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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

In a little less than 3 weeks a group of several men partnering with the ministry of Leadership Vistas will travel to East Africa from America and Australia to present two pastoral training conferences. The first conference will take place in the city of Kampala, the capital of Uganda, and it is a special week-long meeting that will provide “extra training” in theology, teaching, and church leadership. The 20 men and women have been selected from attendees of the previous 5 training conferences we have held in this location. Each of these participants has been chosen for his or her ministry vision, teaching ability, commitment to the Lord’s work, and potential to carry on LVIM’s mission of developing future generations of pastors and church leaders in this country.

The second training conference will take place in Gisenyi, Rwanda, a rural town on the border of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This gathering is the last of the 5 meetings in our curriculum to be offered her. We have averaged between 100 and 150 pastors and church leaders at these conferences, in spite of the long and difficult journey from remote areas which a number of them travel. While this upcoming final session will focus upon the Old Testament as well as mentoring and spiritual gifts, it also brings together and builds upon many of the subjects which were previously covered.

This is an exciting time for our ministry. What unites all these pastors and church leaders is a fervent desire to learn about God’s Word and to spread its wisdom from the pulpit and other forums to all who will listen. To accomplish these objectives we need above all your heartfelt prayers.

In addition, we ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to help with these ministry expenses. We have raised over \$20,000 for these two conferences, but we need an additional \$5,000 to cover our various costs. Towards this end your financial support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for considering our request. May the Lord in His infinite love and grace abundantly bless you!

In Christ’s service,

Jerry Brown