

# theboisvert update



“I am the LORD your God who teaches you what is best for you” (Isaiah 48:17).

**I** AM SO GLAD that we can count on Isaiah 48:17, our featured verse, as truth! So often we are inadequate, facing one limitation or another; but God is always sufficient and always at work. It is our great joy to share what God has invested in us, and to lift Him high before others. As we left Uganda, a spokesperson for the women said,

“... and we promise you that we will do all that you have taught us.”

May we all say the same to our Lord and Savior!

As I write these words, Cheryl and I are on our way home to the frozen Midwest from steamy East Africa! We have had a fruitful trip, even though 138 hours of it was traveling: in planes, cars, taxis, cuddle buses, and big Greyhound-like buses. But the satisfaction of seeing the growth of the men and the training programs taking on lives of their own is worth it all. Our students told us,

“Please greet everyone at home and tell them ‘Thank you’ for all that they have done to make these teachings possible: printing the notes, giving us pens, sharing



*Doug and the Biblical Studies Graduates in Arushi (Tanzania)*

the medicine, and cards for our memory verses. Please tell them we appreciate it!”

## UGANDA

**Pastor Robert Sityo** would like to thank **Cedar Creek Bible Church** of Delton, Michigan, for the gift that allowed him to purchase Bibles for 100 Pastors and a village church. They were gratefully received. We are pleased to be part of Cedar Creek’s missionary family. Since we were last at BEST (Bukeeka Evangelical School of Theology), Robert has recruited and begun to teach a second certificate-level class. He is sharing the teaching respon-

sibilities with three other Pastors. It is so wonderful to see local leadership taking initiative in many areas, while I (Doug) work with the upper-level students. Of all our venues, this is the first one that is able to interact with studies at a Bachelor’s level, and it brings us great joy to see their growth.

## TANZANIA

**Kitumbi**—Our local coordinator, **Pastor Michael**, has begun a new training site in this village, where a Southern Baptist missionary formerly had established a training center. At Michael’s request, we went

with him for the first module. It was a place of very basic instruction, due to limited opportunities for education. There are tentative plans for two additional modules this year, which we will not be involved in except for offsite assistance.



New Kitumbi Students (Tanzania)

In this rural area, a farmer shot a warthog that was purchased to feed us all week. We are pretty sure it wasn't **Pumba!**



Doug with Warthog Tusk (Tanzania)

**Arusha**—We held a graduation in highly-transient Arusha this month (cover photo). Seven men and one woman, from an original class of 32, earned Biblical Studies certificates. We have heard from Pastor Michael that at least seven others, who have left the area for other regions, are discussing the possibilities of a Tri-M model training program with some of our materials. Graduating **Pas-**

**tor Jonah** reports teaching other pastors regularly, as well as his own church, with what he has gleaned from his training. Michael has received at least two other requests for training to begin in other locations. There seems to be a guarded potential for keeping a Tri-M missionary busy year-round in Tanzania alone. There is a Theological Studies certificate available from a nationally-run university here, but the men who are involved in both programs say that none of what they learn in the university can compare with the training they receive through Tri-M!

**Turiani**—We arrived at this training site with the assumption that we would be finished there with the August 2014 graduation of five men and seven women. However by mid-week, there was a distinct change in the seriousness and the commitment of the students. At least five more men scrambled to make up missed exams. Another group of men, who are being tutored by fellow students, would like to retake failed exams and complete projects so that they can also graduate in August. In fact, a request came from the group to continue on to the diploma level of classes so that they will be able to effectively teach others at the certificate level. So along with graduation, Doug will hold a test module for the diploma level to assess their abilities and depth of commitment. We really would like your prayers for wisdom regarding direction for the Tanzania modules. Thanks!



CAMSOM Class (Kenya)

## KENYA

The diploma-level course continues steadily with the men at CAMSOM (Christ Army Mobile School of Ministry). We mentioned earlier that five of Doug's students and their wives, who are Cheryl's students, have started "home church" on Tuesday evenings in their homes. The purpose is for fellowship and to meet local needs among members of the **Stage Jesus Church**, but it will also be the jumping off point for evangelistic efforts in each location. The five men studied the Leadership class with Doug this week and expressed a desire and commitment to make changes in the way they lead, based on biblical models, so they can be more active leaders. What a joy!

Since we had much to say about all that God is doing, we highlighted only the ministry to *men* in this letter. We will do so for the ladies in the next issue of *The Boisvert Update*. Thank you for partnering with us to train leaders who can teach others also.

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