

Dear friend....

Thank you for your interest in the 2008 Leadership Training Course (LTC) to be held in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. The dates for the LTC are April 21 – May 30, 2008 and it will be offered in English, French and Portuguese. The location will be the spacious YWAM Nigeria campus in Rivers State. Those of us who serve on the core LTS/LTC leadership team are thrilled to be bringing this six-week Leadership Training Course to Nigeria!

Why Nigeria? God has great hope for Africa, and we believe that Nigeria is a catalytic nation for His dreams to be fulfilled. As Paul Dangtounda (YWAM Nigeria National Director) recently shared at the UofN Workshop in Thailand – on one hand, Nigeria has been known for corruption, poverty and violence; Islamic influences from the north are trying hard to capture Nigeria because of its strategic location and influence. But on the other hand, the power of Jesus and true obedience to Biblical truths are beginning to bring transformation to the land. If Nigeria can be saved and disciplined, it can serve as a multiplier to bring transformation throughout all of Africa—not just salvation of souls, but God’s transforming power to change every area of society.

Since the birth of YWAM Nigeria in 2002, YWAM has grown to have ten bases (four of which run DTSs all year around), more than 200 full-time staff and scores of fruitful ministries, including kindergartens, rural evangelism, HIV/AIDS ministries, rehabilitation houses, construction/community development, reconciliation walks sharing God’s broken heart over religious riots and tribal in-fighting, etc. As a result, hundreds have come to know Jesus and criminals and drugs addicts are being saved and disciplined.

Many of the staff in Nigeria are young Christians themselves, in need of leadership training. We trust that the Leadership Training Course can be used by God to assist the development of world changers...from Nigeria...from Central and West Africa...from the whole of Africa and beyond. The purpose of the LTC is to better equip YWAM leaders for long-term service, bonding them into the broader vision of the Mission and encouraging international networking. The content focuses on spiritual leadership principles, with a strong emphasis on transferring the foundational values and spiritual history of YWAM.

The curriculum will be specifically designed to assist those working in developing world contexts. The class will consist of a broad mixture of people. Approximately two-thirds will be from the focus region of Central, West Africa and the continent of Africa; the other one-third will consist of international participants from around the globe.

Darlene Cunningham, Co-founder of Youth With A Mission, will oversee this school along with a qualified multi-national staff of leaders. The LTC will address key issues such as: character qualities of a godly leader, how to handle difficult leadership dilemmas, working in inter-cultural teams, hearing the voice of God (both individually and corporately as a Mission), faith and finances, YWAM in the 21st century, destroying false belief systems, the importance of having a Biblical Christian world view, what it means to truly "disciple the nations," leading by grace rather than by law, redeeming the gifts God has planted within cultures...and much more. The Cross of Jesus will be central to all that takes place and the Bible will be our textbook! We trust that, learning in an atmosphere of cultural diversity with great freedom to ask questions, will encourage and release many into new understanding of their personal and ministry potential.

Corporate LTC training sessions will be taught by speakers such as Darlene Cunningham, Loren Cunningham, David Hamilton, Joe Portale and other international leaders. But the LTC is much more than the classroom content! One of the richest outcomes of the course is the network of international support relationships that develops, as participants from many nations come to learn from the Lord, the speakers and staff, and one another. The LTC also will also create an environment of faith which encourages apostolic pioneering.

During the LTC, we will have the privilege of participating in a major gathering of international leaders from the body of Christ called Call2All. YWAM Port Harcourt is hosting this event during the fifth week of the Nigeria LTC (May 19-23--See information below).

Attached is an information sheet with costs and other details about the Nigeria LTC, along with application forms. Please read this information thoroughly. If you fulfill the requirements and feel you are to apply to attend the LTC, please **fill in all the forms and send them to the appropriate office** for processing, which is noted on the attached Information Sheet.

May the Lord bless you and give you wisdom to lead in the ways of God!

Yours for the expansion of His kingdom,

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P.S. A bit of the history to the LTC: In 1988, there was a clear word from God to YWAM's leaders to seek to release more "two-thirds worlders," women and youth into greater international leadership and decision-making. Darlene

Cunningham and others of her international team responded with a specific plan to facilitate this goal. We embraced His call to take our "banquet table" of leadership training to people from the two-thirds world who had not had opportunity to come to schools which, up to that time, had been offered only in North America and Europe, and only in English. We began to hold field-based Leadership Training Schools on location in various regions of the world, with the specific goals of offering them in multiple languages, adapting the content to be culturally and contextually relevant to developing world nations, and making them affordable within the local economic context. In recent years, we have offered some shorter courses such as the Leadership Training Course as well. We have held these field-based courses in Chile, Kenya, Tonga, India, Hungary, South Africa, New Zealand, Barbados, Mexico, Egypt and Mali...in English, Spanish, French, Korean, Nepali, Russian, Portuguese, Arabic and sign language. And we have seen this two-thirds world field-based model reproduced in the Ukraine, South Africa, Amsterdam and the Philippines. We believe that what God began in these locations regarding keys for releasing more leaders from two-thirds world nations, He will continue and expand upon in Nigeria.

P.P.S. More about Call2All: There will be 40 Call2All Congresses that will take place over the next three years (2008-2010), headed up by international YWAM leader, Mark Anderson. To summarize how this came about: In 2002, shortly before his death, Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ launched the Global Pastors' Network. In 2005 Mark was asked to coordinate the strategizing of this network and he invited David Hamilton to bring 4K into it. In January 2007 Mark was asked to be the president of the Global Pastors' Network. They are believing and strategizing for one billion people to come into the Kingdom over the next few years! The Global Pastors Network will only be one of several networks (each representing a sphere of society) which gather at each Call2All Congress. Call2All will convene leaders from all denominations, mission organizations and spheres of society for the purposes of God (John 17:20-21.) Jan 2008 will be the first of 40 congresses – one in each of 40 regions - which will culminate in YWAM's 50th Anniversary Jubilee Year 2010. The first congress will be held in Orlando, Florida in January of 2008. Nigeria will be the second of the 40 Call2All congresses! www.call2all.org