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## LIVING HOPE SUNDAY AND GIFT DAY: FEBRUARY 21st

The time for our Annual Gift Day has come around again and we thank you for all of your gifts, prayers and support over the past year. For all the gifts given, some monthly and others from time to time, we praise the Lord and thank you! We are so blessed throughout the year but we always find that the Annual Gift Day, by God's grace, gives us a wonderful springboard into the year ahead.

Attitudes to giving vary enormously throughout the Christian world. It is particularly impressive in the churches run by our African friends, that the announcement is made, "**OFFERING TIME, BLESSING TIME!**" The fun and joy of their giving is abundant and seems to wonderfully reflect the scripture, '*God loves a cheerful giver.*' (2 Corinthians 9:7). All we ask is that you kindly set aside a few minutes to pray and ask the Lord how to respond. There are so many works that the Lord is doing but, if we listen to Him, He will guide us. If you can give through Gift Aid, please fill in the form enclosed but if you cannot do that now but have in the past, please kindly let us know that too.

We have pleasure in enclosing our annual magazine, which has increased to 8 pages. It is true that much more is happening but we have also decided to use resources wisely by enlarging the magazine and using the LHM website rather than sending out pages of reports with our letters, which look great but use up a lot of ink! The magazine tells about the work and the many who are involved. Our core mission of reaching out to train pastors for leadership, is very exciting in so many parts of the world and, as you read the magazine, you will see some of the new things in which we have been involved.

We will provide a short DVD for the churches to play on Sunday, February 21st. We are grateful for even a few minutes to focus and pray about the work of LHM. Already some gifts have come in, and you don't have to wait. We pray for God's blessing on you and your churches, especially where you have particular needs and demanding projects. Praise the Lord! Our God is able!

Let us keep our '*hand to the plough*' (Luke 9:62), not looking back but '*looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth*' (2 Peter 3:13), making '*every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.*' (2 Peter 3:14).

God bless you,

Richard and Elaine Brunton  
LHM Director

Paul Newett and Charlene Brunton  
LHM Administrative Team

## **INDIA TRIP – January 2010 (Richard Brunton)**

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for the recent trip to India. The Lord's overruling was amazing! The days I travelled to Heathrow saw no weather delays or disruption but a day later for either journey would have been very disturbed. Our brother S.J. Kumar put together an excellent programme, which enabled me to be with Pastors in 3 different areas. Overall, we gathered 120 pastors which, considering many look after two churches, means that about 200 churches were reached. S.J. says that, on average, these churches would have 100 people, so in just a few days there was the potential of touching 20,000 lives! This is the joy and privilege of ministering to leaders!

Through Charlene's hard work, we are producing quite a lot of literature these days and various studies were made available. S.J. and his church's bold witness are seeing good fruit and we thank God for this friendship. A TV channel called "Salvation", we are assured, has the potential to reach 1 billion people! The Living Hope programme is very well received, by God's grace and a channel used by Pastor Thankachan also gets good reports. Praise the Lord!

## **OPERATION EAST AFRICA – February 28th to March 13th**

The team are: John Woods, Matthew and Chris Wright, Chris Lane, Paul Newett, David Bowden David Weaver and Richard Brunton. Please pray for everyone's protection and strength to serve the Lord effectively and for our families at home to know equal blessings from our Lord.

### **KENYA SEMINARS: March 1st – March 12th**

| <b>March 1 – Monday</b>  | <b>March 2 – Tuesday</b>  | <b>March 3 – Wednesday</b>   | <b>March 4 – Thursday</b>  |
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| <b><u>Nairobi – Kawangware</u></b><br>David Weaver<br>Bishop Robert<br><b><u>Kisumu</u></b><br>Rev. Richard / Paul                                 | <b><u>Nairobi – Kawangware</u></b><br>David Weaver<br>John Woods<br><b><u>Kisumu</u></b><br>Rev. Richard / Paul | <b><u>Mombasa</u></b><br>David Weaver<br>Paul Newett   | <b><u>Mombasa</u></b><br>David Weaver<br>Paul Newett   |
| <b>March 5 – Friday</b>  | <b>March 6 – Saturday</b>   | <b>March 7 – Sunday</b>  | <b>March 8 – Monday</b>  |
| <b><u>Mombasa</u></b><br>David Weaver<br>Paul Newett   | <b><u>Mombasa</u></b><br>David Weaver<br>Paul Newett  | <b><u>Nairobi</u></b><br>David Weaver<br>Paul Newett   | <b><u>Nairobi – Kibera</u></b><br>David Weaver<br><b><u>Nairobi – Mathare</u></b><br>Chris Lane<br>David Bowden  |
| <b>March 9 – Tuesday</b>   | <b>March 10 – Wednesday</b>   | <b>March 11 – Thursday</b>   | <b>March 12 – Friday</b>   |
| <b><u>Nairobi – Dandora</u></b><br>Chris Lane<br><b><u>Nairobi – Kibera</u></b><br>David Bowden<br><b><u>Nairobi – Mathare</u></b><br>David Weaver | <b><u>Nairobi – Dandora</u></b><br>Chris Lane<br>David Weaver   | <b><u>Nairobi</u></b><br>Discipleship conference<br>for senior area leaders<br>Nairobi / Kisumu /<br>Mombasa / Nakuru<br>Guests from Congo and<br>Tanzania | <b><u>Nairobi</u></b><br>Discipleship conference<br>for senior area leaders<br>Nairobi / Kisumu /<br>Mombasa / Nakuru<br>Guests from Congo and<br>Tanzania |

Chris Lane and David Bowden travel with Bishop Stephen Kiguru to Tanzania and have seminars in Karatu, March 2nd – 3rd then Arusha, March 4th – 8th.

Matthew and Chris Wright travel to Uganda and have meetings in Matembe, Busiika and Kitetikka, March 1st – 8th.

The Rwanda / Burundi programme for John Woods and Richard Brunton, is from March 3rd – 8th. March 3rd – 4th are in Rwanda and March 5th – 8th are in Burundi.

The Africa Leadership Team meets March 9th – 10th. Richard and Paul will meet with Bishop Stephen and Susan Kiguru, Bishop Robert and Flois Mahiri, Bishop Peter and Rose Kasozi, Bishop Augustine and special guests, Matthew and Chris Wright and John Woods.

**Thank you so much for all your prayers and interest. We pray God's richest blessing upon you.**