

# TRUTH CONNECT

ENCOURAGING AND EQUIPPING CHRISTIAN LEADERS WHERE THEY LIVE

## Connecting with the Truth

**Termites taste like ...** (hint: not chicken). The past few years when in Kenya I eat a bowl of roasted termites at a specialty restaurant in the airport (NBO) . I know what you may be thinking, *No wonder he has been sick!* I'm sure (almost) the termite soufflé isn't the genesis of my problem. And, by the way, termites taste ... good — a little woody and crunchy with salt. The point is that God provides for us in ways we're not always used to. We need to be careful not to reject God's provision when it comes in "a way" or "a taste" or "an amount" we're unfamiliar with. When Israel was fleeing bondage in Egypt they had no food, no water and no extra clothes. Where would a million-ish people find a Sam's Club or Costco? It was no problem for God. Exodus 16 & 17 tells how God supernaturally provided manna like dew and water from a rock. Later we learn that for 40 years in the wilderness their shoes and clothes never wore out. Unfortunately, the people grumbled—it wasn't what they were used to. Friend, with God all things are possible (Luke 1:37). Trust Him to provide for what you need and don't grumble — *even if you are served a bowl of termites.*

## 2019-2020 LTC Preparation

### Moses — A Reluctant Leader

Each summer I research and write the Leadership Training Curriculum for the upcoming series of leadership conferences. Last year I wrote a book that focused on the church leadership positions of pastor and deacon (if you would like a PDF copy of this book, I would be happy to email it to you, free of charge as a thank you for your prayers and financial support — just ask for it).

This year's leadership training will focus on Moses. What an amazing leader he was! His position as one of the great men of the Bible is confirmed for all eternity. Yet, when God called to Moses from the burning bush to lead Israel out of bondage in Egypt, he was very reluctant to obey and even made excuses why he thought he was not the right man for the job (Exodus 3 & 4). Moses gave four reasons why he could not do it (Exodus 3:11— 4:17): 1) Who am I? *His Identity.* 2) What if they won't listen? *His Authority.* 3) I am not able. *His Qualification.* 4) I don't want to do it. *His Motivation.* Interestingly, these are the same excuses we use today when God calls us to serve where we live and work. The leadership lessons Moses learned then still apply today.

## Special Thanks To You!



**The past few months have been a challenge for me physically.** As I mentioned in the last update, I have been dealing with some medical issues that have kept me close to home. In April I became jaundiced and fatigued easily. This led to an overnight stay at the Pittsburgh Veteran's Hospital where many tests were done to find the problem—*unsuccessfully.* Because I travel to so many "interesting" foreign countries the experts thought I may have picked up a parasite. Finally, a liver biopsy was taken and came back clear leaving the doctors baffled. That said, I feel great and I'm moving ahead on preparations for upcoming Africa and Caribbean Leadership Training Conferences. **Many thanks to you for your prayers and continued financial support.**

*Don*

### MISSION

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