



LttN Ministries Newsletter

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Good Seed. Fertile Soil.

Watching vision become reality is an exciting process. That is what we are witnessing in Uganda today.

In May 2005 we commenced our first SALT School in the capital city, Kampala. In May 2007, twenty six pastors will graduate from the six session course. More than simply completing a training programme, we have watched these men and women mature in personal, spiritual and practical ways.

We have had the privilege of visiting some of the churches where these leaders minister. We have witnessed first hand the difference the SALT training has made in their lives and in the lives of their people

The School of Advanced Leadership Training (SALT) was developed as a practical way to provide Ugandan pastors with accessible training. But it is much more than a teaching curriculum. SALT is about imparting a lifestyle of Christian character, integrity and example as a vital core of ministry.

The first SALT school was a joint venture between LttN Ministries and our American colleagues, Commission Ministries. It is these students who will graduate in May. Since then LttN Ministries has commenced two more SALT Schools in other parts of the country with another one to commence in May this year.

Men like Pastor Johathan Mbogo of the Victorious Church of Christ in Namugongo, near Kampala, is one who will graduate. Pastor Jonathan leads a church which numbers approximately 500 people. His previous training was only an occasional seminar. SALT was the first consecutive training he had received. Visiting that church we hear his people testify to the change in their pastor and it's effect on their lives.

In Mokono, our second SALT School is being conducted for the Baptist Union of Uganda, Central Region. In January, 35



The Student Body, SALT Mokono II

students returned for phase 2 of the 6 phase programme. We were excited to see how seriously they had taken the assignments we set them to complete between the first and second phases. The Baptist leadership have requested us to commence similar schools in other parts of the country.

In Mbarara, far in the south west of the country, another 35 students returned for SALT Mbarara phase 2. It is difficult to convey here the appreciation expressed by those involved. These schools are indeed life changing events for these men and women.

One of the challenges faced in these schools is helping pastors to look at current practice in their churches and examine those practices in the light of Scripture. Financial corruption is a major issue in the churches simply because no one has taught them how to administer the Lord's money.

There are excesses in such areas of prophetic ministry, demands concerning fasting and basic leadership principles. It is a joy to watch their faces as the light of truth breaks in, spiritually abusive practices of the past are discussed and they discover new approaches to leading their people.

With the SALT School strategy now thoroughly tested, we are excited about this opportunity God has given us to sow into His Kingdom in Uganda.

Impartation

Teaching at a SALT School is not simply a matter of leading a series of lectures. It is imparting a lifestyle of godliness and servanthood.

We teach our students many things of both Biblical and practical significance. Our curriculum has been developed to provide a wide range of input to these serving pastors. But far more, we want them to catch a heart and passion which will mark their ministry.

Impartation goes far beyond teaching. Impartation is about personhood. Only one who lives and breathes what they teach can impart that heart to their students.

SALT faculty are carefully chosen. We look for men and women who have a genuine life in the Spirit; an intimate and deeply personal walk with God and a sound record in ministry.

We know that the greatest deposit left in the lives of the students will not be the material taught but the impartation of character, integrity and example that is real in the teachers lives.

We know that such impartation rises out of who we are NOT what we know or communicate.

This presents us with a challenge to rest continually before the Lord and to ensure our hearts and lives truly reflect the message we teach.

'Come over and help us'

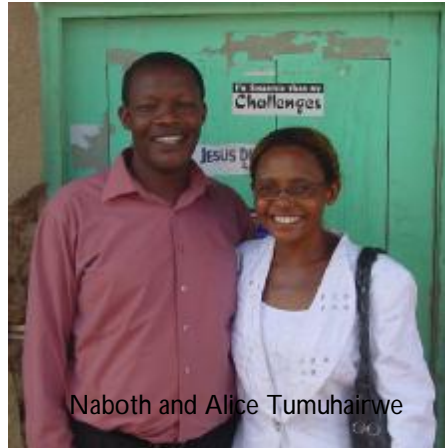
Pastor Naboth Tumuhariwe is an imposing figure. Standing almost 2 meters tall, he towers above many of his Ugandan colleagues. But Naboth is a giant of a man in more ways than one.

Converted in the mid 80's Naboth subsequently heard the call of God to preach the Gospel. He planted his first church in 1998. When we first met him in May 2005 he had planted 90 churches. Today there are 210 churches in his Redeemed of the Lord Churches in south west Uganda.

In addition, Naboth has been elected by the churches of the National Fellowship of Born Again Churches, South Western Region as their Bishop.

Naboth's great burden is that so many of his pastors are totally untrained. Since hearing the testimonies of 10 of his pastors who attend SALT Mbarara, Naboth has requested us to commence a SALT School specifically for pastors from his network of churches.

We will commence SALT Redeemed Mbarara in early June 2007. Pastor Naboth has requested that we extend our normal 60 student limit to 80 to make room for as many as possible.



Naboth and Alice Tumuhairwe

We are both excited and challenged by this invitation. We are excited by the opportunity to sow into the lives of the pastors of a very significant network. We are challenged by the commitment of resources that will be required to see this invitation through. It is simply too big for us .

The Macedonian Call is also coming from another direction. Impressed by the early outcomes of SALT Mokono, Baptist leaders in Uganda are requesting us to take the SALT Schools into new areas.

The eastern region of Uganda is a huge area where few pastors have any training. We have agreed to do an exploratory visit to the area in May 2007 and consider commencing a SALT School in June 2008

At the present time, we feel that we can manage no more than 3 SALT schools at one time, remembering that each school has two sessions per year. When considered alongside our other commitments, the human and financial resources to handle this level of involvement is already stretching.

Please pray that the Lord will strengthen our financial base and also release those who can work with us in both short term and on a permanent basis. Uganda is a relatively expensive country in which to conduct this kind of ministry.

Zambia back on the Agenda

When a planned visit to Zambia in 2005 was cancelled by the church leaders at the last minute, we determined to make no further moves to visit until the initiative was taken by those leaders. In reality we did not expect to hear from Zambia again.

You can imagine our surprise to receive communication late in 2006 requesting us to recommence planning for a visit in mid 2007. Over the past two years there has been a change of leadership at the most senior levels and the new leaders remember us from our missionary days in the late 1970's and a subsequent visit in 2001. They are eager for us to return and speak into the lives of pastors once more.

Accordingly plans are in hand for Gavin to return to Zambia late in April to conduct a seminar for senior leaders and to investigate the possibility of initiating the SALT strategy in Zambia. Glenda will remain in Australia for family com-



mitments and join Gavin in Uganda in early May.

But there are some obstacles that must be overcome in order for this planned visit to go ahead. Firstly we believe that Gavin needs a colleague to go with him to share the journey and the teaching ministry. Because of the nature of the visit, this needs to be someone with experience in the church life and culture of southern Africa. There is such a person available, but we are awaiting the supply of resources to make it possible for this brother to join Gavin on the journey.

The need of leaders in this area is very real. Many simply cannot go to Bible School because of family and financial limitations. Like Uganda, they are looking to ministries like LttN to help fill the gap.

Acting like it is so, even when it is not so....

When Glenda and I returned from India and Romania in late November, the financial accounts were at their lowest ebb since the ministry began. With just 7 weeks until we were to depart for Uganda, we wondered what would happen.

During his devotional time one morning, Gavin read the following: "*Faith is acting like it is so; even when it is not so; in order that it might become so; because God said so.*" That was a word for us.

We had no doubt that God wanted us to return to Uganda in January. We had commitments to fulfill to our

colleagues from Commission Ministries and to our Ugandan students. So we began to, "*act like it is so even when it is not so*". Flight schedules were confirmed; field arrangements locked in place and everything prepared for the journey.

What we experienced in those weeks was a remarkable demonstration of God's faithfulness. Step by step, every need was supplied. Tickets were paid for, funds sent to our account in Uganda to cover accommodation, transport and sponsorship expenses. We left on schedule on Thursday 18th January.

As I write this article, I am sitting on Emirates flight EK 432 somewhere between Dubai & Singapore on our journey home. Yes, every expense has been covered.

We want to say 'thank you' to all who stand with us in this 'miracle' lifestyle. We are watching as God does remarkable things in many ways. Thank you for your part.

Now we continue to "*Act like it is so...*" as we make the plans for the next trip to Africa in April, May and June and later this year to India and Romania.

A Lasting Legacy

Every author loves to know that people are reading and enjoying the books they have written. I am no exception. Seeing people pouring over the pages of one of my books or hearing them say what a blessing a particular book has been to them, makes the long hours of writing, re-writing, editing and production so worthwhile.

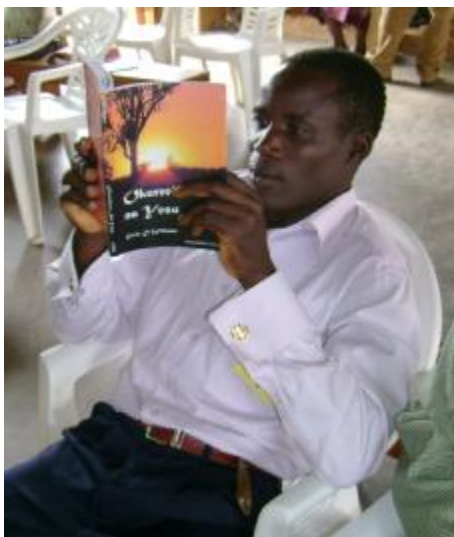
One particular delight in our ministry is seeing the books translated into other languages and made available to people who sometimes have few other titles in their language.

A combination of limited markets and high production costs makes most books too costly to translate and produce. However, we are able to produce even very limited production runs and make the books available at a cost people in the Developing World can afford to pay.

This came home to us during our recent time in South West Uganda where people speak the Runyonkole language. There are very few books apart from the Bible in that language. This is especially true for Christian literature.

Our publication *Appointment with Jesus* has now been translated into Runyonkole. Our first run was just 60 copies.

Munaana Juliette is a young mother with a passionate love for Jesus. Bishop Tumuhariwe recently told us how Juliette came running to him showing him her copy of *Appointment with Jesus* in Runyonkole. She was so excited to have a book that would help her in the development



of her spiritual walk in a language she can read and understand. Other students at SALT Mbarara sat during breaks with their eyes fixed at the printed page.

What is involved in getting these books to these needy situations? Once the book is written, edited, proofread and published in English,

the process has just begun. The next step is to find someone whose mother tongue is the target language and who has skill in spelling and grammar. Not always easy.

The completed translation (hand written) must then be typed in the target language with reasonable accuracy. After checking, the typed translation is sent to us in Australia by email. Layout into the book form and printing of a few draft copies follows. Then the book is sent back to the field for final proof reading.

The books are produced at our home at Budgewoi. A high capacity laser printer produces the collated pages of the book. Colour covers come off the same machine directly from our computer. A compact binding machine produces perfectly bound books. The final step is to trim each book using our guillotine.

Then we use the airline baggage allowances to the full to get as many books as we can to the target country. Five books weigh approximately one kilogram so we don't get to take too many on each trip.

It is quite a process but infinitely worthwhile when we see the materials being read by those who would otherwise have no access and at a price they can afford to pay.



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To Model, Teach and Mentor life and ministry founded on intimacy with God and a dynamic personal spiritual journey.

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Account Number: 10002391

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For Prayer and Praise

- **Praise** God for His blessings, safety and keeping during our recent ministry tour in Uganda. Everything went so well.
- **Praise** God for the growing effectiveness of our SALT School strategy in Uganda. We rejoice to see the developing maturity among these leaders.
- **Praise** God for the doors which stand open across Africa despite the southward march of Islam.
- **Praise** God for the capacity to write, publish and translate our books into the languages of those to whom we minister.
- **Praise** God for the way He continues to supply all our needs. We rejoice in the ongoing indications of His hand upon us and His provision that enables us to be a blessing to leaders in the Developing World
- **Pray** for our planning and preparation for the proposed ministry tour to Zambia and Uganda in April, May and June 2007.
- **Pray** for the provision of all financial needs to make the upcoming tour to Africa.
- **Pray** for the Lord to raise up those whom He has chosen to join our team of workers as we seek to strengthen the hands of leaders in the Developing World.
- Pray also for those who will graduate from SALT Kampala in May 2007
- **Pray** for our family: Kelvin, Vivienne, Jessica & baby, Mike & Libby, Andrew & Bel. Also pray for our continued good health and that of our family.
- **Pray** that the Lord will send us house sitters to care for our home while we are away.

Co-Workers needed...

This year celebrates five incredible years since the formation of LttN Ministries. The ministry has grown and developed in ways we could not possibly have foreseen. Praise God for all He has done.

However we have reached a place where we simply cannot manage on our own and meet some of the current needs before us. We need co-workers to join our team as we seek to implement the SALT and other strategies and respond to other invitations we are receiving. For this to be possible we need to develop our field staff and home support staff.

Field Staff: LttN Ministries has openings for both fulltime and voluntary associate field staff.

Full time staff need to be theologically trained and have between 15 and 20 years of full time and effective ministry. Some missionary experience is essential. They need to be willing to 'live by miracles', trusting God for all their supply and resources just as we do. We are cur-

rently in discussion with one wonderful couple as we seek to know the mind of the Lord.



Voluntary Associate staff are usually serving pastors or other experienced Christian workers who are willing to work with us in the field for periods of a few weeks at a time. They must be willing to meet all costs of their travel and ministry with us.

Home Support Staff: We believe we have come to a stage in the development of the ministry where we need someone to assist us with the day to day administrative and practical aspects of our work. This is especially important while we are away from home on field assignment.

They would ideally be someone with extensive administration experience who would be willing to give us one or two days each week to help tend to various duties involved in keeping us "on the road".

The person would need to live in reasonable proximity to our home at Budgewoi so they are able to come and work with us there and also look after things when we are away. Remuneration will definitely not be commensurate with experience, skill and commitment. But if you know of someone who would enjoy serving the Lord in this way, we would love to explore the possibilities with them.

Please pray with us as we seek to fill these vital roles.