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Dear Friends and Family:

Greetings from Dallas in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! The Latin adage tempus fugit---“time flies”---seems all too true as the year 2006 moves along at a rapid pace. As we gear up for the activities which LVIM is planning to sponsor this year, the ministry’s office in our home is full of excitement over how the Lord will lead us in the coming months. We struggle to describe our life in His calling: to follow God is an adventure, a day-to-day walk by faith in which we accept uncertainty and trust and delight in the unknown; wise choices and discernment of His will typically come into view only after prayer and reflection. We praise Him for His love and grace.

Before going further, I would like to offer a brief report on my health. To begin with, all indications are that there has been a full recovery from the pneumonia which I came down with last November. In early January I began a series of 6 rounds of chemotherapy for lymphoma. Presently, I am in the middle of the fourth round, and there has been substantial reduction in the size of the tumors---good cause for optimism. The Lord has made the building of this ministry both a great venture and a great trial, and frankly I would not miss it for anything. My family thanks you for your prayers.

The fall conferences in Uganda and Rwanda showed clearly that our training is having considerable impact on the pastors and church leaders who are attending them. We continue to hear encouraging responses from participants about benefits to themselves and their ministries. But what was particularly striking during this trip was the abundant interaction among individuals---between African and American brothers and between African representatives of different groups and denominations. The emergence of new friendships was a highlight of these meetings.

This spring we will be returning to Africa for more pastoral leadership conferences. Because we completed our curriculum’s series of 5 conferences in Kampala and are now reviewing its organization, we will be starting a new set of training sessions in Kabale, a remote region in southwestern Uganda where there is great need for instruction in God’s Word. We will visit again the church leaders of Rwanda and the Congo for the fourth stage in our training sequence.

As the time draws nearer to these training meetings, we would ask that you pray for the following:

- That God will prepare us to be competent and compassionate teachers of His Word.
- That God will provide the financial support for these conferences, especially the money needed to cover the expenses of our African brothers in Christ.
- That God would be glorified through the ministry of Leadership Vistas.

Finally, please pray for me, my wife Jolynne, and my children. God bless you.

In Christ’s Service,

Jerry Brown