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QUARTERLY REPORT

BREAKING NEWS

On September 1, Deeper Roots Foundation financially supported the safe return of two young Nigerian women — Helen I., 19, and Blessing Y., 21 — from Côte d'Ivoire back home to Nigeria. Both had responded to what appeared to be a legitimate work notice, were abducted, and forced into prostitution before managing to escape to a police station. DRF is now supporting their aftercare, including biblical and traditional counseling and medical checks. Please keep these young women, and the team that found them, in your prayers.

Full story in our next Quarterly Report.

*“Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD... like a tree planted by water, that does not fear when heat comes.” —
Jeremiah 17:7–8*

Greg Schwabe, Founder & Executive Director | Summer 2026

This has been one of the most consequential seasons in Deeper Roots Foundation's history. In the same stretch of weeks, our veterans found healing in the wild at Sable Plains, and our voice reached the highest levels of the Catholic Church and global political leadership at the Global Peace Conference in Italy. None of it would have been possible without the community that stood behind every mile of it — and stood behind it financially.



The 2026 Soldiers on Safari cohort at Sable Plains, Limpopo, South Africa.

FIELD REPORT

Soldiers on Safari 2026

From July 28 to August 5, DRF deployed its 2026 cohort to Sable Plains — the same land where Greg first encountered God in 2023. Ten veterans were scheduled to attend, each carrying the weight of moral injury and post-traumatic stress into the wilderness, for eight to ten days entirely free of cost, to encounter God through fellowship, conservation work, and wildlife photography.

Only four of the ten scheduled made it: DRF faced visa issues again this year, and six attendees — including several traveling from Ukraine and the country of Georgia — were unable to join. Please keep them in your prayers.

One of the veterans who did make it as far as the airport experienced a PTSD crisis moment — hypervigilance took hold, and he was physically unable to board the plane. It's a hard reminder that moral injury and post-traumatic stress are real, ongoing battles our veterans carry, and one DRF will keep facing as this program grows. We're committing to more prep work leading up to Soldiers on Safari Africa going forward, so more of our veterans can make it all the way to Sable Plains.

While in South Africa, the cohort also gave 20 hours of intense training in support of Rhino Regiment, DRF's anti-poaching partnership with the Matlabas Custodians — healing and service, side by side.

“God met me in the most unlikely spot — a safari — and that changed everything.”

— Simon, 2026 Soldiers on Safari cohort

CONSERVATION

Rhino Regiment



Rhino Regiment rangers train on tactical rifle handling as part of anti-poaching readiness.



One of the white rhinos Rhino Regiment works to protect in Limpopo.

This August, Soldiers on Safari veterans trained alongside Rhino Regiment, DRF's anti-poaching partnership with the Matlabas Custodians — healing and service carried out side by side in the same wilderness. That partnership now represents 370 days of embedded operations and patrols, and to date, over 800 hours of training in the field.

370

DAYS OF EMBEDDED OPERATIONS & PATROLS

800+

HOURS OF TRAINING TO DATE

In May, 4 rhinos in the region were illegally poached for their horns. DRF responded alongside the Matlabas Custodians, standing with the rangers who carry the weight of that loss and reinforcing the training that stands between the herd and the next attempt.

Rhino Regiment's reach kept growing this quarter. New communication towers now connect area farms across the reserve, giving rangers and neighboring landowners a shared, real-time channel to pass along information and flag threats the moment they appear. A new camera system installed along the reserve's dirt roads adds another layer of early warning, watching the routes poachers use most. Anti-poaching operations continued without pause through the quarter, and Rhino Regiment launched a community education program on apex cats — helping neighboring farmers and herders see lions and leopards as neighbors worth protecting rather than threats to eliminate. To guard the health of the herd and the livestock around it, DRF also helped establish foot-and-mouth disease cleaning stations across more than 300 kilometers of the reserve, a frontline defense that protects both wildlife and the communities who share this land.

Phronimos Training — Jos, Nigeria



Leadership training with local pastors in Jos.



Local security personnel who work alongside DRF's trained pastors.

In June 2026, DRF carried out its first mission to Jos, training seventeen Nigerian pastors in Phronimos Kingdom Security Training — security, emergency medical response, anti-carjacking awareness, and leadership, built around winning hearts and minds for Christ over culture. Day two, word came that two believers had just been abducted; the room stopped and prayed together for the victims and their captors. Both men came home alive. The training is already bearing fruit: Sampson, one of the pastors trained, has since used what he learned to save a life.

Phronimos was always built as train-the-trainer: DRF's goal was to put trusted contacts into their own communities who could carry the training further and become force multipliers — and that is exactly what's happening. On September 1, DRF held its third monthly mentorship call with the Jos team over Zoom, continuing their education and passing along community information to keep the training moving forward long after the team left Nigeria.



Greg with women from the community DRF serves in Nigeria, including Chibok women.

*“That is the church I need you to picture... Not a victim. A shepherd,
even under the knife.”*

ON THE WORLD STAGE

Global Peace Conference — Frascati & Assisi



Greg with Cardinal Bo, fellow delegates, and Catholic leadership outside the Basilica of San Francesco, Assisi.

On August 23 and 25, Deeper Roots Foundation presented to senior Christian and Catholic global stewards and political figures in Frascati and Assisi, Italy — before an audience that included Cardinal Bo of Myanmar. The address, “One Voice: Nigeria's Cry and Our Watch,” laid out the scale of what Christians in Nigeria's Middle Belt are enduring: of the nearly 4,850 Christians killed worldwide for their faith last year, over seventy percent were killed in Nigeria alone. In the days that followed, Cardinal Bo, Archbishop of Yangon, invited Greg and DRF to continue peace talks and help develop security countermeasures for persecuted Christians in Myanmar.



Cardinal Charles Bo of Myanmar.



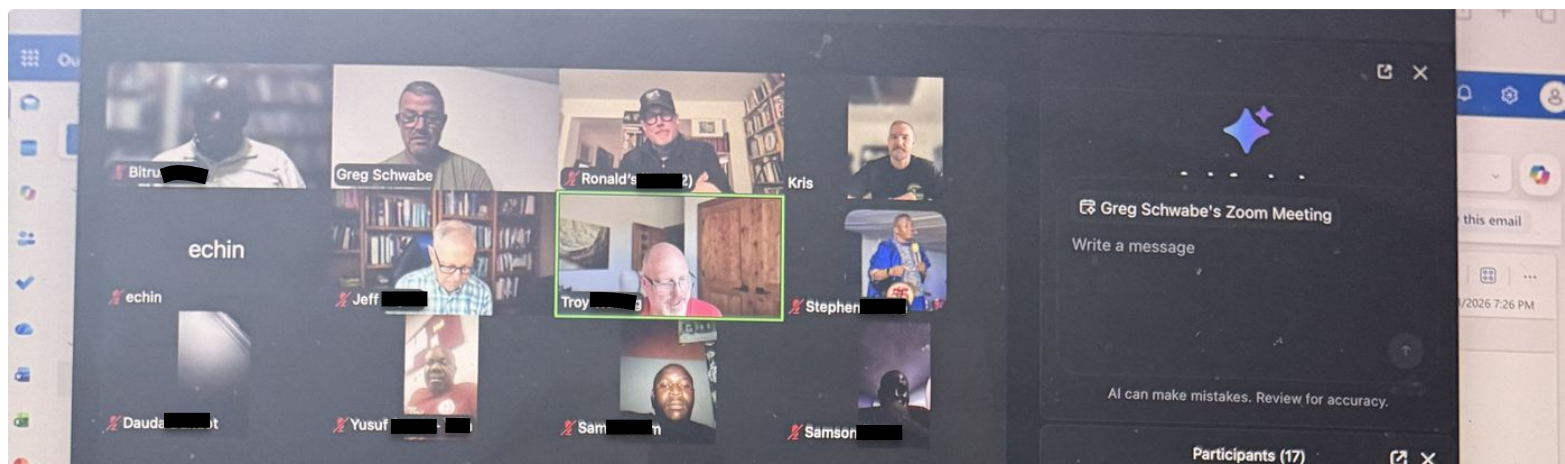
With a fellow delegate at the Basilica.



Prayer at the tomb of St. Francis.

COALITION

One Voice Nigeria



Greg hosts the August 27 One Voice Nigeria call with coalition partners and local stewards across Nigeria.

Without unity, there is no kingdom community. That conviction is the whole reason One Voice exists: the enemy does not need to defeat Catholic, Anglican, Baptist, and Pentecostal believers separately — it only needs them to keep standing separately. One Voice is DRF's answer, a coalition built to put Christ over culture and over every denominational line.

“Without unity, there is no kingdom community.”

On August 27, that conviction took shape in the room: seventeen denominational leaders from across Nigeria gathered for “Christ Over Culture,” setting church labels aside to put Christ above all. Together they shared the current situation facing believers on the ground in the Middle Belt and prayed into what is next for their communities — one voice, formed out of many.

That coalition stretches across the ocean, too. Several key Christians here in the U.S. — among them Alex Barbir, Kris Jensen, and Yusef Amos — have stood behind DRF and the persecuted church in Nigeria, aligning with what they believe is the Holy Spirit's vision for One Voice and helping carry it forward.

Two local stewards also shared how the training they carried back to their communities has already strengthened security posture in areas facing active threats — unity turning directly into protection on the ground.

IMPACT

Your Generosity at Work

\$51,400

RAISED IN 2026

\$849,000

2027 ANTICIPATED BUDGET

Together, this community has raised \$51,400 so far in 2026 — funding Soldiers on Safari, the Global Peace Conference, and DRF's growing work in Nigeria. As the mission grows into 2027 — more training, more travel, the first part-time hires, and a new community

center in the South Bay — DRF's anticipated budget is \$849,000. Thank you for standing with us, and please prayerfully consider what part you can carry of what's still ahead.

FLIGHTS

Getting cohorts and delegates to Sable Plains, Jos, and Italy

ON THE GROUND

Local partners, logistics, and community support

TRAINING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Phronimos curriculum, Rhino Regiment hours, safari programming

DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS

Keeping the mission running between deployments

COUNSELING AFTERCARE

Ongoing support for veterans after Soldiers on Safari

MORE ALLIES NEEDED

Funding gets us in the room — but this mission grows only as far as this community carries it. We need more allies willing to share DRF's story, follow and repost what God is doing, and introduce us to churches, veterans, and partners who haven't heard of this work yet. If you believe in it, tell someone.

WHAT'S NEXT

WEEK OF SEP 3	First Rooted & Restored meet-ups launch at local parks in the South Bay — weekly Tuesdays, 5:30–7:00 PM, building community with veterans and first responders one life at a time.
SEP 17	One Voice Nigeria — “Christ Over Culture.”
MID-SEP	Second Women's Security Training at Sable Plains, led by Ian.
OCTOBER	Supporting a missions trip to Mexico.
NOVEMBER	Mission to Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria.
NOVEMBER	Veterans Day speech at Thanksgiving Church, Buena Park.
DECEMBER	Invited to speak in Oslo during Peace Conference Week.
JANUARY	Mission to Chiang Mai, Thailand, for women's and children's sex-trafficking aftercare.
JANUARY	Anti-poaching training.
ONGOING	Continued peace talks with Cardinal Bo on protecting Myanmar's Christians.

WHAT'S NEEDED

- Security cameras for Sable Plains and mission sites

- Night vision goggles for anti-poaching patrols
- Drones for anti-poaching surveillance
- A backhoe for land and conservation work
- A Ford Ranger-style truck for anti-poaching operations in South Africa
- An SUV or van for the Rooted & Restored program in the South Bay
- A South Bay community center (2027) for veterans and first responders — community, fellowship, faith-based classes, outreach, community projects, counseling services, and community clean-up projects
- Emergency medical supplies for field training
- Realistic body manikins for medical training
- One Canon 5D Mark III with a long and a short lens
- Hiring a part-time pastor
- Hiring part-time administration support
- Hiring social media support
- Hiring a grant writer
- Funding a leadership salary in 2027
- Allies to help share our story and spread the word to new communities

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