

# THE BEACON

*The Newsletter of LttN Ministries Inc*



## A Celebration of Completion

A graduation ceremony complete with academic caps and gowns, celebration parties and much excitement! Surely that is overkill for students graduating from SALT school with only six weeks of class time. Not in Africa!

A Pastor receives his Diploma in Christian Leadership



In a land where few things are ever really complete, it is a cause for great celebration. The completion of a two year program of personal, spiritual and ministry development was worthy of celebration. And celebrate they did in typical African fashion.

In Mukono (near Kampala) twenty five mostly Baptist Pastors graduated on Friday 23rd May. Just one month later, twenty four pastors from a variety of groups graduated in Mbarara.

It is hard to describe the sense of joy and accomplishment these men and women felt as, dressed in their graduation gowns and caps, they paraded before friends and family to receive their coveted diplomas. There were guests of honor from community and church bodies and of course the mandatory feast to follow. Photographers worked tirelessly to record this event which most could never have expected in their wildest dreams.

The genius of SALT School is that success does not depend upon someone's academic ability but their willingness to work consistently. The six weeks of class time are only one dimension of the equipping strategy. As one

student put it, "Class is over. Now the real work begins." Hours of memorizing Scripture, nurturing and discipling young believers, mentoring potential leaders and working on personal spiritual disciplines are all part of the process.

But most wonderful of all was to watch the personal and spiritual development of these men and women with whom we have worked for the past two years. They have grown in understanding, developed in spiritual maturity and gained a whole new confidence in their service for God.

Our graduates have specifically asked that we extend their appreciation to our supporters around the world who have contributed to their success directly through the sponsorship program or ongoing support for Gavin and Glenda's ministry. It has been a team effort. Thank you for the part you played.

## Healing Streams in Zambia

When your live in a cycle of poverty, medical procedures that we in the West take for granted are often beyond reach. If God does not work a miracle, you suffer.

Before going to Zambia in April, Gavin and Glenda sensed that God had some healing work to do through them. And so they stepped out to pray for the sick, the diseased and the dying. The outcome was one of the most wonderful flows of healing

power that they have witnessed through their ministry.

A lady who had been suffering with Malaria for months was carried to the church for prayer. Moments later she walked home completely healed.

Another sought prayer for a large lump in her groin. It vanished within hours.

People with sight defects reported clear sight and renewed vision. Cataracts were healed.

They also had opportunity to speak with some who were healed last year and confirm the ongoing nature of their healing.

We believe God did this for our beloved Lamba people to show them that His miraculous power is still at work today. There is a new openness to the work of the Spirit among them. They have asked us to return next year to lead them further in the journey of spiritual renewal.

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### Points of Interest:

- > A total of 49 Students graduate with the Diploma in Christian Leadership at two ceremonies in Uganda
- > Seventy Seven (77) pastors and leaders commence at a new SALT School in Hoima, north west Uganda
- > Two new SALT Schools will commence in October 2008.

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## The Graduations in Photos Mukono and Mbarara



Gavin and Glenda with some of the Mbarara Graduates



Gavin and Glenda in Graduation Gear



Graduates at Mukono

You teach  
what you  
know.  
You  
impart  
who you  
are.



Church & Community leaders at the SALT Graduation



Graduate Flav Atuhirwe lives to...

## An Eye Witness Report



Bonnie Goodman joined us for 4 weeks in Uganda

My name is Bonnie Goodman and I attend Grace Community Baptist Church with Gavin and Glenda.

Because of my interest in missions in general and especially their ministry in Uganda they were so kind to let me come along with them for an 'African Experience'. I was also able to share in the ministry of Silas and Nicola Tayebwa in Mbarara. It was wonderful!

I witnessed first hand the need to train pastors and leaders. It was an eye opener! The need is so great. Through SALT schools some of the needs have been and are continuing to be met.

I was able to talk to some pastors after class. They were so grateful to have Gavin and Glenda and the LtN Ministries team care enough to give their time to train them. Their gratitude was very real.

I visited some of the villages where the SALT Students minister and saw first hand the outcome of their training. It was exciting to be part of vibrant growing churches whose pastors are now equipped to provide godly leadership.

My 'African Experience' has given me a taste for Africa and missions in general. I have no doubt this trip will be an important milestone in my life.

## SALT Training recognized by Denominational Leaders

With the graduation of our first two SALT Schools, several denominational groups have moved to recognize the *Diploma in Christian Leadership* as an acceptable qualification for their accredited pastors.

The *Baptist Union of Uganda* operates the Uganda Baptist Theological Seminary. However only a very few manage to attend. SALT is now recognized as a second string to their leadership development strategy. We are currently in negotiations with them to commence another school in October 2008.

In May we commenced a SALT School for the *Redeemed of the Lord Evangelistic Churches*, a 250 church strong denomination. Seventy seven pastors and leaders attended the first school held in Hoima.

The *National Fellowship of Born Again Pentecostal Churches* is the largest umbrella group in Uganda with more than 10,000 churches. SALT Training is now recognized by the Western Region as appropriate training for their pastors and leaders.

*King of Kings Ministries* is a new and rapidly growing network of

Churches in the South West of Uganda. They require attendance at SALT as basic training for all King of Kings pastors.

As other groups hear of the effectiveness of this training strategy, they are approaching us to talk about how we can assist them with their leadership development strategies. We also have invitations from surrounding countries in East Africa.

We are seeking the Lord to know how He would have us face these challenges. Please pray with us.



SALT School Hoima at their first school. The building behind is our class room.

## Urgent Need for more financial supporters

No one is in any doubt that these are difficult financial times for everyone. Rising interest rates and fuel costs are pushing up prices in almost every aspect of life. Everyone is hurting.

Knowing this, it is difficult to write asking people to look again and see if it is possible to either increase current giving or to commence giving to Lttn.

But the reality is that Lttn Ministries is also facing challenging times. Increasing costs of air travel and other associated ministry expenses mean that our operating costs are also rising. At the same time our income has fallen slightly from that of the last financial year.

One answer is to increase the supporter base. It is surprising how even relatively small gifts

when added together make a significant difference.

Would you please give some prayerful thought to joining our support team. It is true that every little helps. Your contribution will help us to reach out and train pastors and leaders in countries like Uganda and Zambia. We will be pleased to help you decide the best way to forward your gift to this work.

*The need for more people to join our support team has become critical*

## Training Makes a difference

Every time I visit Katukuru Christian Life Church, I am amazed by the changes taking place in this thriving congregation. The church that numbered just about 100 two years ago is now pushing 350 at Sunday worship. Amazing!

Their pastor, Ahabwe Alex is now a SALT graduate. But he did not wait for graduation to begin passing on what he had learned.

Immediately following each session of SALT School, Ps Alex returned home to pass on the

things he had learned. Twice a week he gathered people to share the things he learned.

He also began to invest more personally in the lives of key leaders. He chose five men to mentor and meet with them individually. Now, two years later, these five have matured to a point where they are themselves mentoring and discipling others. One has become the pastor of a church plant initiated by the Katukuru church. Others are likewise growing.

On a recent visit to Katukuru CLC, Glenda and Gavin were pleased to meet with many of the people. By the grace of God they have been able to purchase the land next to their building. Soon they will begin making bricks for the new structure. However it is the spiritual health of the church that is so thrilling to see.

Pastor Alex is a fine man and a great leader. But he would be the first one to tell you that training does make a difference

Pastor Alex (at back) and his disciples at Katukuru Christian Life Church



We're on the Web:  
[www.lttministries.org.au](http://www.lttministries.org.au)

### Prayer Requests:

- Praise God with us for the success of our SALT School Program in Uganda and those who have now graduated from the program.
- Praise God with us for His faithful provision for every need to complete this phase of their training.
- Now we turn our attention to the visit to India (September), Uganda (October) and Romania (November) Please pray with us for the provision needed to make the plans for this Ministry Tour.
- It would be incredibly wonderful to have a vehicle of our own in Uganda. Humanly speaking it is impossible. But with God nothing is impossible. Will you pray with us to see God do something bigger than our imagination.

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### Coming Up

One ministry tour completed and now we must turn our attention to what is coming for the remainder of the year.

Now that you have this newsletter in your hands, we can rest a little before the next phase begins. But not for long.

In late July we drive to Queensland to visit family and supporters. We will be speaking at a conference for the Sandgate Baptist Church August 1-3. For details phone: 07 3869 2433. For other details of our time in Queensland, please contact us.

From mid August until mid September we will be based at our home in Budgewoi. Our Annual Supporters Dinner is scheduled for Saturday 30th August. Call us for details of this and other deputation meetings.

In mid September we are scheduled to be in India for two weeks. Then it is on to Uganda (Sept 25) to teach phase 2 of SALT Hoima and launch two new SALT Schools in Kampala and Mbarara.

From Uganda we are scheduled to head to the UK (Oct 20) for a

brief rest before setting out for Romania (24th October). We are to teach in the Mission School and also speak at several leader's conferences. If all goes according to plan, We will return home to Australia by the 27th November.

Please feel free to give us a call or send an email if you have any questions about any aspect of the ministry or when we might be in your area. We would love to hear from you. All contact details are on the top right of this page.



Gavin leads a time of prophetic declaration with the church at Katukuru.

A Date to remember:

LttN Annual Supporters Dinner and AGM

Saturday 30th August 2007 (Sydney)

Latest news and reports of the ministry

*Location to be advised*