

Building Leaders for a Global Harvest Inc.

JULY 2013

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- July 2012 - July 2013 first successful year for Leadstar University College.



Thanks be to God!!

- Leadstar received its first 114 graduate students
- Graduate level registration nearing 200 students
- Leadstar to receive 22,000 books in partnership with World mission prayer league and Books for Africa

114 Masters Degree Students Started Class

Leadstar University Graduate Department of Leadership studies opened its doors for the first batch of graduate students.

The response was overwhelming. This new and young institution received more than 100 graduate students in few days of its announcement. That was a great success coming to Leadstar with responsibility.

Qualified students applied from all corners of the country. They came from all denominations including the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and Priests from the Roman Catholic Church.

These students received their modules and student handbooks. The first four courses were;

1. *Principles of Leadership*

2. *Quality Management*

3. *Transformational Leadership*

4. *Theology of Missions*

The first IGS or Intensive Graduate Seminar was given for 16 hours by three Professors. Debates and discussions in the class were very engaging. Students came prepared for graduate level lectures. Professors used power point presentations. Some DVDs of recorded lectures from an organization called "The Great Courses" in the USA were also used to supplement lecture content given in class.

Furthermore all lectures were recorded with digital video recorders. Those will also be distributed to students as additional resources.

By September 15 all Masters students will submit their final course papers for these four courses. After doing academic review and grading of these research papers, some 10-15 best papers will be selected to be published as the first *Leadstar Academic Journal* to be used by church, civic, government and business leaders in Ethiopia and around the world.

Leadstar is now getting ready to start registering the second batch of Graduate Students.

Most of the students are professionals who are currently working in various sectors of the society. The second IGS will be offered in the middle of November by Professors from the USA.

Leadstar to receive a new Print System

After much work and a long wait Leadstar University College is going to receive its new printing system called, "publish for all" through Bethany International in Bloomington MN.

This machine was donated in collaboration between the King-

dom expansion ministry of Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville and Bethany International ministries.

This system will give Leadstar a capacity to produce high quality modules, journals, booklets and mission resources.

Leadstar staff and students are elated about this donation and are prayerfully waiting for its arrival. The shipment is scheduled to leave MN during the first week of August 2013. IT trainer will be on the ground to train Leadstar staff in the following months.

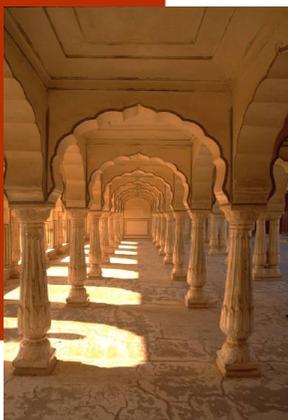
22,000 books and 15 computers to be shipped



Leadstar celebrates this good news over a cup of delicious Ethiopian coffee!!

Leadstar joins Ethiopian Evangelical Fellowship to be a leadership development partner of all evangelicals in Ethiopia!

Acts 17:25 ...He himself gives all men life and breath and everything else!!



Leadstar University College is getting ready to receive first shipment of 22,000 books from Books for Africa in the USA. This donation is made possible through generous support from the World Mission Prayer League.

Our project coordinator for this book shipment is JoAnn Palo, she is a gifted minister and leader from Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville MN. This project is now at the final stages of its development.

22,000 books include various categories such as, theological books, church leadership, general management, Leadership, business, education, English language, encyclopedias, dictionary and reference books.

This shipment includes 10 desk top and 5 lap top computers. All of these computers are used and refurbished.

Most of the church leadership and theological books are donated by Rev. Steve Dornbusch, former senior Pastor of

Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley MN and chairperson of BLGH Inc.

Leadstar University College community extend their gratitude to all involved in this project.

Our profound gratitude goes to World Mission Prayer League board and their executive director Rev. Chuck Lindquist for making this project possible. Now our institution in Ethiopia have enough resource to support its work.

Joining Ethiopian Evangelical Fellowship

Leadstar is to join the national organization of Ethiopian Evangelicals. Ethiopian evangelical churches fellowship was established under the leadership of the late Rev. Gudina Tumsa, general secretary of the Mekane Yesus church during the communist era. Their purpose was mutual support among churches during those difficult days under com-

munist. Right now that organization has grown to the extent of having over 18 million evangelical Christians.

Leadstar submitted its application to join this fellowship and to serve as one of the major training institutions of evangelicals in Ethiopia.

So far Ethiopian Evangelical Fellowship is showing great interest in Leadstar's training

model and standards. Particularly Leadstar's graduate program in leadership and mission studies is gaining traction.

Joining Ethiopian evangelical fellowship will greatly boost Leadstar's institutional profile and will also link our ministry with a wider target group.

Leadstar is already serving broadly interdenominational group of students.

Prayers Needed

Leadstar calls for prayer in the following areas;

1. Safe arrival and smooth process through Djibouti and Ethiopian customs for the container shipment of Books from Smyrna,

GA. to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2. Smooth shipment and arrival of the print system to be sent from Bloomington MN. This is a new technology created by Bethany International ministries, <http://publishforall.com/>

3. To cope with and serve in expanding service vicinities of

Leadstar, vehicle is very much needed. Please pray that the Lord will grant this need.

4. There are numerous requests for scholarship support from our students, especially for pastors and evangelists.

More Prayers Needed



Leadstar University College Marching on to the second year!!

5. Leadstar University College continues to grow. Therefore having its own office, library, production center and lecture rooms is a critical need. So far rental arrangement in partnership with various organiza-

tions is working well. However in the long-term having our own place is critical. We will be asking the government to help us with a suitable land for our work. Let us believe and pray about this initiative.

6. November 2013 Leadstar submits its application to get its Masters Program and its MBA degree program accredited by the ministry of Education in Ethiopia. Please

keep this process in your prayers.

7. Let us keep the BLGH Inc. application to the IRS in our prayers. It is now referred to a special review team to see if there is any more documentation needed.

8. Leadstar needs more qualified teachers and administrative staff to cope with the growth of our work. Please keep our current staff in your prayers, let us also ask for many more faithful servants.

9. More than all let us thank God for a very successful first year!!!!

Three times a week we preach the Gospel on Satellite Television that reaches nearly 17 million per week!

Leadstar Television Ministry

According to the most recent statistics Leadstar Television is reaching millions in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sub Saharan Africa, Middle East and North Africa through Satellite Television.

Our viewership in Europe, United States and Canada is also growing through online streaming from London England.

Our ministry is currently airing series of teachings on the book of Acts in two languages.

These broadcast ministry continues to reach the unreached communities in our nation. It is also reaching millions of young people with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Muslims and non believers are coming to Christ through this ministry.

Our telephone prayer service is documenting actual salvation and healing reports as people call to give their testimony.

Our telephone center also serves people as they call concurrently while our ministry is on the air. Thousands of people receive prayers and words of encouragement through our telephone lines.

First Ethiopian New Testament Commentary

The first Ethiopian New Testament commentary is to be written. When this work is completed by 2016 this commentary will be the first of its kind in the continent of Africa.

20 NT Scholars and Theologians are selected to write a commentary on the 27 books of the New Testament.

Rev. Dr. Gemechis Desta Buba is selected and invited to write on the Book of Acts. The first consultation and writers orientation was given in Atlanta Ga, July 22-24, 2013.

Senior consultant and trainer was Prof. Craig Keener, who is a renowned evangelical scholar and author of numerous books. He is from Asbury Theological Seminary

in Kentucky.

The entire project is led by an organization called Compass Ethiopia. This organization is formed in Lansdowne PA. by Pastor Endalkachew S. Ayo who is serving in Philadelphia PA. Compass Ethiopia and Leadstar University College are forging strong partnership in mission and ministry.





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for the sake of Christ's mission in the world.

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*BLGH Inc. is raising and training leaders through Leadstar
University College in Ethiopia.*

Producing Transformative Global Leaders!!



Acts 17:28
For in him we live and
move and have our being.