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To: Leaders of West Africa Ministries, Denominations, and Para-church organizations.

Dear Leaders and Pastors,

The Second Annual West Africa Church planting Institute (CPI) conference will take place from 18-22 June, in Accra Ghana. We hope that many of you will be able to attend this year's conference. God has been doing some great things through the Institute since its inception in 1994. Its first conference, in Japan, included 29 missionaries and national leaders meeting together to give birth to a vision for CPI in Asia. Today there are over 500 missionaries and national leaders from 120 organizations and over 20 countries around the world involved in CPI church planting movement initiatives.

Last year's CPI conference in Accra, Ghana, attracted African key national leaders of several denominations, from Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Burkina-Faso, Ivory Coast, Senegal, and Rwanda. Also missionary leaders from Great Britain and the U.S. attended. There were a total of 120 leaders representing 12 evangelical denominations and 8 Para-church organizations. A defining moment of the 2006 conference came when all participants prayed with one voice: "Father, may your kingdom come in our hearts, as well as in our nations, cities, and villages. May our denominations and ministries do your will! May you raise up true leaders and worshippers for the Harvest. May West African nations take your gospel to the world." They learned from international speakers about the role of kingdom prayer, the challenge of Islam, church planting movements, and many other church-planting subjects. We were filled with joy when Mr. Jude Hama, CPI West Africa leadership team chairman, said, "If all leaders in this conference can go back to their nations and denominations and put into practice this concept: that the church exists for the city, and not the city for the church, then we will see and experience a revolution and transformation in African nations." That captures precisely the dream and hope that CPI wants to see realized in Africa. In spite of some acknowledged differences in theology and ecclesiology, participants shared at least one thing: the need to develop missions leaders who will think and act strategically in the spreading of the gospel, in order to make His invisible Kingdom visible through His church in Africa.

The West Africa CPI leadership team's prayer is to see the Lord bring many more key denominational and ministry leaders to take part in this year's conference: Presbyterian, Baptist, Assemblies of God, Anglican, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Reformed, national evangelical alliances, and other mission agencies. The CPI conferences, and ongoing CPI initiatives, exist solely to serve those involved in African church-planting efforts, by helping to equip and support them in establishing healthy, growing churches that are a vital part of national, indigenous church planting movements.

I'm sending this letter to provide you information on the nature and importance of this CPI conference, and invite you and your leaders to come and be a part of what we believe God is doing in West Africa through CPI. Please share this letter with others who may be interested in attending. If able, provide financial assistance via scholarship and/or underwriting travel expenses to those who otherwise would be unable to attend. Also, I encourage you to raise up ongoing prayer teams to pray for the conference, asking specifically that all those who need to be there will be able to attend, and that God may be glorified through this conference.

For the Nations,

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