

News Brief

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GSSM Going to Prison

Franklin Shelimba, our Kenyan partner, has requested permission to offer GSSM's training program to inmates in one of Kenya's prisons where Franklin is ministering. Several prisoners who are now Christ followers want to be trained in sports ministry in order to start sports outreach programs in their local churches when they are released.

Permission has been granted and GSSM will soon enroll a number of prospective students who are not incarcerated.

Franklin will oversee this new development and if this program proves to be successful, **GSSM will expand to other prison locations where our graduates are located.** The potential to reach even more people for Christ is exciting.

200 Additional GSSM textbooks being printed in Uganda

Barnabas Mwesiga, GSSM's African Director, negotiated a very favorable price for printing GSSM's textbooks in Uganda in order to meet our ever-expanding student population.

UGANDA

New Ministry to Senior Women opens in Uganda

Hellen Wangusa, GSSM's newest staff member in Uganda, is spearheading a much needed program targeting senior women. Startup is already underway.

Hellen has worked with the administration of the Church of Uganda for many years and has served as the Anglican Representative to the United Nations until recently when the liberal arm of the Episcopal church in the U.S. cut off funding for the position due to the Church of Uganda's stance prohibiting gay pastors to lead congregations in Africa. Hellen has been a close friend of board member Rolland Jacks and his wife, Venetia.





LIBERIA

PHASE ONE UNDERWAY

As part of an extensive plan to reach the nation of Liberia and beyond, GSSM graduate and pastor Wellington Morris has introduced GSSM’s curriculum to students in one of Liberia’s highly respected seminaries located in Monrovia, the capital. 100 textbooks have been printed that will initially be used by 10 key leaders following their specialized training. Once the leadership training has been completed these 10 individuals will be sent out to recruit and equip additional students and prospective leaders in various regions of this West African nation. Your prayers for this significant undertaking are greatly needed.

MALAWI

More Students in Malawi set to graduate

GSSM graduate and partners Henry Banda & Macgeofrey Mwale, both pastors, will oversee the oral and written final exams and evaluate the sports outreach program initiated by the graduating students.

Banda & Mwale are also recruiting additional students from Zambia, Tanzania, & Botswana. Most of those applying are pastors and youth leaders.

Steve Burke, GSSM leadership team member & head soccer coach at Judson University in Illinois, has agreed to coordinate the SADC region in Africa which includes 15 countries. Steve will work closely with the two pastors in Malawi.





TANZANIA

SEVERAL CURRENT STUDENTS SHOWING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Interest in developing sports ministry in Tanzania and beyond is growing. New programs will soon be up and running as each student meets this important requirement of GSSM's training.



BOLIVIA/MEXICO

Two Canadian missionaries in Bolivia have been accepted as new students for GSSM's next training term that began the beginning of this month. The two missionaries are friends of three GSSM graduates from Mexico who recently volunteered to be instructors for Global. All three of the students from Mexico are outstanding leaders and will be most welcome as Latin America begins to open its doors to GSSM's training program.

Coming Up Soon:

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TARGETING SOUTHWEST UGANDA & MBARARA

African Director Barnabas Mwesiga has initiated the planning for GSSM's next major outreach that will involve many of our current students, graduates and leaders in Uganda and possibly Kenya. As always, this Christmas outreach will focus on the most poverty-stricken areas in this region. Details to follow in our November update.



USA/AFRICA

Three members of GSSM's U.S. Leadership team will be in Uganda the latter part of September and early October on a 15-day student evaluation trip.

Larry & Sandie Leatherman along with Executive Director Alyssa Carr Mahone will join Barnabas Mwesgia in administering final examinations, evaluating programs started by the graduating students, conducting meetings with prospective & current students, viewing Barnabas' " Dream" farm being developed to assist graduates with a means of sustainability and holding meetings with a number of GSSM graduates and observing some of their ongoing programs.



The trio will be traveling extensively

throughout Uganda during their two week stay. A one week visit to Kenya had to be postponed due to unrest in the country as the upcoming elections often produce unpredictable riots. GSSM partner Franklin Shelimba along with the U.S. State Department strongly advised against traveling to Kenya during this time of unrest.

The visit to Kenya will be rescheduled possibly for next September.



THANK YOU!

GSSM would like to sincerely thank each of you for your prayers and gifts that make all of this possible. Your much-needed support is deeply appreciated.

Finally, please let us know if you have any prayer requests. We stand ready to help in any way we possibly can.

Blessings!

Russ Carr & Alyssa Carr Mahone