



THE BEACON

The Newsletter of LttN Ministries Inc

Equipping Leaders in Uganda

The first morning of SALT School is always a nervous time for us. One never knows just how many of the students from last school will return to continue their course.

Gavin teaching in Mbarara SALT School



For most of our students, the School of Advanced Leadership Training is their first experience of post primary school education. The idea of attending six one week training schools and completing assignments between is something very new.

As the morning advances, our numbers steadily grow. We try to commence teaching by about 10.00am. By the evening of the first day, we have a good idea of the return rate.

In Hoima (North West Uganda) we are working with the Redeemed of the Lord Evangelistic Churches to train pastors, Bible teachers and evangelists. Students have now reached the half way point of their studies. We are thrilled to see 47 students continuing with their training.

This is a great group of men and women. Their zeal to learn and their engagement with the classes is wonderful. Most have been very faithful in completing their memory, discipling and other assignments. With colleagues, Pastors Brian Hine and Chris Redwood, we had a thoroughly enjoyable week.

Then it was off to the remote South West of Uganda and the town of Mbarara. Once again we watched nervously to see how many of the 61 former students would return. The largest attrition is usually between the first and second school. We rejoiced to see 52 students return for Phase 2.

This group is a little different to the Hoima group. These leaders are drawn from a wide diversity of church groups. Their base education is lower than in Hoima. But their zeal to learn and their commitment to the work is outstanding.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable week of fellowship and learning. Once more Pastors Brian and Chris shared with Gavin in the teaching. SALT School graduate, Pastor Ahabwe Alex shares the ministry as our dean of students and main interpreter.

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A Vehicle in Uganda—Thank You Lord!

It was little more than a silent breath of prayer. We were in Hoima last May when I dared to ask God if it were possible for us to have a motor vehicle for our ministry in Uganda.

During Gavin's recent visit to Uganda, he was able to purchase a Toyota Hi Ace 'Super Custom' that is ideally suited for our ministry needs. We had good opportunity to prove the reliability of the car.

There is not space to recount to series of miracles that has led us through this process. Sufficient to say that the hand of God has been 'all over' the



process. Although the car is a 1992 model, it has been lovingly cared for and is mechanically very sound indeed.

We are deeply grateful to those both known and unknown who gave toward this project. It is a great blessing to us and our ministry partners in Uganda.

During our absence, the vehicle will be available to Silas and Nicola Tayebwa should their vehicles be out of service.

Points of Interest:

- > There are currently approximately 100 students involved in SALT Schools in Uganda
- > Gavin and a team from their home church will be in Zambia for two weeks from Easter
- > A new SALT School is expected to commence in Ishaka in May 2009

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SALT School expands to Ishaka

Pastors John & Dianna Tindyebwa of the Miracle Centre in Ishaka



"We have been praying for this opportunity for the past three years." These were the words of Pastor John Tindyebwa as we shared the vision of SALT School (the School of Advanced Leadership Training) last October.

John and Dianna had travelled over 250kms from a conference in Kampala to speak with me about coming to Ishaka. This town lies 55kms west of Mbarara. On his return home, he began sharing the vision with fellow senior pastors who lead the various church movements in Ishaka and nearby Bushenyi.

On Tuesday 24th February, Gavin, Silas and Nicola Tayebwa and others travelled to Ishaka to meet local pastors and share the vision of SALT School. More than 50 senior church leaders attended the gathering.

The testimonies of SALT Graduates, Pastors Silas Tayebwa and Alex Ahabwe added to the sense of expectation generated in the gathering.

Toward the end of the day, our team left the local leaders to discuss the opportunity. They resoundingly resolved to invite Lttn Ministries to conduct a

SALT School in their region. A strong committee of local leaders was appointed to implement plans to commence the School in May 2009. Pastor John Tindyebwa was appointed as the key organizer. The spirit of unity evident among these leaders bodes well for a great school.

Lttn will be providing a 50% subsidy for the costs of this school through our Sponsorship Fund. This will go to the cost of food and accommodation for pastors enrolled for the school. If you would like to share in this work, mark your gift 'Ishaka Sponsorship'.

Voluntary Associates

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Volunteer Associates are a very important part of the Lttn Ministries strategy. Gavin and Glenda cannot do their work alone. Pastors and others from Australia who join them from time to time add a great deal to the ministry.

In February 2009, Gavin was accompanied by two Aussie pastors: Pastor Chris Redwood from Extended Hand Church in Penrith (NSW) and Pastor Brian

Hine from Sandgate Baptist Church in Queensland. We are deeply grateful to these men and their churches for the contribution they have made to the lives of our SALT School students.

In May, Pastor Greg Champion of the Hunter Christian Church (Newcastle NSW) will join Gavin and Glenda in Uganda for the next round of SALT Schools in Hoima and Mbarara.

Our volunteer associates cover all their own costs and share in the cost of transport and ancillary expenses. It is often the case that their churches assist with the sponsorship of the schools in which they are teaching.

We want to place on record our deep appreciation for the contribution made by these and others who accompany us. We could not manage without them.

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Pastor Brian Hine teaching in SALT Hoima in February 2009

It is hard to convey here the significance of what SALT School is accomplishing. Many of these pastors and leaders have never been disciplined or received any training for ministry. They serve their people with great passion but little understanding.

The opportunity to develop Biblical understanding and practical ministry skills is a once in a lifetime blessing for

them. The resources we provide for them are practical tools that they will use for years to come.

Of particular blessing are the translations of Gavin's books and discipling guides. For many these are the only ministry resources they have available in their own language. Their gratitude for the resources and teaching is very deep and often expressed.

Lttn Ministries would like to thank our many intercessors and supporters for your part in this important ministry.

Whether you give to Gavin and Glenda's support, give to our general account or sow into the Sponsorship Fund, your partnership in this work is bringing a practical and positive harvest for the Kingdom of God. Heaven alone knows the full extent of what is being achieved.

King of Kings Church Celebrates First Anniversary

When LttN and other friends sponsored the visit of Pastors Silas and Nicola Tayebwa to Australia in 2007, they shared a vision to establish a new church in Mbarara, south west Uganda.

After just one year, King of Kings Church in Kamukuzi has grown to a vibrant church of about 400 people. Recently they moved into their new 'temporary' building which seats over 600 people. The 'cathedral' is built of Australian Eucalypt timbers (grown locally).

The ministry of King of Kings Church is a testimony to the faith and faithfulness of Pastors Silas and Nicola. Few people know the personal sacrifices and intense spiritual warfare through which they have gone to see the establishment of this church. But despite the opposition, they have held on to God to see the vision grow to reality.

King of Kings Ministries is more than a single church. Many smaller churches have come to Silas and Nicola seeking to come under their spiritual

oversight. What began as a dream to plant a single church has seen the birth of a movement in just 1 year.

LttN Ministries is proud to call Silas and Nicola Tayebwa our ministry partners. They are our principal partners in Uganda and act as our local representatives in a number of issues. Our Mbarara SALT School is conducted at the King of Kings campus. They are also partnering with us to see a new SALT School commence in Ishaka in May 2009.



The King of Kings Cathedral in Mbarara in western Uganda.

Changes in Plan

Planning for our ministry year is usually well in hand before Christmas. In the case of this year, fares for four months in Uganda and Zambia were all paid and tickets confirmed.

When it became obvious that Glenda would require surgery on her right knee in late February (see Family News), it took several days to make changes.

Our original plan was for Gavin and two colleagues to be in Uganda in February. Then Glenda would join him for two months in Zambia and continue on to Uganda in May.

However, due to the time necessary for Glenda to recover from surgery, plans for Zambia had to be changed. Now Gavin will go just before Easter and

spend just 2 weeks with the Northern Baptist Association of Zambia. Glenda will join Gavin for the month of May in Uganda.

We praise God that all arrangements have been successfully changed and that things are now falling into place. Gavin hopes to have a team with him in Zambia. We value your prayers as plans develop.

"Blessed are the flexible for they shall not break."

Partnership with 'Youth With a Mission'

It is not often that the diverse elements of our ministry come together in one place. But this did happen in Uganda in February 2009.

LttN supported missionaries, Sanal and Minal Thomas of YWAM India, led an outreach team from their base in India to Uganda. Their specific goal was to reach out to the many Indians who live and work in Uganda. Much of their time was spent around the city of Jinja.

However, when Gavin and his team went to Mbarara, Sanal and Minal and their team joined them. The people at King of Kings Church opened their doors and their hearts to our team from YWAM.

Most Ugandans have never met a 'born again' Indian. Their only experience is with the traders who frequently exploit them. So to realize that God also loves the Indians and cares for their salvation is a revelation.

During their stay in Mbarara, the YWAM team reached out to the Indian population. God opened some wonderful doors to testify of the love of Christ. They preached at King of Kings Church and worked with Pastor Silas and his evangelism team.

It was a real thrill to have two of our ministry partners together in one place at one time.

(A tithe of all gifts to LttN is placed in our Mission Fund and used to support other missionary workers.)

Sanal and Minal Thomas (centre) with their team from YWAM Lonavala, India



We're on the Web:

www.lttministries.org.au

Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for the effectiveness of our ministry in Uganda during February. We are also deeply grateful for the provision of our motor vehicle.
- Please pray for Glenda's complete recovery from recent knee surgery. We are also asking for healing for the troublesome back pain that limits her activities.
- Please pray that all the details for the upcoming ministry trip to Zambia and Uganda (April and May) will fall into place.
- Pray for volunteer associates who join us on these ministry trips. They play an important role in assisting Gavin and Glenda with the ministry.

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Family News

As this edition of The Beacon goes to press, Glenda is recovering from surgery on her right knee. A fall in December at first appeared to be a relatively minor injury. In time it became obvious that the damage was much deeper and would require surgery to rectify.

Glenda underwent the operation on Wednesday 25th February while Gavin was in Uganda. Our daughter, Libby, (a nurse and med student) came to attend to Mum's recovery until Gavin arrived home on the following Monday.

We praise God that the surgery went well and Glenda's recov-

ery is on track. She is hoping to be ready to travel to Uganda with Gavin in May.

Just prior to the surgery, Glenda also underwent a series of injections in an attempt to help her chronic back pain. Early indications are that this treatment has given some relief. We value your prayers for her complete recovery.

Our children and grandchildren are all doing well. Kelvin and Vivienne tell us to expect a third grandchild in late August. Libby has commenced second year medical studies and her husband, Mike joins the ambulance service at the end of March.

Our son, Andrew, also underwent knee surgery in January to rectify a sporting injury. He is recovering well.

Due to Glenda's recovery time, Gavin and Glenda will have an unexpected 6 weeks at home rather than in Zambia. Gavin's Dad will come from Queensland to stay for about 10 days.

Our world continues much as normal. Thanks to recent rains, our lawns look green once more but the winter weeds will need attention.

Thank you to all who faithfully pray for us and our family.



Our grand daughters Isabella and Jessica enjoy a banana during recent family get-together