the nation that followed them.

AUGUST FAMILY PHOTOS



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. FOR OUR NATIONAL TEAM AS WE DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR REACHING THE NATION OF RWANDA WITH THE GOSPEL
2. FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR JILL AND THE BABY
3. FOR OUR CONSISTENT OBEDIENCE TO GOD AND HIS COMMANDS
4. FOR FRED AS HE STARTS A NEW SCHOOL YEAR
5. PRAISE GOD FOR ALL HIS PROVISIONS

Developing a national strategy for reaching Rwanda with the gospel

On the heels of the continent-wide Church Planting Movement Conference, this past week we met with our missions community to begin developing a national strategy for reaching all segments of the population in Rwanda. It was a time of brainstorming, learning and dreaming. Our facilitator, David Watson, encouraged us by saying he could see the potential--if we were intentional--for no outside missionaries being needed in Rwanda in ten years. Working with about 15 people, including several Rwandans, we are

strategizing about how we can two by two (always including Rwandans), provide access ministries and set up Discovery Bible Studies so that in ten year every village in Rwanda will have disciples who are at work transforming their own communities. We are excited because this strategy doesn't set the missionary up as the leader, but rather the nationals are leaders from the beginning. Please pray with us as we anticipate God's mighty moving in this country as His Spirit is poured out when people hear Him and obey Him and decide to follow His Son.