

# NEWS BRIEF

GLOBAL SCHOOL OF SPORTS MINISTRY



Got a Minute? How about around the GSSM world in 60 seconds? It just might give your spirit a lift!

**NOTE:** Speed-readers can zip through this update in less than a minute. However, if you choose to stroll slowly, sip a cup of coffee or tea it will probably take a bit longer to digest all of the good things God is doing through our students.

And who knows? You might even find your self slipping in a *"praise the Lord"* or two as you move along the slow lane!

## MEXICO

Great to be in God's hands! Alyssa and Mike Mahone traveling to La Paz Baja, Mexico to evaluate 3 GSSM graduating students encountered a few obstacles enroute.

- Delta flight out of Atlanta had engine trouble, makes emergency landing at small Mexican airport 45 air minutes out of Mexico City. 9 hours later replacement jet makes it to Mexico City. Spend night due to missed connection.



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> day while roaring down runway aboard Aero Mexico flight bound for Baja, upon take off the pilot brakes suddenly, returns plane for maintenance review, they find engine failure. Return to terminal and wait for a replacement plane.
- Time to rally some prayer warriors...could be a good dose of spiritual warfare foaming with discouragement.
- Prayers answered; different jet provides safe flight to La Paz, Baja. Do I hear a few hallelujahs?
- Alyssa reports incredible work being done in La Paz by our outstanding GSSM students...all dedicated missionaries called to plant churches in this needy region. More details to follow in next News Brief.



## KENYA

GSSM graduate and partner, Franklin Shelimba training other GSSM students and expanding his own ministry. **"Prayfit"** continues as Franklin combines fitness with prayer and the Gospel.

Coming soon is a **multi-faceted sports ministry program** being developed on some land being purchased in installments by Franklin. Will include a **library**, a place to hold **Bible studies**, **disciple new believers** and an **agricultural ministry**.

Franklin reports 152 people have come to Christ this past year through his various outreach programs.

# LIBERIA

Pastor Wellington completes GSSM's 18-month training program after a years interlude due to the Ebola crisis that overwhelmed his country. **Wellington has established several sports ministry programs through his church.** Also teaches in a seminary and oversees several other churches. **Great potential to expand sports ministry in Liberia's capital and beyond.**



# MALAWI

Henry and Macgeofrey, two pastors and GSSM graduates, continue their efforts to expand sports ministry in South African countries including their own. First stop in Tanzania drew 260 pastors and youth workers. Sixty expressed desire to take GSSM course but only room for 10. Others on waiting list. Next country targeted: **BOTSWANA.**



# UGANDA

**Bussi Island Outreach** – Barnabas Mwesiga, GSSM's African director, **organized a Christmas outreach** on Bussi Island off the coast of Uganda in Lake Victoria. **25 GSSM students and graduates** involved. Soccer matches, various games and activities, community service and distribution of Kids Kits and Family Food Packs were all part of the program. **A Christmas dinner for 300 village people crowned the event.** The Christmas story was shared, Gospel presented. **151 people made decisions to become Christ followers during the 5-day outreach.**



**Jimmy Kalyango**, GSSM graduate and partner took **50 kids from 3 slums** where he has developed outstanding programs. Jimmy transported these excited children to a camp in Jinja, 60 miles away. Jinja is located on the shores of Lake Victoria, second largest lake in the world.

**The amazing part...** Jimmy had also invited children in Jinja to participate in their activities during the week-long camp. Nearly 300 children joined Jimmy's 50 in the fun. **Now for the frosting on the cake! 70 young people asked Christ to become Lord of their lives and are now heaven bound!**



There is much more but it is time to end our "round the GSSM world in 60 seconds" and come in for a landing.

A mere thank you doesn't come close to expressing our gratitude to those of you who make all of this and more possible.

Your prayers and gifts are so important as we continue to expand our training program and watch with joy as our students bravely march into a very dark world greatly in need of the light that only Jesus can provide.

*As I consider God's grace, mercy and love to each of us I can't help but stand and applaud Him for all that He is doing through our students and through each of you. Thank you!*

*With great appreciation,*

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