

# News Brief



## What happens when the **LOVE** of Christ crashes head-on into the **HOPELESSNESS** and its companion, **DESPAIR**?



Eye witnesses and residents trapped in prison-like neighborhoods we call slums made the following statements to our African Director, Barnabas Mwesiga. This was after GSSM students, graduates and leaders swooped in and poured out a heavy dose of God's unique love and concern upon this forsaken part of the landscape.

- ***"If this 'church' is going to act in this manner, I will be pushing my children to this church"***, one slum parent remarked. She was referring to Jimmy's slum church where children gather for a form of Sunday school.
- An HIV infected woman commented, ***"I did not expect to be welcome, fed and loved"***. (Most African HIV-infected people are normally shunned)
- An elderly lady commented, ***"Thank you for the job you are doing with our children, especially spiritual. Even us, the old ones, need spiritual enrichment by you"***.

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## A woman offered 2,000 shillings

(about 50 cents U.S.) to Jimmy for the overwhelming love his program showed the community and individuals. Jimmy did not accept the money but thanked her for her kind words.

A husband of 3 wives when one of his wives got a family food pack as part of GSSM's outreach stated,

**“Thank you God for even having my family & I considered to benefit from this offer”.**



**“Not in my recent life have I seen young people so well-organized & enthusiastic with God matters”.**

Another elderly woman observed.

Patrick (GSSM graduate and assistant to Barnabas) **encountered a stubborn youth who right from the start was wanting to see that all of the activities that GSSM's program was offering would fail.** He rotated to all the venues. But at the end of the outreach, **this young boy came and confessed his negative attitude and reaction to Patrick and testified that now his character was changed.** He further stated that in spite of his attitude he was handled in a friendly manner.

One GSSM student commented: **“Now I am confident and happy that I can handle a sports ministry program be it on any size of ground or with no equipment”.**







The result of this particular outreach:  
**219 people came to the Lord!**

Kawempe slum: **50** Kamwokye slum: **105**

Wakiso slum: **60 + 4** other individuals from very poor families  
 to whom food packs were given.

*Jesus said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field" (Luke 10:12).*

And that is exactly what GSSM is attempting to do, preparing workers to go into the harvest fields as God would direct and lead us. Follow-up with those who accepted Christ has begun. GSSM leaders, students and local church officials are involved in the discipleship process.

## In Other NEWS...

- **Ebenezer team on the move.**
  - Outreach programs continue as key GSSM graduates join together in their commitment to evangelism and discipleship.
  - Meet monthly to pray and plan new outreach programs.
  - Each member of the Ebenezer group has formed a soccer team and have trained them in sports evangelism. These teams are targeting numerous villages and towns in Uganda and will gradually reach out to much of Uganda using soccer as a platform to share the Good News.



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- **Video Outreach**

Working in concert with local churches, Ebenezer members are using this medium to reach many for the Lord. Recently 2 women gave their lives to Christ after viewing one of GSSM's videos. The pastor of the church where the video was shown stated that these two women who had responded had refused to even listen to the Gospel but the video somehow was able to touch these two ladies and they invited Christ into their lives.



- **Poultry Project**

Some children from one of Jimmy's slums have asked for help to begin a poultry project. 10 chickens were provided as a start along with help in providing the necessary pens & coops. The poultry raised will provide food as well as funds for special needs for these slum residents.

- **Prison Ministry**

One of the largest youth prisons in Uganda, Kampiringisa, is the next major target for an outreach program. The prison is located in the countryside a number of miles out of Kampala, the capital. According to David Lusuku, GSSM graduate and one of the senior leaders of Ebenezer working closely with Barnabas, the prison is in great need of some quality programs. The Ebenezer group will activate a soccer program and video evangelism in the very near future. The prison authorities of Kampiringisa have welcomed GSSM's programs.



## Representatives of GSSM's Leadership Team are off to Africa

During the end of September & early October, part of GSSM's leadership team comprised of Alyssa Carr Mahone, Larry & Sandie Leatherman will be off to Uganda & Kenya as they meet with our newest graduating students, administer both oral & written final exams, evaluate sports ministry program initiated by these students, meet with prospective students, tour Jimmy's farm projects, visit Barnabas' self-sustaining projects underway in Southwest Uganda and award our graduating students with a diploma & sports ministry kit during one of the services being held at the student's home church. Time permitting, Alyssa, Larry & Sandie will also visit several of our graduate students & view their ongoing work.

**Please pray for this trio along with Barnabas as they are on a fast track to complete all of the work necessary to keep GSSM programs in good order.**



On behalf of GSSM students, staff & the leadership team,  
thank you for your prayers & much-needed support.

We are indebted to each of you for your important role  
in helping us touch scores of lives through a variety of  
GSSM programs. Your prayers are especially needed as  
we penetrate some of the strongholds of the enemy.

**BLESSINGS!**

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