



Monday Matters

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Plant Those Seeds!

A year ago one of our sons gave Linda a big container of packages of seeds. We had to build a small garden and even then she couldn't plant all the seeds. This year she planted more of those seeds and they are growing well in the garden. It is amazing to see seeds actually produce beans, squash, radishes, cucumbers and a host of other vegetables. Some seeds never develop into plants and some reseed themselves and produce the following year.

Dr. William Leslie wanted to be a seed planter, a different type of seed planter. He was a medical doctor who, along with his wife Clara, went to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa in 1912 as missionaries to share the good news of Jesus with the tribal people in a very isolated area of the country. They cleared some land by the Kwilu River in the jungle to establish a mission station to reach the Yansi people. The area was infested with wild animals and some of the nearby villages still practiced cannibalism.

Dr. Lewis taught the Bible to the tribal people, helped the children in the tribes to read and write, emphasized the importance of education and made certain to tell the stories in the Bible.



After 17 years of labor of planting seeds for the Kingdom in the Yansi villages, he packed it up and went home. He believed he was making absolutely no impact for Christ with these people. He thought he had failed. He had not seen the fruits of his labor.

Decades later, most recently in 2010, a missionary organization was sent to this region and discovered that those seeds planted in the early 1900's had sprouted and taken root. Today there is a network of reproducing churches throughout the region. In one of the villages a thousand seat church exists. In the 1980's the church was so big with people walking from miles around to attend services that the Yansi people planted churches in seven other villages. They preach the Gospel message, have developed their own worship music and are thriving for the cause of Christ, all because of the seed planted by Dr. William Lewis.



Seed to Sow by Michael W. Smith

In our community today we have the opportunity to plant seeds of hope in people's lives. It might be at a job, in our home, in our churches. Anywhere and everywhere we go we can plant seeds for the Kingdom simply by a kind word, a smile, a word of encouragement, or an action we take. We might never see that seed sprout up into a mature plant. We might never see the fruits of our labor. Rest assured, our labor is not in vain. **Plant those seeds!**

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