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The Newsletter of LttN Ministries Inc



Wonderful Days in Zambia

"Thank you for your heart for God's work in the Northern Baptist Association of Zambia." These were the opening words of an email from Rev Lydon Pensulo, Director of Ministries for the NBAZ following our recent visit to Zambia.

In April and May, Gavin and Glenda and a team of volunteers from Australia ministered among the Lamba people of the NBAZ. While Gavin and Glenda spoke at a series of leadership meetings, members of the team provided practical assistance around the Fiwale Hill Mission.

Members of the team were drawn from Queensland and New South Wales. Their contribution included mechanical, electrical and plumbing work and valuable assistance in the Fiwale Hill Rural Health Centre. (See page 2 for details)

The primary focus of our efforts was to prepare the ground for the NBAZ General Conference to be held at the beginning of September. Thousands of people from more than 600 churches of the NBAZ will gather at Fiwale Hill for 6 days of spiritual renewal and refreshment.

In May leaders from many of the churches came to Fiwale Hill for the AGM of the NBAZ. Gavin ministered on the theme of Revival. He posed the Ques-

tion: *How do we invite, prepare for and welcome a fresh move of the Holy Spirit among our churches and people?*

There was a real sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit as pastors and leaders rededicated themselves to the Lord Jesus and His Church. They returned home to call the churches to prayer and fasting as they seek the Lord for a time of refreshing. A sense of expectation is in the air.



Rev Lydon Pensulo

We are now confident that we have done all we are able both spiritually and practically to help the churches prepare for what may well be a time of significant spiritual renewal and perhaps even revival in September.

In mid August Gavin & Glenda will return to Zambia to make final preparations for the arrival of other members of the ministry team for the Conference. They include Pastors Silas & Nicola Tayebwa of Uganda and Pastor

Ralph Rutledge, a spiritual statesman from Canada.

But the leaders of the NBAZ had something more on their minds. As we have ministered in Zambia over the past 4 years, they have repeatedly asked us to implement the *School of Advanced Leadership Training (SALT School)* which is so effective in Uganda. Believing that they had an effectively operating leadership development strategy in place, we have continually declined their invitation.

They have now shown us that the existing strategy is struggling. The Ministry Team, NBAZ Executive and finally the Association in the AGM have all voted unanimously to invite LttN Ministries to partner with them in the restructuring of their Leadership Development Program.

An old friend, Pastor Jack Kayambwe has been appointed as the Director of Leadership Development and will work with us as we develop a version of the SALT School that is appropriate to the needs of the NBAZ churches.

Although it is still early days, we are excited about the new doors God is opening before us and the opportunity to continue our partnership with the people and churches of the NBAZ.

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Make a Note:

**LttN Supporters
Dinner &
Annual General
Meeting**

**6.00pm Saturday 14th
August 2010**

at
**Kuringai Alliance Church,
East Lindfield, Sydney.**
RSVP: 10 August 2010



Gavin and Glenda with Pastor Peace Bienomugisha and her husband

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More SALT School Graduates in Uganda



Gavin with a SALT School graduate holding her Diploma

Graduation Day and the days leading up to the event are always times of great excitement. It was no different in Mbarara on Friday 28th May when our latest group of 40 students graduated SALT School.

For this group, the past two years have been a time of personal, spiritual and ministry development. They have enjoyed a variety of teachers, a wide range of subjects and learning opportunities.

Between schools they are required to keep a regular program of personal spiritual development, practical ministry assignments and Scripture memorization.

Any student who successfully completes the school and achieves graduation may be well

satisfied that they have thoroughly earned their *Diploma in Christian Leadership*.

Graduation Day follows a set pattern in Uganda. Students must be appropriately capped and gowned in academic attire. Family and friends gather from far and wide to celebrate an event few ever expected. Photographers work overtime to capture every possible aspect of the event for posterity.

The ceremony itself is long and filled with endless speeches by local dignitaries who really have no idea what the whole thing is about anyway. But it is an opportunity to be seen and to promote their latest political ambitions.

Then, amid much excitement,

comes the presentation of Diplomas and awards. Finally there is the mandatory feast at which chicken is a must on the menu.

Now it is time for more photos and a snap with the Headmaster and his wife (Gavin & Glenda) is an essential part of the evidence that one really did graduate. Who would miss such an event!

Then come the graduation parties when more family and friends gather to make more speeches and more celebration.

To this point we have 125 SALT School graduates across Uganda with more in training. Another School will begin in Mbarara in September. Two other groups are planning to commence schools in 2011. This is fruitful ministry.



Barb Burns assists the Doctor at Fiwale Hill Rural Health Centre

Zambia Work Party

Over the past few years, members of work parties who have accompanied Gavin and Glenda have made a major contribution to the life of the people at Fiwale Hill Mission in Zambia.

This year's team were incredible. Craig, Alison & John Lambert from Cleveland Baptist (QLD), Peter & Margaret Barritt from Wollongong Baptist (NSW) and Barbara Burns from Day-spring Church in Sydney blessed us all with their willingness to give of themselves for others.

For the guys, a long list of tasks awaited. Re-plumbing the ablu-tion block, installing more water access points in preparation for the Conference, a new 6 meter tank stand and tank for the guest house were the first things on the list.

We had not warned them that they should bring their mechanic, electrician, lock smith, painter and other general duties hats as well. Although Craig, Peter and John had never met before they arrived in Zambia, they worked like men who had been partners for years.

Down at the Fiwale Hill Rural Health Centre, Barbara and Alison were hard at work.

Alison, a pharmacist, descended on the previously chaotic drug store, determined to create order. It took almost two weeks to sort current and outdated medicines and get things in the kind of order they should be. Rebecca, the trainee pharmacy assistant now knows how things should work efficiently in a well organized establishment.

Barbara, who normally works as an anesthetics nurse, found herself in a whole new world. This really is primary health care in the most basic of situations. She even had the opportunity to deliver the first baby of her career and participate in the birth of twins. Confronting the sad reality of HIV/AIDS was a challenge.

Glenda and Margaret took care of the catering department and in their spare moments, painted the inside of one of the homes which desperately needed a clean up.

Teams like this make an incredible contribution to the life of the church in Zambia. If you have skills and would like to be part of a future team, please let us know. There are endless opportunities for you to make a real contribution to the life of the community.



Craig, John and Peter repairing plumbing at Fiwale Hill



Alison in the freshly reorganized drug store

Another Little Miracle

Sonny and Merci Chimbala have been married for 12 years. Their only child, born in their second year of marriage, died at nine months. Then followed 10 long years of disappointment.

At the Easter Conference in 2009, Gavin was praying for people to be healed. Merci came to ask for prayer that God would give her a child.

Just two months later came the news that she was expecting. Little Agnes was born in

due course and at the time of the photo was three months old and doing fine.

Sonny and Merci are students at the Fiwale Hill Bible School preparing for ministry in the churches. Now they have a powerful testimony of the healing power of God in their own lives.

As in so many of these situations, we are asked to pray for God's intervention in people's lives. Often we do not hear of the outcomes until our next

visit, sometimes a year or two later. Often we do not remember the people or specific situations. But God is so wonderfully faithful.

We have seen miracles of eyes healed, babies given, cancers cured and more. But the challenge is to help simple people keep their eyes on the THE HEALER—JESUS and not the ones who pray for them.

We rejoice with Sonny and Merci and share their joy in God's little miracle—Agnes.



Gavin & Glenda with Sonny & Merci Chimbala and baby Agnes

Financial Challenges Ahead

The request of the NBAZ for a further extension of our partnership into the area of Leadership Development must inevitably involve a financial dimension. While LttN will not be directly funding the work, more regular visits to Zambia by Gavin and Glenda and other aspects will require an increased financial commitment from our organization.

All this at a time when, like many organizations, we are feeling the pinch due to factors of a global nature.

More than ever we need to see an increase in our base of **regular committed supporters**. These are people who contribute to the ministry on a regular monthly or quarterly basis. Without this group of

people and churches, our ministry would not be possible.

If you are reading this and God touches your heart to be involved, please contact us and we can discuss with you the most appropriate way for your support to get to us.

A response slip is enclosed with this newsletter.

*Worry is something you permit.
Peace is something you pursue*

Bob Gass

SALT Graduates are Making an Impact

On our recent visit to Uganda, Gavin & Glenda had opportunity to catch up with our dear friends Rev Tom & Juliette Galiwango who facilitated our first SALT School among Baptist Pastors and leaders.

During our conversation, Tom began to tell about what is happening through our 25 graduates from the SALT School held in Mukono.

The first news is that almost all of the graduates have now been ordained by the Baptist

Union of Uganda.

Secondly, the Ugandan Government is moving to insist that all pastors have some form of training. The *Diploma in Christian Leadership* more than satisfies government requirements.

Kapeeka Baptist Church sent six leaders to SALT School. Since their graduation, each has planted a new church.

A further six graduates have planted new churches.

Two young men, Musana Godfrey and Nsimbe Livingstone went on to attend the Baptist Theological Seminary of Uganda. Both graduated recently with honours.

Other graduates were already serving pastors. Their ministries have been greatly strengthened by the training they have received.

As supporters of this ministry, you share a large part of the credit for what has been accomplished. THANK YOU.

Gavin & Glenda with Mukono graduates in May 2008



We're on the Web:
www.lttministries.org.au

Prayer Requests:

- **Praise God** for safety and good health throughout the recent ministry tour.
- **Praise God** for Faithfulness and provision.
- **Please pray** for the decisions ahead as we respond to the requests of the NBAZ for extended partnership.
- **Please pray** for the general conference of the NBAZ to be held in early September and for the visiting speakers as they prepare for this significant time.
- **Please pray** for the continued release of the funds we need to continue the work. In addition there are capital items needed for the implementation of the ministry in Zambia.
- **Please pray** for the gathering of fresh group of students in Mbarara, Uganda.

Family News

Our family is very important to us and we are deeply grateful to many dear friends who take a prayerful interest in each one of them. Here's a few updates.

Kelvin, Vivienne and their three children are all doing just fine. Jessica (now 5) enjoys preschool two days each week and Isabella one day a week. Little Eli will celebrate his first birthday soon and will soon be walking.

Vivienne will be in the USA attending a special course on Worship Ministry for 4 weeks from mid June. As grandpar-

ents, we will share some of the caring responsibilities to make this trip possible.

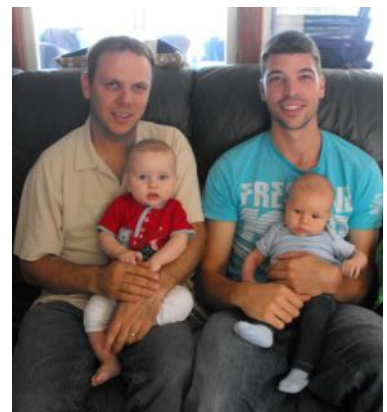
Libby and Michael have now been posted to Broken Hill, 1200kms west of Sydney. Mike has joined the NSW Ambulance team in the 'Silver City'. Libby will take up a student medico role in the Base Hospital and a private practice.

Andrew and Belinda have thoroughly enjoyed their first few months as new parents with baby Jacob. Now almost four months old he is trying to roll over and no doubt will soon be crawling .

In addition we have a significant group of spiritual 'sons and daughters' around the world. They too are often in our thoughts and prayers.

For us personally, keeping a balance between ministry, family time and personal needs is always a challenge. We will be taking a month off in October to have a good holiday and enjoy some special time together.

We are deeply grateful to all who uphold our family in prayer. The 'enemy' would love to get at us through them but your prayers prevent him.



Our sons with their sons.
Kelvin with Eli and Andrew with Jacob

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We want to thank those who take the time to email or phone while we are overseas. Those contacts with home are a great encouragement to us. It is often difficult for us to reply as access to the internet is extremely limited in Africa but please write anyway. We will respond in time. But one more request. **Please do not send emails with large attachments such as photos.** They lock up our system when we are in challenging areas.