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SHEFFLER UPDATE - DECEMBER 2011

Hello friends and supporters,

Christian Leadership Training Institute

Woman Enrichment Seminars: Beatrice Ofori and Victoria Surugu held three Women Enrichment Seminars during October and November. Attendance was 47, 40 and 22. **Topics presented were: Parenting, Winning an Unbelieving Husband, The Call to Lead, Successful Woman, The Noble Woman and Godly Forgiveness.**

Here are two testimonies from the participants:

A. One woman said her family always ate carbohydrate food, mostly Cassava. Her daughter was always sick. In a previous seminar, **Mama Connie (Connie Sheffler) taught them to balance their diet and eat a lot of vegetables and fruit.** They have now balanced their diet with fruit and vegetables. The daughter is no longer sick. **The health of the whole family has seen significant improvement.**

B. Last year a woman testified that, **because of the teaching, she was able to save her marriage to a drunkard.** She cared for him when he was drunk and talked to him patiently about his bad habit. She converted him and he totally changed. Because of this testimony last year, another woman did the same thing concerning her marital problem which was causing her to lose weight. She converted her

husband and now she has peace of mind. Now she feels healthy and is blessed by the women enrichment seminars.

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Roujee Morris reports the **TEE classes are not yet back to full capacity as they were before the civil war.** However, students are working hard. Parliamentary elections will take place on December 11 so the political atmosphere is heating up again.

NIGERIA

Saturday, November 5, 2011: **Sunday Ude Obten was awarded a Doctoral Degree in missiology (Missions).** The degree was awarded by Global Theological Seminary. Sunday's Degree is granted by a Christian seminary affiliated with the University of Ebonyi, the department of religious and management studies, in Ebonyi State of Nigeria. It is respected as one of the best non-denominational seminaries in southern Nigeria. The university is recognized by the Federal Republic of Nigeria as a private University.

Grassroots Leadership Development

BOOKS FOR SALE:

The ***Three-Step Method*** is now available. The book is in ***programmed Instruction*** format so that anyone can learn to use the course books for discipleship and leadership training. It is also very helpful for training someone to be a small group leader.

American versions of three of the courses are available along with the ***Three-Step Method***. Find out how to purchase the books at the website: grassrootsld.org. Go to web page labeled ***Study Materials***. All profits go to support the mission work.

The Christian Marriage: covers all topics on marriage from God's plan for marriage to parenting and how to maintain your marriage. It can be used for premarital counseling, marriage counseling, preparing

Youth for marriage and leadership development. **It is the favorite course of our TEE students in Africa.**

The Christian Faith: covers basic Christian doctrine including the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the plan of salvation, the New Testament Church, worship and the old & new covenants.

The Christian Life: covers discipleship topics such as Fellowship with God, stewardship, faith, holiness, involvement in the church, the Christian family and the fruit of the Spirit.

TRAINING SEMINAR IN INDIA

I will leave on February 17 with Charles Grubbs and a team of over 20 going to the northern part of Andhra State. We will work with Indian leaders who were developed by the late Art Morris. Some of the team will work with the children, some will give medical service, some will work on building projects and I will hold a four-day seminar on how to do Theological Education by Extension (TEE) using the ***Three-Step Method***.

From there, I will travel to the Philippines where I will meet with Paul Wilson. We will visit with other missions in the Philippines to discuss the possibility of establishing TEE programs in other parts of the Islands. Paul has started work in three languages in the central part of the Islands. Churches in the northern and southern Islands could also benefit from the TEE program.

NEW CONTACTS AT THE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

We sold a few books at the National Missionary Convention in Atlanta the weekend before Thanksgiving. The greatest benefit was making contact with several missions who can benefit from adapting the ***Three-Step Method*** into their mission strategy. Those contacts included missions in New York City, Tanzania, Germany and Uganda.

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Thank God for the Doctoral Degree that Sunday Ude has earned.

2. Thank God for enabling us to continue His work during this ongoing economic struggle in the world.
3. Thank God for the successful *Women Enrichment Seminars*.
4. Thank God that the **Three-Step Method** book and American versions of three of the courses are now available in the USA.
5. Thank God that Bob's back continues to get better after surgery; pray for a complete recovery.
6. Ask God to provide extra funds for Bob's travels to India and the Philippines in February and March.
7. Pray for peaceful parliamentary elections in Ivory Coast.