

Sustainable vs. Destructive Agriculture

Once the soil washes away, it can never be recovered so the need is urgent.

Did you know Tennessee once had the highest soil erosion rates in the world? This has changed dramatically over the past 30 years and their experience is helping transform agriculture in Lesotho.



A Call To Action

Daylight Media Ministries is seeking partners to help provide needed funding for this critical training project. During phase one of the project, we will create English language program masters of the video and print materials this year (2011). Subsequent phases will include duplication, implementation, assessment and translation into additional, strategically targeted languages.

Learn More

Please take a few minutes to watch our introductory video on this program by clicking on the "Growing Nations" photo at the top of our homepage. The need for this information extends throughout most of the third-world and you can have a part in it. Contact us for more information.

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DAYLIGHT MEDIA MINISTRIES Presents:

**Growing Nations'
Video Training Project**

Introduction

At one time, farms in the Kingdom of Lesotho produced enough crops for export. Years of deep plowing and the soil erosion it causes brought an end to those exports. Now, not only are the farmers falling short of meeting their own food needs, Lesotho is also losing its precious topsoil and farmland to erosion at an alarming rate.

Today, a small band of missionaries and the pastors and farmers they have trained are beginning to make a difference. Our documentary video project "*Growing Nations*" provides an introduction to this work.

The Growing Nations team is making great strides in this small kingdom, but now they have been asked to provide their training throughout the continent of Africa. Workshops have been taught in Uganda, Mozambique, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, and Zambia. Even with their best efforts, they could never respond to all of these requests personally. They have determined that the best solution will be to create a training program that can be duplicated and distributed to all who request it.



The Challenge

We have an opportunity to create a comprehensive, video-based program that will help train thousands of farmers in the techniques and skills they need to feed their families, improve their economic conditions and stop the devastating impact of unchecked soil erosion.

The Goal

Personal stories are a powerful way to convey information to non-literate and low-literate audiences. The goal of this project is to design and produce English language training materials including train-the-trainer, instructor and participant materials with supporting video modules using the personal success stories of national farmers.

More than a technical training program, we plan to create a discipleship tool to teach important Biblical concepts as the basis for the successful results.

Subsequent projects will target translation into hundreds of languages for use throughout the African continent as well as Central and South America.

The Results

A team from The University of Tennessee is conducting long-term studies on the impact of these farming methods. According to official government sources in Lesotho, however, current deep plowing methods produce crop yields in the range of 400 to 750 kg of maize per hectare. After three successive years of improving yields, the Growing Nations team is anticipating a harvest of nearly 8 tons per hectare this year using less fertilizer and no soil erosion from their fields!