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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

It is that special time of year again, when our thoughts turn to the birth of a child who changed the course of history. Because Jesus Christ was born on that day long ago, we are no longer destined to die in sin without hope. We rejoice in our salvation on account of His loving sacrifice, and our hearts delight in the ways in which He fills our lives with countless blessings.

This year our ministry has born much fruit for the Lord as LVIM's training conferences in Africa have touched the lives and ministries of many pastors and church leaders. As you read team leader David Bohyer's passionate report on our recent training sessions in Uganda, you will rejoice with us at the wonderful ways in which our Lord in His love and grace has blessed LeadershipVistas.

We are grateful for your prayers and financial support. As 2007 comes to a close, I would ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to launch LVIM into another year of blessed service to our Lord and Savior. Merry Christmas!

Love in Christ, Jerry Brown

Dear friends and family in Jesus Christ:

It is such a privilege to share with you a little of what God is doing around our world!! It is AMAZING! We have just returned from a training trip to Uganda and we are still in awe of the power of our Lord. May He challenge your heart as He has done ours! "Let everything alive give praise to the Lord! YOU praise Him! Hallelujah!" (Ps.150:6). Here are a few reflections:

1. **God's special calling.** "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 2:1-3). AMEN.
2. **A special land where God is.** Our trip to Uganda lasted from Nov. 3-12. Uganda is known as the "Pearl of Africa," for it is beautiful place and so are its people. We had the privilege of seeing its beauty as we traveled from Kampala (the capital) to Mbarara. We enjoyed its local villages and people along the way. Our conference and hotel in Mbarara were nice for us and "supernice" for the pastors. All of this reminds us that the creation is God's handiwork.

3. **The pastors were spiritually hungry.** Wow!! There were 115 who received a week of biblical training. For 5 days they soaked up our teaching (about 6 hours or so a day). We shared three courses with them—Church History (Brian Stout), Spiritual Gifts and Mentoring (Adam Hultstrand), and Preaching God’s Word (Dave Bohyer). It was such a blessing to share with passionate learners!!



4. **We were also students.** Once again, we learned as much, if not more, than our African students. Most of them were pastors, but the group also included evangelists and other church leaders. Their sufferings and hardships as well as their sacrifices for the Lord bring them a richness of faith not common here in the U.S. God has given them a spirit of joy in spite of these trials, and the times of singing and worship were lively and moving!! (literally) Ha!

5. **We helped the poor and needy.** We were blessed to be able to help some pastors with personal financial assistance. This is always a powerful part of our trip. We brought with us sports equipment for the orphans and medical supplies for refugees. We bought Bibles for refugees, provided financial help for personal medical and health needs, and contributed funds to support orphans, buy mattresses for kids taken in off the streets, and more. Special gifts given by many of you opened up these doors of opportunity.



We ended our trip with a visit to the orphanage led by Bishop Yusto and were able to talk and play with the children there. They loved it and so did we!!

6. **Our teaching team.** This was the first time that the three of us (Brian, Adam, and Dave) had traveled and ministered together. We had a great time and God knit our hearts together in many ways. We did a lot of laughing and praying and just plain sharing with each other. We thank the Lord!

We felt uplifted by your prayers from beginning to end. This is why we must give all PRAISE to our God! May your eyes turn toward Africa often, as will ours! And when you do, remember to pray that God will give us all a heart too big for only one country of the world!

In Christ’s name and service, Dave Bohyer (for the LVIM team)