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What's happening:

- Melody will be in Kenya this Fall and again from January through March to minister the Word. She also plans to meet with VLMI partners in Europe in the Spring. Please pray for her as she travels to preach the Gospel.
- Has VLMI impacted your life? Please consider sending us your testimony via email: contactus@vlmi.org

East African ministry expands

– Melody Lavin

Mike and I were in Kenya in June, working with the VLMI partner organization *VLM of Eastern and Central Africa*, speaking with Church leaders, and meeting with ministry partners who use the VLMI Bible School Curriculum in their Bible schools in East Africa.

We also spent time with the VLM boys who are now attending *Kitale National Polytechnic*. We toured the school and saw the programs that the boys are studying: welding, electrical, and construction.



Left to right: Leonard, Samuel, Melody, Rogers, Emmanuel

You can see more pictures on facebook.com/vlminternational.

I'll be returning to Kenya for six weeks this Fall and also for an extended period of time early next year. I'll be holding worship clinics and leadership and staff relations training, ministering in churches, and

overseeing VLMI's outreach in other East African nations. Mike plans to join me for some of that time.

There is a window of opportunity for impactful ministry right now, and VLMI is seizing the opportunity to reach people with the practical, relatable truth of God's Word.

Seize this moment with us. Send us. We're willing to go to speak for God, to bring the message of freedom, healing, victory, wisdom, and more. ◀



Mike and Melody Lavin

Outreach—Central African opportunity

Christians in Central Africa have contacted us requesting Bible training. We've begun discussions about the *how*, *where*, and *when*, but more importantly, we must update the Kiswahili translation of the VLMI Bible School Curriculum to align with the changes made to the English version in 2001 and 2012.

We'll be hiring VLM Bible Training Centre graduates to do the update.

When the translation is ready, we will be able to move forward with the Central African believers.

If you would like to contribute to the Kiswahili translation project—total cost is \$1,500 U.S.—please complete and return the form on the back, or use the PayPal link at: www.vlmi.org/giving ◀

Partner Spotlight: King Jesus Ministries International

Years ago, when VLMI operated its Bible Training Centre in Bungoma, Kenya, Bishop Martin Nyongesa attended. Over the years, his ministry, *King Jesus Ministries International*, has expanded. In February 2016, Bishop Martin opened a Bible school in the Bungoma area.

Since the school's opening, Bishop Martin has been working with former graduates of the VLMI Bible Training Centre who sat under the ministry of Revs. Paul and Mary Birt in the 1980's and 1990's. Bishop Martin and those graduates are training and equipping ministers of the Gospel. VLMI has partnered with the Bible school by allowing the use of the VLMI Bible School Curriculum as the teaching base.

Bishop Martin's desire is to "see [the school] students go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature. Fulfilling the Great Commission flows into every area of the school. Our mission is to equip, empower and release leaders into every social context."

Please agree with us in prayer that the Lord will provide all resources necessary for the school and that its impact in the students' lives would be significant. Great things are happening in western Kenya. ◀



Bishop Martin Nyongesa

Lives Changed Because of God's Word

The following are testimonies written by students at the VLMI-partner Bible School in Bungoma, Kenya:

"Since coming to the Bible School last year, my life has changed completely. I have gained confidence and now I am bold and a faithful witness of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is my prayer to continue with this training so that I can be an effective minister of the Gospel."

— John S.

"As a student in this Bible School, I have learned to stand my ground and take authority whenever I have attacks from the enemy. Truly this training is life-changing to any serious student who wants to know God and live a victorious life in the Lord Jesus Christ."

— Beatrice B.

Contact Card

Please use my gift of \$ _____ for the:

- monthly support to do the ministry work
- ministry travel costs for Melody and Mike
- Kiswahili curriculum translation project
- orphans' support
- Bible School in Siaya, Kenya
- Bible School in Tarime, Tanzania

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