

NEWS BRIEF

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παλινωδίας τῆς κυβερνήσεως

ΔΕΙΝΗΝ ΔΟΚΙΜΑΣΙΑΝ ΣΕΙΣ ΜΕ ΤΗΝ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑ



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ίναι πρωταγανής. Στη φω-
ιδεασθῶν τῶν λεωφορείων

خريجو التدريب المهني
يعينون بالتاسعة والثامنة



د. حسين سعيد

اعتد الدكتور حسين سعيد وزير التعليم العالي شهادة التدريب التي تمنحها مراكز التدريب المهني الزراعي التابعة للوزارة في التنمية العامة وشعب التنظيم الزراعي واصلاح الاراضي والبياتين ومقاومة الآفات والصناعات الغذائية والريفية والنحل والحريز ودودة القز والانتاج الحيواني . وذلك اصلاحيه الحاصلين عليها من حملة الثانوية العامة للتقدم للترشح لوظائف الدرجة التاسعة باقدمية سنتين . مع منحهم ما ترتب على ذلك من اثار ومصلاحيه الحاصلين منهم على الثانوية الزراعية للتقدم للترشح لوظائف الدرجة الثامنة

تصدير ٣٥٠٠ طن
ارز الى روسيا

الاسكندرية - مكتب الجمهورية
غادرت الاسكندرية أمس الباخرة
السوفييتية « ينشن » وعليها
٣٥٠٠ طن من الارز المصدر الى الاتحاد
السوفييتي كما غادرت الاسكندرية
الباخرة الدانمركية « اندروس »
وعليها ٧٢ الف جوال بصل مصدرة
الى الدانمرك

Can You Read the Above Headline and Articles?

If your literary skills include deciphering Arabic and Greek, you can go to the top of the class...

Congratulations! However, if you are like many of us who are somewhat language challenged, the symbols were probably meaningless. People in other parts of the world find English to be a very difficult language to learn. Things like to, too, two, write, right, their, there and other words can be very confusing not to mention rules of grammar with all of their exceptions.

Recently some students from Tanzania completed GSSM's 18-month course of study. One very dedicated and talented student who graduated with honors proposed a detailed plan as to how he and some of his colleagues could train a number of others in the use of sports as a tool of evangelism and discipleship. These individuals have a passion to reach their people for Christ and even beyond. Then I discovered that this student is not just another individual anxious to learn more about sports ministry, he is a bishop in Tanzania and oversees a number of churches in this East African country.

Steve Burke who serves as GSSM's International Director was just in Tanzania administering oral and written final exams and evaluating other graduation requirements. Steve was accompanied by Macgeofrey Mwale, a pastor and one of our partners from Malawi. Macgeofrey is a friend of the bishop and not long ago was in Tanzania speaking to a group of pastors, youth leaders and others interested in learning more about sports ministry. A number of those at the conference signed up to take GSSM's course. Due to a limitation on the number of students we could accept, only ten were admitted with dozens of others placed on a waiting list. In addition, Steve informed me that the bishop's wife also completed our course with honors and is a brilliant woman in her own right. The bishop and his colleagues are convinced that by using the unique vehicle of sports they can reach scores of people that would never come to church. They also want to train many others and send them out to equip a small army of believers to "go and make disciples".



However, there is one stumbling block. The vast majority of people in Tanzania speak and read in Swahili. It is also the language of choice in several other East African countries. As a result, the bishop is asking GSSM to have our textbook translated into Swahili as soon as possible. This would enable them to recruit many more who might otherwise not be able to read our textbook in English. GSSM's initial investigation as to the cost of translating our textbook and printing 100 copies into the Swahili language follows:



We have asked our board and staff along with several of our friends to pray concerning this matter. We are anxious to move forward with this project as the Lord would lead and provide. **Please join us in prayer for this significant project. Thank you!**

Translation based on a
per page cost (554 pages)
\$2,500
Printing the first
100 copies
\$2,000

In Other News



Uganda

FIRST ANNUAL GSSM SPONSERED CAMP FOR SLUM CHILDREN IS A WINNER

- 60 Children were selected to attend the 5-day camp.
- 15 precious young people accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.
- Games, fun-filled activities, sports, 3 good meals, and some great devotionals filled each day.
- The devotional topics that were discussed included: The Great Commission, integrity, respect, self-control, honesty, selflessness and more.
- Towards the end of the camp, the children were trained on how to share the Good News in different settings. While at camp, a soccer team was formed and the leaders arranged to have a match with a school team nearby. The team, along with the other campers supporting the team, was able to share their faith with the opposing squad and also with some of the students at the school.



TIME OUT!

Take a moment and think about what I just described. These slum kids went out and boldly shared their faith with other young people thus fulfilling the Great Commission that they studied about while in camp. Incredible! How I praise God for these courageous young missionaries and their dedicated leaders.

LIBERIA, MALAWI, BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE, KENYA, BOLIVIA, U.S.

Reports from each of the above countries are exciting. GSSM graduates are starting new outreach programs; current students are performing well and are anxious to go into the harvest fields to reach their people with the Good News.

CAN YOU HELP?

GSSM attempts to provide each graduate with a sports ministry starter kit that will assist them as they launch new programs of outreach.

The kits are costly but deeply appreciated by our students who will put them to use immediately. We are listing the key components of our kit and the cost of each item should you feel led to assist us in this manner.



1. Study Bible for leader (\$25.00)
2. Discipleship booklet prepared by the Navigators (\$5.00)
3. 25 Gospels of John for new believers (\$1.00 each...sometimes donated by another organization).
4. 10 New Testaments for growing Christians (\$3.00 each)
5. Five full Bibles for serious Christians (\$5.00 each)
6. Soccer ball, volleyball, or basketball of sturdy quality for rough surfaces (\$20.00 each)
7. Ball pump and needles (\$3.00)
8. Whistle with lanyard (\$2.00)
9. Shirt with GSSM logo to identify leader (\$5.00)
10. Clipboard (\$1.00 each)

Breaking News

Just before this News Brief was to go to the printers, Executive Director, Alyssa Carr Mahone received a telephone call from some dear friends who indicated they would like to provide the funds to translate GSSM's textbook into Swahili and, I believe, pay for printing the first 100 copies that will be used to train 100 new leaders in Tanzania.

Meanwhile, I received a call from a GSSM board member who informed me that he sent a check to cover the costs of the translation and the printing of 100 textbooks. The check should arrive in a day or two. At first, I thought that maybe the Lord made a mistake...but He never does. Then I remembered that the quotes given me concerning the translation were on 3 tiers. Tier one was of the highest quality done by a professional. The second tier would be at an acceptable level but with some flaws and the third could be done at the lowest expense but the quality would be questionable.

I chose the second tier because the cost of the highest level was more than I thought we could afford. Upon reflection, however, I remembered that in my initial reply to the bishop I indicated that we would need the translation to be of a quality that could be used at the university. Furthermore, as I considered the matter of 100 textbooks I realized that the number would not be adequate as we attempted to train leaders not just in Tanzania but in other Swahili speaking countries in East Africa. Finally, it occurred to me that I was the one who was mistaken and the Lord used our board member and our anonymous friends to gently correct me. Thank you, Lord!

In closing, we want to sincerely thank all of you for praying for us and providing much-needed support as God would lead and enable you. The need for more and more scholarships continues to grow as our student population expands and we are doing our best to equip as many as we can to go into the harvest fields of a world greatly in need of the Savior.

Blessings!

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