



"And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." (11 Timothy 2:2)

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Dear Friends and Family:

We have just returned from two weeks in Africa, where Leadership Vistas sponsored **three conferences** for church leaders in **Uganda and Kenya**. In the first week we offered *two conferences in Masaka, Uganda*---one for *20 selected men* and the other for *20 selected women*. In the **second week** we offered a conference for **almost 100 participants in Eldoret, Kenya**---our very first in this country. But the **purposes** of these conferences at the two venues **were quite different**. And so were the audiences. *This story is about beginnings and endings and what happened in between.*



The training sessions at Eldoret are the starting point in our 5-stage curriculum.



The men and women who made up our audience are *just beginning* our program. They are *full of enthusiasm, appreciation, and commitment.*



But they are at a formative stage in their ministries, which we hope to more clearly define and **add substance to through future conferences.**



Many of them are **firmly committed to serving God,** but they do so **without the solid foundation in His Word** that our program addresses.



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*



By contrast, the meetings at Masaka were for two selected groups of church leaders who have gone through a series of conferences--- 5 for the men and 3 for the women; these programs make up our non-formal educational curriculum.

The **courses** in our curriculum **provide a foundation** in God's Word **and equip** participants to lead their various ministries.

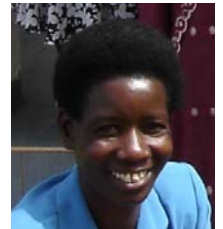


The **additional training** which they received at the Masaka conferences was intended to **help strengthen their ministries and/or to launch new ones**. As we thought about the **impact** of our curriculum, we recognized **increased competence and confidence** in their ministries. Importantly, we also identified evidence of **changed lives**.

It has only been with the passage of time that we can now see---and see clearly---how God uses Leadership Vistas to temper and refine character.



Church leaders who have passed through our training program display **new qualities** of mind and character that identify them as different---**more godly, more thoughtful, more compassionate**. Comments and stories from participants abundantly support these changes. We take no credit for this largely unseen process of transformation, for **it is all of the Lord, who has blessed and directed our ministry** in Africa from its beginning. But we do take delight in our Lord and Savior that **Leadership Vistas is making a difference for His kingdom**.



Changed lives! Changed churches and communities! Changed world! Praise God!

In Christ's service,

Jerry Brown

Equipping African church leaders to fulfill their calling from God

