

Because Two is Stronger Than One

Leveraging Partnerships to Bring Quality Christian Literature to Africa

Jesus sent his disciples out to minister in pairs. Following his example, Oasis commits to developing partnerships for the Gospel. These partnerships are small, personal, and mutually directed to make them sustainable. Will you consider joining one of our partnerships? You can visit Oasis in the United States or in Africa. You can do so in person, via the phone, or the web. You can partner through prayer, finances, personal correspondence or the donation of your time. We want to encourage you as a prospective partner to be personally involved. We will work with you as God directs, to find a level of partnership and project that resonates with you.



The Partnership —

Pius Nyakayiro - a newly established Christian book distributor in Rwanda - and **Oasis International** are partnering together to bring quality Christian literature to Rwanda.

Our last survey trip to the country confirmed our fears; Christians in Rwanda have almost no written resources to grow their faith. We were compelled to act. Pius Nyakayiro is also the Director of Good News Jail & Prison Ministry (GNJPM) in Rwanda. GNJPM serves the country's correctional facilities by providing spiritually-mature, well-equipped Christian chaplains for the inmates. GNJPM addresses the psychological, emotional, spiritual, and physical needs of those scarred by the genocide. They provide tools for the healing, reconciliation, and restoration of these survivors.

In May 2010, GNJPM conducted a four-day workshop for inner healing and forgiveness for 55 genocide orphans living in Kinyinya – a Kigali suburb. Most were teenagers who survived the genocide but still suffered from many wounds. Partnering with Pius Nyakayiro to distribute Christian books in Rwanda and in Rwanda's prisons brings us great joy. Oasis made an initial shipment of books to Pius in 2009 and followed with two shipments in 2010.

The Need —

In order for Oasis to invest in Rwanda, we need additional start-up capital. *A shipment of thousands of books is waiting to sail.* If we are unable to solidify funding, the shipment will be reduced to a bare minimum. Our need is for a \$10,000 gift of Kingdom venture capital to help Oasis birth our operation in this country thirsty for Christian literature resources.



The Partnership –

Gospel Light Worldwide and **Oasis** are partnering together to expand the distribution of the iVangeli Children's Curriculum - a culturally relevant approach written by East and West Africans. This curriculum teaches kids to live in harmony with other tribes and cultures. The goal is to disciple one million kids as followers of Jesus Christ.

We are combining the strengths of Gospel Light and Oasis International to deliver the most effective ministry. Together we offer:



- ❖ *Indigenusness Leadership* - We work alongside indigenusness leaders and teachers in Africa.
- ❖ *Easy to Replicate* – GLW knows how to train teachers to best utilize the Bible curriculum for the children they teach and to teach others to do the same.
- ❖ *Proven Track Record* – An established, highly-skilled teams of writers, translators, editors and artists developed the materials.
- ❖ *Field-Tested* – GLW has developed and field-tested curriculum in 16 different countries. The design of every project includes ongoing evaluation.
- ❖ *Demonstrative Experience* - Thousands of African teachers and leaders have attended GLW teacher training. classes
- ❖ *Well-Connected* – GLW and Oasis are well-respected by key church leaders and indigenous churches in Africa. Currently, Oasis resources 11 of the 17 English-speaking African nations.

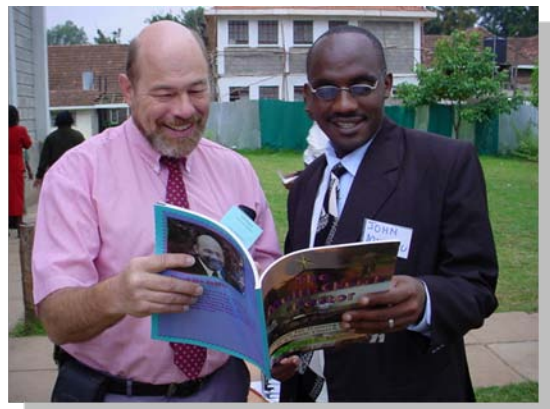
The Need –

The projected cost for this project is \$138,000. GWL and Oasis will deliver a needed, culturally-relevant and affordable children's curriculum to English speaking churches in Africa by capitalizing on the strengths of these two longstanding international ministries.



The Partnership –

The **Multi-Church Pastor Institute** in Kenya and **Oasis International** are partnering together to provide the *Pastor's Ministry Guidebook's*. The Institute is affiliated with Africa International University in Nairobi. Our commitment with the Director, Phillip Morrison, is to help train Africa's rural pastors. So many African pastors have multiple congregations. Out of his concern for such pastors, Morrison wrote *The Multi-Church Pastor* which was printed in English, French, Portuguese and Swahili.



His two other books are *Questions Pastors Ask*, which gives biblical and contextually appropriate answers to questions raised during training conferences, and *Seven Surprises for the Pastor*, which is a

primer of pastoral theology and addresses practical realities that the pastor should be aware of throughout their ministry.

Morrison is the lead author for this effort. The project research relies heavily on those involved in multi-Church ministry including pastors, students, and African church leaders. They will do the research, writing, and developing the content for the book.

It will be a pastors companion - a quick reference guide a pastor can use time and again for encouragement, advice, and biblical wisdom. It will include advice on leading multiple churches, training leaders, and the balancing of travel, commitments, and family life. It will do this in the context of an economically challenged African community. In essence, it is a mini-book of "church order" that will guide pastors to effectively carry out the many functions of the church.

The Need –

The project partnership needs \$9,175 to print and distribute the *Pastor's Ministry Guidebook's*.

**Because Two is Stronger Than One,
we need YOU.
Even more important,
the church in Africa needs you.**

Leveraging Three Partnerships to Bring Quality Christian Literature to Africa is an important task. These tasks must be achieved. The economically poor in Africa cannot pay western prices for Bibles and Christian books. Many also need employment. Our methods of distribution not only make books affordable for the economically poor, but also create employment for African Christians.

The role of partnership is multi-faceted. Partners encourage one another. Partners working together can accomplish more in less time. We want you...we need you to become a partner.

Upon request, an Executive Summary will be provided for each of these projects.