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God's Kingdom without Borders

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Our Graduates ... God's Leaders

The Vine Institute's mission is to connect and to equip Christian leaders from among God's diverse people, strengthening churches and celebrating God's glory in the Intermountain West. What an amazing privilege to walk alongside these diverse leaders. They receive training in multicultural settings using inductive Bible studies. This peer-to-peer learning style allows everyone to be informed from different cultures.

GREGORY LU: Gregory lived in a refugee camp for 15 years in Thailand but made use of his time there by completing high school and Bible College. Six years ago he came to Salt Lake City with his family and now pastors the Karen Baptist Church. His heart and connections stretch to all the Karen churches on the west coast and back home in Burma and Thailand. Pray for Gregory to be able to serve as a full time missionary to pastor to his people.

MORRIS YALE: A former soldier, now full of Jesus' compassion, Morris leads a local community of Uduk people from Sudan in Salt Lake City. Recently he returned to the Doro refugee camp to teach *The Vine Institute Biblical Preaching* course to the Uduk people. He prays for his people, no matter where they live, to follow God and to grow in their Christian faith.

MARY JANE BADGER: Though Anglo, Mary Jane came from another culture right here in Utah. Her passion leads her to reach international students and their families at the University of Utah by welcoming them and providing a safe community where they connect, explore, grow and make a decision for Christ. Pray she can seek God's rest, strength and direction during a transitional season in her life.

MATHIAS DHUNYA: When Mathias came to Salt Lake City as a refugee, he was approached to be a bishop in another denomination but he knew he wanted to stay true to his Baptist beliefs. Mathias, a committed deacon, serves the local Uduk Christian Church in several different ways. Mathias has a heart for the young people in the Uduk community, he asks that we join him in praying for them to know God and grow in their faith.

New Chapter in the Life of the Theological Library

By Tom McClenahan

Many friends, partners in *Salt Lake Theological Seminary's* (SLTS) vision and mission, contributed to the development of our theological library. Over many years the collection grew to 30,000 volumes.

The Vine Institute has had the honor and privilege of serving more than 400 Christian leaders from over 30 nations and more than 45 language groups. These leaders serve minority ethnic church communities, which now comprise the majority of the Christian community in Utah. These leaders who are bi-vocational, desire training and support to minister in a language other than English to people whose heart language is not English.

In the 1980s and again in the 1990s I witnessed the SLTS Board of Trustees prayerfully listen to and heed God's call to pursue and then adapt biblical and theological education for church leaders in Utah. In 2010, they followed God's call and leading to a new mission as *The Vine Institute* to serve the Christian leaders. He is bringing from across the world to Utah. *The Vine Institute's* Board now appears to be listening to and heeding God's call to

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Support God's Kingdom by Peter Asiamah

This newsletter is particularly exciting for me because I have grown to so love and respect the people that I have met through *The Vine Institute's* Christian Leadership Program.

Thank you for joining us in caring about this vast, but often overlooked community with so many challenges and yet so much potential filled to love. And thank you for helping to resource *The Vine Institute* so we can provide leaders with the training, mentoring, and consulting they desire!

We have extended our work to spanish-speaking church leaders to enable them to acquire training so they can, in turn, strengthen and build healthy churches. Our vision is to reach all the ethnic churches, train their leaders, and build strong relationships with them since they play a significant role in the future of the Kingdom of God in Utah and in the American church.

We need and appreciate your partnership and love for the Kingdom of God. We humbly come before you and

acknowledge we cannot do this kingdom work without you. Please consider giving to this ministry.

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MIKE TADAYO: , Mike loves pastoring the people at their South Sudanese Church although he never understands all that God does. He has gained confidence from reading the scriptures and walking in obedience to the Holy Spirit which teaches him God's deeper ways. Previously a "Sunday churchgoer", now Mike finds his mind transformed and renewed. Pray for Mike to have a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

PETER GASMALLA: Peter, an elder in the Uduk church, often counseling those with troubles and assists with preaching. He loves people and is a peacemaker. Recently he traveled back to Sudan with the Jesus film that had been translated into their Twampa language. During his time in Sudan he was able to share it with over 20,000 people in Africa. Pray for Peter that he continues to serve his church and the youth.

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

Calvary Baptist Church
1090 S State, Salt Lake City

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send the library to further God's kingdom mission in Africa.

Leadership Education Mission for Africa (LEMA) Institute is located in Nigeria. It exists to equip Christian leaders in Africa for healthy, biblical, financially independent ministry and its vision is to train and equip 5000 African pastors to be biblically sound and financially independent by the year 2020.

God has been moving people from around the world to come to Utah to build His church faster than all the evangelistic and church planting efforts of American Christians and churches over the past 40 years. In light of this, it seems to me almost poetic if not prophetic that He would direct sending the SLTS library to Africa now.