

ROMANS PROJECT

April 2015 Update

East African Directors Consultation

On March 21st, Rick joined Marshall and the translators in Kenya for the week. His visit coincided with his spring break from teaching at Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). As usual, Rick made the most of a short trip and preached on Sunday at Ken's church in Kibera and then that evening began the first session of the East African Directors Consultation. National directors from Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania were all able to make it. During the initial meeting, each director shared how they personally came to know Christ as their Savior. This get-to-know-you time built bridges of trust and comradery and laid the foundation for the discussions to follow. Through the course of the meetings Rick and Marshall were able to cast vision and give guidance to the leaders for the future of the project in each country. Join us in praising God for these men and praying for the pastors they will to influence through the RP in East Africa!



From left to right: Rick, Eremias, Allan, Gwalikughu, Ken, Apollo, Wakshuma, Albert (behind), Bonheur (in front), Dan, Marshall, Charles.

Joel Simbitti and the Swahili Translation



Tragically, Joel was unable to join the other translators in Kenya because his wife was diagnosed with a serious form of cancer while visiting in the US. She is currently receiving treatment at a hospital in Texas. Thanks to Rick's connections, Joel will be able to restart the Swahili translation from a computer on the DTS campus. Please pray for Joel and his wife during this difficult time. Pray also that the Swahili translation will move forward even though Marshall (our translation expert) will not physically be present to work alongside Joel. Swahili is spoken by 140 million people in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. There are pastors in the Congo right now who are very interested in the Romans Project but expansion there has been delayed until the Swahili translation is complete.