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Perseverance and the Power of One!

Read below how God inspired His vision in His people and made it happen. Rejoice with all of us as we celebrate the results of following God's lead and submitting to His plan.

Enjoy the pictures of your brothers and sisters in Christ in Burkina Faso. Pray for them and for their continued submission to Him.

"Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope" Romans 5: 1-4

Perseverance. Yes, this e-newsletter is about perseverance and the "Power of One".

The year, 2003. The student in the year-long Church Planting training, Patrice Hien. The major class assignment: "Write a paper detailing your vision for a Church Planting movement in the region where you serve the Lord." Contrary to most of the other students, his submission was not about a specific region, nor a specific people group, nor a specific language. The plan detailed a way to prepare God-called men and women to be saturated in the Word of God. A plan was submitted showing that equipping and preparing those men and women to teach the Word, to live the Word and to love the Word would assure a God honoring and Holy Spirit powered church. In turn, that church led by a Holy Spirit empowered Pastor would learn how to plant other strong churches, which would, in turn, plant others. October 2014 the vision and dream of this young man became a reality. The doors to the Pastor Training Institute opened.

Perseverance.

May 20, 2017, saw the first graduating class of the Pastor Training Institute (PTI). Twelve men enrolled in 2014. We lost one of those twelve when he went to be with Jesus. Ten of those 12 persevered. Ten of those 12 graduated. The road was not an easy one. Persevering never is. They had Monday through Friday classes and were long distances from their churches and families during the week. Classwork. Homework. Exams. Preparing their meals. No fans. Many Pastors and teachers helped along the way as they came, taught, prayed, counseled and testified.