

transformation today

Jesus changes people. Changed people transform communities.

Stonebridge Vintage 242 Riverstone Awakening

Transformation is Happening...



† Several months ago a Vision Beyond Borders partner in a closed-access Asian nation was arrested with several others. Upon their release they were overjoyed. "You will never guess what God did," he told VBB. "He allowed us to go to prison to bring the Gospel to the prisoners; we shared the Gospel with 180 prisoners, led 20 to faith in Jesus Christ, and baptized eight in prison." This was the beginning of a new prison ministry. (*Vision Beyond Borders*)

Endless Expressions: Vintage 242 Reaches Out

On October 1 members of Vintage 242 Church hosted a fall festival for residents of an apartment complex in Dallas. The fun-filled day included a cookout, face painting, balloon animals, a bouncy house, games and lots of love. "Most of the children in this community have very limited resources available to them, and we really wanted to demonstrate the practical

love that Jesus has for His children," said Lane Bagwell, outreach coordinator at Vintage. "This was a chance to get to know our community and get outside the four walls of the church building." Vintage continues to connect with this community and wants to make a true and lasting investment into their lives. They have taken thanksgiving meals to 44 families, and will be

sponsoring children for Christmas.



TRANSFORMATION THROUGH MISSIONS



This fall members from each network church formed two teams: **Kenya** (left) and **Israel** (below). The network is working with a mission organization to send a team to **Egypt** in April 2012. If interested, contact Pam Otto at pam.otto@mindspring.com.



†Each Thursday afternoon **Vintage 242** ministers to students at Abney Elementary through KIDS BEACH CLUB, an after-school bible club designed to influence the next generation of leaders for Christ. The volunteer commitment is two hours per week for 24 weeks. Contact Randel Hambrick at Randel@Vintage242.com if you'd like to get involved.

†LOCAL CALL, a small group at **StoneBridge**, serves various local ministries each month. Contact Kaye Cagle at KayeCagle@gmail.com for more information.

†**RiverStone** hosts NIGHT OF HEALING PRAYER and SOZO each month. Over 1000 people in our community and beyond have been transformed by these ministries.

†Over 400 families in Cobb, Cherokee and Paulding Counties were given a meal, Bible scripture cards and a prayer journal through the THANKSGIVING OUTREACH.

†BORN AGAIN BLESSINGS, a network-wide children's consignment sale, will be February 24-25, 2012.

Values Matter: Advance of the Kingdom

From Ten Million to 400 Million

In 1900 Africa had ten million Christians...today there are over four hundred million. That's because it is the nature of the **Kingdom of God to advance**. You and I as believers in Jesus have an active role to play in the ever expanding Kingdom. All of us in the network

churches seek to help one another discern and live out our roles in this advance. Because of this value, Transformation Network is recruiting a mission team from all the network churches. We plan to go to Egypt with a church planting ministry that is influencing other

North Africa nations. If you believe your role in Kingdom expansion could be on this team, please email Pam Otto at pam.otto@mindspring.com.

-Mark Nysewander,
Executive Director,
Transformation Network

No Limits: Living "On Purpose"

"**Wow, I could have had a V8!**" Years ago this commercial described a moment when a person realized they could have something better, when they "got it"...a concept that opened their eyes to a truth that they had been missing...or at least not connecting with on all cylinders. This happened to me recently. I had just finished *No More Spectators*, a book by Mark Nysewander about intentional discipleship. One Sunday at Awakening I was listening to Pastor Jeff Whitmire describing the very same concepts when my "V8 moment" occurred. Jeff was talking about Kingdom living "on purpose" and Mark was

talking about making disciples "on purpose." They were talking about the same thing! I immediately thought back over 20 years of my Christian walk and wondered if I had ever done these things purposely even after 10 years of building churches and schools in southern Africa. I decided that when I went to Kenya in October of 2011 that I would go to intentionally make disciples, armed with quite a few of Mark's books. God orchestrated a divine appointment with Pastor Maurice Odhiambo from Kisumu, Kenya to receive copies of *No More Spectators* and use it to pour in to his disciples.



He recently reported that those disciples are now using the book to pour in to other disciples. Western Kenya will be changed! I experienced personal and community transformation in a way that only God could orchestrate and believe this concept of waking up every day to intentionally disciple or be discipled, on purpose, should be a clarion call to all members of our network churches.

-Steve McKenzie,
Awakening Church

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MARCH 2-4, 2012

Join your friends from Awakening, Vintage 242, StoneBridge and RiverStone for a weekend of worship, prayer and fellowship.