



LttN Ministries Newsletter

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The Power of Encouragement

Acts 11 records a wonderful story. When the Church in Jerusalem received news of the birth of a new church in Antioch, they saw the need to send one of their number to care for the new believers. Who better to send than Barnabas—the Son of Encouragement.

Remember, this baby church had no Bible, no apostle, no books of church practice or doctrine. We can be sure there was much that needed guidance and even correction. Acts 11:23 records a precious insight about the ministry of Barnabas: *“When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.”*

The ministry of encouragement remains one of the most needed ministries in the Church today and it is one we find ourselves increasingly asked to bring.

When we received news that the Bible School in Romania would not commence classes as normal in October 2007, our natural response was to reconsider our planned visit. But the leadership in Constanta asked us to come specifically for the encouragement ministry that has accompanied our lecturing role in previous years.

It has been a great privilege to have time to give to people specifically for encouragement. We have listened to stories of discouragement and disappointment. We have shared many tears. We have prayed with people and for people. We have stayed with pastoral and missionary couples who work in challenging situations and shared their lives for a day or two. We have spent valuable time with former students and watched the Lord bring rest, refreshment and renewed vision for their often demanding work. What a joy!

Florin and Mihaela pastor a church about 100kms from Constanta. Over the past 5 years they have battled entrenched legalism to bring life and freedom. But the struggle has taken its toll on them. We were privileged to give time to them, speak into their lives, share their ministry and seek to leave a breath of encouragement and renewed vision for the journey.

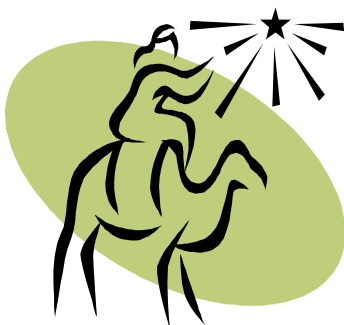
The Good News Church in Constanta is a young and vibrant church led by Triain and Elena. Each year we have time with the leadership team of this church. But we especially value time with this dynamic pastoral couple. They face a crossroads and need all the encouragement they can get.



Maria, one of our former students works in the town of Medgidea about 60kms from Constanta. Her ministry is among the impoverished Turkish minority who are the remnants of the Ottoman Empire which once included Romania. Her work and team situation have been very demanding to say the least. During the Graduates Retreat in late October we sat and listened as Maria processed great inner pain. We prayed with her and spoke words of encouragement. She returned to her work with a renewed hope and expectation.

The morning after the retreat she called. The joy in her voice was clearly evident. How quickly God had answered our prayers. A significant team conflict has been resolved and the way ahead seems so much clearer. She has a new sense of hope and expectation for the future.

This ministry of encouragement is one of the great joys of our calling. It might be a phone call to a pastor in Australia, a few days with a worker in Romania; a visit to village workers in India or Uganda or an email to a missionary colleague in another land. But God is using each one for His purposes.



Christmas Greetings

Another year of ministry has passed and the Christmas Season approaches. What better time to say 'Thank You' to our special friends who have stood with us so faithfully through this year. We deeply appreciate your thoughts, prayers, calls, emails and financial

support which has enabled us to continue our ministry to leaders in the Developing World.

We trust that you will have a wonderful, happy and safe Christmas time with those you love and that 2008 will be a great year.

A New Opportunity in India

LttN Ministries has always been committed to partnership with significant ministries in the Developing World. Our earliest partnership was with the Deepgruha Foundation in India, a ministry to unreached tribal people groups.

This vision of Deepgruha Foundation has always been larger than just one tribe. Although the initial years of operation have seen a focus on the Korku tribe of the Central India Hills, we looked to the day when the Lord would lead us into new fields.

Such an opportunity came about one year ago when a man with a burden for the Bhil and Pardhi tribals asked us to consider a work among them.

These tribes are widely scattered nomadic groups whose homeland is Central Maharashtra. The growth of the sugar industry in this part of the country has resulted in both groups becoming more settled as continuous work is now available in the fields and factories.

The initial survey showed great opportunities available among the Bhil in particular. Elements of this group are now settling around the city of Ahamednagar,

a city about 75kms from our colleague Prabhakar Salway's home in Daund.

A little later we were approached by two young Bible School graduates who were keen to be involved in a new outreach. Although we had no funds available to



employ them, they were willing to commence ministry among the Bhil.

Today, less than a year later there are three groups of believers in the villages of Khadki, Kandhala and Sanaswari, about 20kms from Ahamednagar. Six of these believers have asked for baptism. There are plans to commence two new groups each year.

Our workers in this new field are Nilesh Dive and Ganesh Pathare. They are just

24 years old and still unmarried. Despite holding other jobs to provide their basic income, these young men give every available moment to their passion to reach the Bhil.

On Wednesday 19th September, I accompanied Prabhakar on a visit to Khadki village. We were greeted by a group of about 25 new believers all dressed up to receive their visitors. Unfortunately most of the men were still at work in the fields and factories.

Despite the background noise of a Hindu festival, they sang praises to Jesus. Each family was presented with a copy of the New Testament in Marathi.

I will always remember the joy on the faces of these very new

believers. Their happy smiles and infectious joy deeply touched me.

At their request, we prayed for the healing of several in the group who have significant health problems.

It was a great opportunity to see the work which God is opening before us. LttN has committed to supporting one of the two workers enabling him to leave normal employment and give full time to this developing ministry.

Tayebwa's Visit a great success

When the Lord asked us to facilitate the visit of Pastors Silas and Nicola Tayebwa to Australia, USA and UK, it all seemed to be an impossible dream. But our God specializes in the impossible.



Our initial hope was that we might have received sufficient love gifts to pay their airfares for the whole trip before they left Australia. In fact, the total cost of fares, insurance and other travel details was in hand before they left Uganda.

Their time in Australia was simply wonderful. At each of the conferences and meetings, the presence of God descended. People received powerful teaching, healing and prophetic ministry. Predictably they responded generously when asked to stand with Silas and Nicola in the establishment of their new ministry in Uganda.

Silas and Nicola have now returned to Uganda where they are preparing for the launch of *King of Kings Ministries International* early in 2008. Initially there will be a church in Mbarara and the ongoing evangelistic ministry for which they are already highly respected. A network of daughter churches will follow shortly after. There are extensive plans for the future.

Gavin and Glenda serve as part of the Apostolic Oversight for King of Kings Ministries and will have an ongoing role of encouragement and assisting with leadership training.

Future Plans for 2008

As one year draws to a close, plans are already well in hand for 2008. A full year of ministry is assured. Here are some details of the plans as they stand at the moment. Such plans are made in faith and confidence of the Lord's provision.

Firstly, Gavin and Glenda will take a well earned break in December and the first half of January. During this period they will be at home in Budgewoi catching up on rest, exercise and refreshment.

On January 25th Gavin will leave for a quick visit to Uganda to teach the next phase of the SALT Schools. Plans are developing for him to be accompanied by two Sydney based pastors who will assist in the teaching ministry.

They will teach the SALT Mokono Phase IV and SALT Mbarara Phase IV. They will also meet groups of pastors who are keen to be part of the next round of SALT Schools commencing in June 2007. They expect to return to Australia by mid February.

During late February, March and early April, Gavin and Glenda will be in Australia conducting deputation and other ministries. They will also visit South Australia in March.

Gavin and Glenda will leave for Zambia in mid April. The Northern Baptist Association of Zambia have asked them to return to facilitate the ministry of spiritual renewal which commenced in April 2007.

May and June will see them return to Uganda for the next round of SALT Schools. They plan to teach two phases of SALT Mokono and SALT Mbarara, hopefully graduating both groups in June. If everything comes together from the February meetings, they will commence at least two new SALT Schools during this period.

LttN are praying with several ministry couples about the possibility of them accompanying Gavin and Glenda to share the teaching load.

July and August will be at home in Australia for preparation and Deputation. In late July and early August they will visit family, supporting friends and churches in Queensland.

Although plans for the end of 2008 are still being finalized, they expect to visit India in September, return to Uganda for another round of SALT Schools in October and travel on to Romania in November returning home by December.

Because of the nature of our ministry, such advance planning is essential. While we know there will be changes, this framework is very important.

We value your ongoing prayer and financial support as we seek to fulfill this ministry schedule and equip leaders and developing leaders in the Developing World.

Gavin and Glenda would like to hear from churches and individuals who would like to share in this ministry in any way. Please contact them.

People who bless the ministry

Although the Williams are the sharp end of LttN Ministries, they are supported by a team of intercessors, financial supporters, committee and administrative personnel. Meet two of them



Long time friend and personal intercessor, Jim Houghton was called home to Heaven on Friday 12th October. Jim stood faithfully behind the Williams for more than 15 years.

There were times when Jim was woken in the middle of the night to intercede for Gavin and Glenda. He told of being confronted by large demons who were on their way to kill them. During these pow-

erful encounters, Jim was on occasions thrown from his bed. Later when we compared notes, there was usually some corresponding event in the field.

We are asking the Lord to send us someone who will take Jim's place as our personal intercessor.

Mark Smith, a member of the Grace Community Baptist Church where Gavin and Glenda attend, has joined the LttN team as our Honorary Administrator.

Mark worked with The Department of Community Services and latterly *Centerlink* for more than 28



years. Retiring in early September this year, Mark offered his services to assist with the many administrative functions that are part of maintaining an organization like LttN Ministries Inc.

He commenced in his new role just one week before Gavin and Glenda departed for India in September. Despite the short orientation, he has quickly set his stamp on the affairs of the ministry and is a real blessing to us all.

Mark is married to Carolyn. They have 5 grown children. They are passionate worshippers and very active in the life of the church.

We thank God for the contribution Mark has already made to the ministry and look forward to his ongoing role.

"I wish to register my gratitude for your wonderful Spirit filled teachings which have lifted my spiritual life and Ministry. May the Lord continue to empower you for the good of the Church"
Pastor Walugambe Fred, SALT Graduate from Uganda



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Our Mission:

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

Giving to LttN

Funds can be sent to assist the ministry of LttN Ministries through the post, EFT or Internet Banking using these details.

Account Name: LttN Ministries Inc—Income Account

BSB No: 704 922

Account Number: 10009139

Bank: Baptist Investments & Finance Ltd

For Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for an effective time in ministry in India, Romania, UK and USA.
- Praise God for the completion of another year of effective ministry in the Developing World.
- Praise God for the provision of our Administrator, Mark Smith, who is making a valuable contribution to the whole ministry.
- Praise God for faithful praying people and generous supporters who make the ministry possible.
- Praise God for the times of rest and refreshment that He provides. We are thankful to have a home and provision for rest.
- Pray for the preparations and provision necessary for the ministry in Uganda in late January and February.
- Pray for those who are prayerfully considering joining our field team. Pray that the Lord will make His purposes and provision very clear to them.
- Pray for our field partners. In each country we depend on the integrity of our local partners to look after many details which make way for our ministry.
- Pray for the renewal of strength and stamina we need as we prepare to embark on another year of ministry in 2008.

WANTED: House Sitters

While Gavin and Glenda are away overseas, it is really helpful to have faithful Christian folks who will stay in their home and take care of things. Do you know of anyone who might be suitable. Please give us a call.

Family News

This past year has been one of significant blessing for our family circle. After rejoicing in the marriage of two of our children in 2006, we are delighted to see them establish happy homes.

This has been a year of new employment opportunities, new homes and additions to the family with the birth of Isabella to Kelvin and Vivienne in March.

We love to be with our family and rejoice in the wonderful relationships they share with each other. Jessica and Isabella add that special spark to every gathering.

The most significant news of this past quarter has been our daughter, Elizabeth's, acceptance into medical school.

Libby has always held the dream of becoming a doctor. Late in 2006, Libby and Mike decided

that she should pursue the dream. Accordingly, she began to prepare for the extensive and very difficult process of acceptance. We have learned that while many thousands apply, only a few hundred finally secure places in Medical School.



You can imagine our combined delight to hear that Elizabeth was successful in gaining a place in

the University of Wollongong Medical School which is focused on training doctors for rural practice. Mike and Libby have now secured accommodation in Wollongong (90 minutes south of Sydney) and will move there early in the New Year.

Libby's course will take an initial four years followed by residency and field placements.

congratulations
Libby!

As parents we are very proud of all our children and their spouses for the things they are accomplishing both in their secular work and through their involvement in the Lord's work.

As a family group we thank you for your prayers and loving encouragement.