

NEWS BRIEF

Global School of Sports Ministry

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How About A *Quick Trip to Africa?*

- No visa required
- No shots necessary
- No Malaria tablets to take.
- No long lines at the airport

✓ Would you believe 2 countries in less than 5 minutes?
That's just enough time to meet a pair of GSSM students.

✓ First stop: **LIBERIA**

- No, you won't be exposed to Ebola, that terrible disease that devastated thousands in Liberia and other countries.

✓ Meet Wellington who will graduate later this summer.

- Wellington is a pastor of a **large church in Monrovia**, the capital of Liberia.
- He is not only the senior pastor of this large church but **also oversees several smaller churches**. As if that is not enough,
- He **teaches in a seminary** and **runs a sports ministry program** out of his church.





- Pastor Wellington took a little longer than normal to complete GSSM's 18-month course due to a series of crisis erupting in his region including the Ebola virus that fortunately spared Wellington and his family.



- GSSM will soon **fly Wellington to Uganda** where he will **take his written and oral final exams** administered by Barnabas Mwesiga, GSSM's African Director.

- While in Uganda he will **visit the slum work** of Jimmy, one of GSSM's graduates. He will observe Jimmy's feeding program involving 300 children, see the slum soccer league in action where the **Gospel is being presented and Biblical principles taught**. Then he will **sing along with the children's choir** as they share the Good News through song and testimony. Wellington will also **be exposed to programs** reaching street children, orphans, helping the sick and elderly and **watch the GSSM's Doves F.C.** in action as they invite people to become Christ followers.



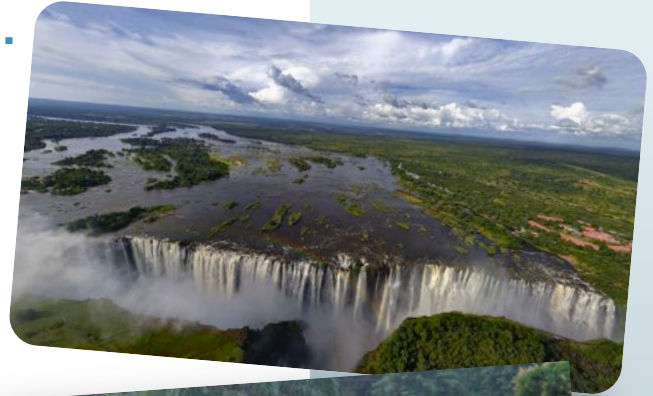
- **Traveling to the North**, Wellington will meet with GSSM partner **Aloysius Kyazze** and **observe newly planted churches** in forgotten villages. He will also **meet with another GSSM graduate** who is **working with one of the newly planted churches in a village infested with demon-possessed people**. His unique sports program is breaking down barriers and people are turning to Christ and fleeing the idols that have bound them.



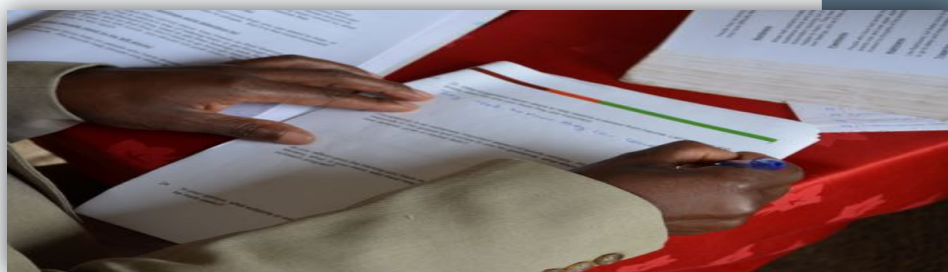
- Wellington will also sit down with GSSM partners and discuss sustainability...sustainability that works!

✓ Now it is time to rush to the airport and catch our flight to Zambia...

- GSSM student Hara will greet us at the airport. **Hara is about half-way through GSSM's 18-month course.**
- **Hara works for the Zambian government overseeing about 1/3 of the country's physical education programs.** He loves the Lord deeply and wants to **proclaim the Gospel** to his countrymen.
- **Two of his close associates want to sign up for GSSM's training program** in order that they , too, will be better equipped to share the Good News and develop quality programs with a strong discipleship emphasis that will, God willing, produce even more leaders.
- **Hara's U.S. instructor, Steve Burke, along with his son Bryan,** are headed to Malawi the next door neighbor to Zambia. **Burke, a soccer coach and former A.D. at Judson University, will meet a graduating student in Malawi, administer oral and written exams, evaluate the students sports ministry program** established through his church, **interview 10-20 prospective students,** most of whom are pastors, **award a diploma and sports ministry kit before the congregation of the graduate's church** and **meet with our partner in Malawi, Pastor Banda** who graduated with honors a year ago.



Steve Burke will also meet with Hara and his two colleagues who are interested in becoming GSSM students.



✓ CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Our quick trip to Africa is about over.

- **NO** 24 hour trip back to the states.
 - **NO** jet lag to contend with.
 - **NO** malaria medicine to take upon returning home...
- ✓ Just time to sit back and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, take a deep breath and then praise God for all He is accomplishing through ordinary people dedicated to serve Him no matter what the circumstances.



Finally, a big thank you to all who have prayed for GSSM, helped provide scholarships for our incredible students and of course, much praise to our Lord for bringing to us friends who provide the means to keep us going as God leads and enables them.

We also want to thank, once again, all who encourage us and pray for us as we move into the harvest fields of a very needy and dangerous world.

With sincere gratitude,

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