

June 2026



GLOBAL TRAINING NETWORK

Our Itinerary



June 1-9: Cameroon Ministry

July 9-18: Mindanao, Philippines Ministry

July 18-26: Cauayan, Neg. Occidental Ministry

Sept 13: East Wenatchee First Baptist, WA

Sept 20: Calvary Crossroads, Wenatchee, WA



Where in the World Is Bob This Month?

Bob spent the second half of May and the first part of June in Africa, Rwanda and Cameroon to be specific. In Rwanda, Bob led two classes at the Bihembe camp near Kigali. The first class studied Biblical Preaching while the second dealt with Christian Stewardship. Both classes were very productive. The outcomes of their action plans included

- Hundreds of pastoral visits
- 116 souls who came to Christ
- 84 baptisms
- 651 people who received training from our students
- 216 families in conflict reconciled

There were many others. God used these students (many of whose churches are closed due to government restrictions) to start 12 unique small groups with creative purposes, including

- Pooling financial resources within the group in order to help the poor, organizing visitation ministries as a group

- Launching an online WhatsApp support group for people shut in due to illness
- Working to renovate a house for an impoverished widow
- Growing to a size where the group begins to function as if it were an actual church

One unique opportunity came up when a student left our last training and was stopped by police who found his license and registration both out of date. He was arrested(!) and taken to

jail where he led three people to Christ during his stay.

Having avoided areas where he could be exposed to the Ebola virus, Bob had no travel restrictions.

After Rwanda, he moved on to Cameroon where he is teaching Christian Stewardship to students there. He plans to return home on June 9. ∞



The Eternity Fund: Why It's Time to Reallocate Your Assets

The markets of this world are notoriously volatile. Stocks crash, currencies fluctuate, inflation erodes savings, and physical assets degrade over time. In a society obsessed with maximizing portfolios and securing early retirements, we pour immense energy into building wealth that we ultimately cannot keep.

Jesus offered a radically different financial strategy in **Matthew 6:19-20**. He commanded His followers not to store up treasures on earth—where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal—but to store up treasures in heaven. This is not a metaphor for financial passivity; it is a call to a superior kind of asset allocation.

Investing in heaven is the only guaranteed, recession-proof strategy available to us. Earthly riches are temporary and vulnerable, but kingdom investments yield eternal dividends.

How do we transfer our wealth into the Eternity Fund? We do it by shifting our perspective **from ownership to stewardship**. God owns the capital; we simply manage it. When we use our earthly resources to fund the gospel, care for the poor, and support our local ministries (**Luke 12:33**), we are actively converting temporary currency into eternal value. Paul echoed this in **1 Timothy 6:18-19**,

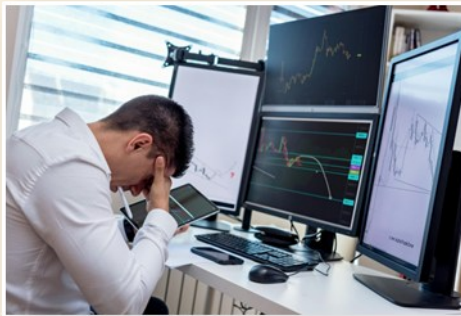
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instructing the wealthy to be rich in good deeds and to be generous, thus "storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future." That's us folks.

We see the beautiful fruit of eternal investment right here in our own ministry. We want to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has generously given to help us in our task of training pastors in the Majority World, especially during our annual matching fund challenge. Your financial gifts are directly equipping leaders around the world who will plant churches, shepherd God's people, and multiply disciples for generations to come, just as they are doing in Rwanda! This is kingdom investing at its finest.

Jesus noted the profound psychological impact of this shift: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Your heart naturally follows your money. If your wealth is tied up entirely in earthly ventures, your anxiety



will rise and fall with the world. But when your wealth is invested in God's work, your heart becomes firmly anchored in eternity.

Take a moment to review your portfolio this week. Are you over-leveraged in a world that is passing away? Diversify your life by investing in things that last forever. The returns are out of this world. 



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Our Praises & Prayer Requests



- Praise God for continued good health as all of the travel can be demanding.
- Praise God for successful ministry in Rwanda.
- Praise God for our 2026 matching fund total of more than \$32,300.
- Please pray for successful ministry in Cameroon June 1-9.
- Please pray for good time management during a short time at home.
- Please pray for our Philippine ministry in July.



Matched and Rematched

In February of this year, a generous partner gave a gift of \$7,500 to this ministry with the challenge that other partners together work to match it during the following three months (March-May) for a total of \$15,000. This is for the purpose of funding our work training leaders in the Majority World this year. Later, another generous donor added \$5,000 to the original challenge amount, making the overall matching goal \$25,000. You have amazed us once again by giving more than \$32,000 to fully fund our training events through 2026. This means that the original challenge gift has been doubled and doubled again! You rose to the challenge and not only matched, but rematched! May God richly reward your investment in the things of heaven!

Ministry Partnership

Your financial partnership is essential as we carry out our God given ministry. Please follow the instructions below or on the enclosed response card (US mail version).

"Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account... And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:17, 19)

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