

Merry Christmas from the Leadership Vistas' Family



December 15, 2009

Dear Friends and Family:

It is that time of year again when **we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ**, our Lord and Savior. What a special moment in our annual calendar! What a great opportunity to reflect upon God's infinite love and grace! We look back now as many generations have done and draw hope and comfort from the knowledge that His son was sent---**that Jesus Christ entered the creation and human history--as part of His plan to deliver all those who believe in Him from sin and death.** We know too that *He has a plan for each of us.*

During **the past year** we at Leadership Vistas have quietly felt the working of God's hand in the ministry. There is a sense of moving and being moved purposefully. In this mode we have **sponsored 5 conferences** for our African brothers and sisters **from 5 countries** in Uganda and Rwanda. **The fruits** of our work in Africa have grown in the **commitments of pastors to new and exciting ministries.** We have **finished our first series of 3 conferences for female church leaders** and **witnessed their passion for the Lord and desire to engage in church and community activities.**

At home Leadership Vistas has been recognized for its **integrity in the management of its finances** by its acceptance into **membership by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.** We are settling into our **new offices at the Hope Center complex**, where more than 3 dozen ministries are located and where ideas and experiences can be freely shared. Furthermore, our ministry has been growing as other **individuals interested in the training of God's leaders are gathering around us.**

We are *praying that God will continue to reveal his plan* for Leadership Vistas in the coming year. As our awareness of the church's needs in Africa grow, we are looking at creative ways to **increase the number of conferences** that we offer, including the **use of qualified African nationals to teach** some of the courses. The **more effective use of current technology** to accomplish our objectives is also under consideration. We are especially committed to **significantly expand our donor base** in order to pursue these and other new directions.

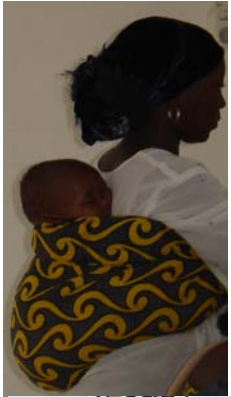
As you *examine God's plan for you* in 2010, please prayerfully consider an **end-of-year gift in support of LVIM's vital work in Africa.** We especially ask for **additional monthly support to cover our expenses at the Hope Center; to increase our support staff, both in the US and in Africa; and to replace outdated technology.**

We praise God for His love and grace. We thank Him for you, our partners in ministry. We thank you for your prayers and financial assistance. May all the glory go to our precious Savior.

Merry Christmas to you all.

In Christ's Service,

Jerry and Jolynne Brown



“And the things which you have heard from me... these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”
II Timothy 2:2

