



Love In Action
International
A Hands on Ministry to the Lord of Doing, Going, and Giving.

A Christian organization working to fulfill the Great Commission and meet the vocational training needs of our brothers and sisters in Africa.

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Love In Action Featured

LIAI will be featured in the Evangelical Missiological Society Series Number 14. This annual publication will be distributed later this fall and available through the William Carey Library. The focus of the publication is Business as Mission and LIAI will be featured as an example of vocational and ministry training.

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Graduation Held on August 6

Sewing Center graduates three and the Metal Fabrication Shop graduates its first five students.



Graduation: The three Sewing Center graduates are on the left and the five Metal Fabrication Shop graduates are on the right

August 6th saw the graduation of the first five students from the metal shop training course as well as three apprentices from the Sewing Center. The graduation ceremony was held at the Moundou church and included church members as well as representatives from the ministry of education, local authorities and even a reporter from a local radio station. In true African style, the speeches were presented and the diplomas handed out with much pomp and circumstance before the ceremony was concluded with

the usual honorary meal to which everyone was invited.

The Sewing Center graduates were Dara Samuel, Nerembaye Clarice and Yokaissi Patricia. Each of them made a suit for graduation (funds provided by LIAI) and received a graduation love gift from LIAI. Although their future plans are not set yet, they will most likely work to get their own sewing machine and start their own business out of their homes.

There are seven candidates who wish to begin the two years of training at the Sewing Center. Only four places

are available so the Sewing Center committee will be interviewing the applicants and accepting four for the coming year. Please pray for the graduates as they begin to use their skills to provide for their families. Also, pray for the new students who will start in the Fall.

The Metal Fabrication Shop graduates were Nendouloum Jeremie, Bere Charbonnel, Mbainodji Auguste, Mbaiamtel Madjitolem, and Mundang Severin.

The last weeks of class for the students were packed with learning the remaining practical and biblical lessons, preparing for the exams and completing various projects such as making a large quantity of doors and shutters for the student housing at the Bible Institute and for a new rural health center. These projects afforded not only ample opportunity for the students to hone their

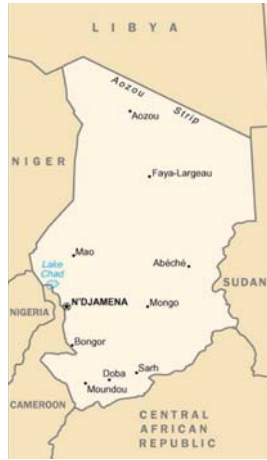
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Future Possibilities

As LIAI looks to future ministries, it has been involved in some beginning discussions that could result in exciting opportunities. Discussions are just beginning on the possibilities of offering wood working apprenticeship training. This would be similar to the other vocational ministries that LIAI supports but would provide another opportunity for Chadians to learn a much needed skill.

A local Warsaw, Indiana church has a ministry in Chad and a need for the products that are produced by LIAI's vocational ministries. Pray that this connection can grow and provide a way to supply needs for the rural development projects the church is trying to encourage as well as provide an opportunity for LIAI's vocational students to produce needed materials. 🌱

Life in Chad



As reported in the April 2006 edition of “Love Notes”, the political situation in Chad has caused much tension. There was an attempted coup d’etat in April in the Chadian capital, N’Djamena. At that time government troops reported successfully repelling the rebel troops’ advance on the capitol. However in May the situation was still unsettled by rumors that rebels were reorganizing for another attempt on the president. Although the Grace Brethren missionaries are located in the south of the country, relatively far from the capital, they were advised in early May to evacuate to a neighboring country until things settled down. Praise the Lord that the missionary team was able to move back to Chad in June.

Currently, Chad is experiencing its “rainy season” which is not only slowing down every day life of the people but is also calming down the general situation of the country as traveling has become very difficult and in some cases impossible.

Please continue to pray for the political unrest in the country as well as for the safety of our Christian brothers and sisters. 🌱

Mike Retterer Training Center Update



The “True Love Waits” Club meeting in the MRTC classroom with the new tables and chairs.

Because of the instability of the country, plans for the dedication of the Mike Retterer Training Center (MRTC) have been postponed from September 2006 to possibly the fall of 2007.

The Training Center has undergone a lot of improvements in the last several weeks. Tables were made, chairs were purchased, curtains were hung, a claypot was installed

in order to provide cool water and landscaping was done around the outside of the building. All of these improvements make it a lot easier to teach in the classroom rather than having to spend so much time “setting up” for each use, using temporary items.

Currently there are two regular classes meeting in the MRTC. Karin Puhl is teaching a leadership class to a group of girls every Thursday. They are hungry to learn more from the Bible and share it with others.

Every second Friday the “True Love Waits” club meets. Before using the Center, the club had to meet under a tree at the church while the choir practiced and people walked back and forth going to the church and the Sewing Center. This provides a much nicer environment without so

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many distractions.

A ministry grant from Grace Brethren International Missions has allowed the missionaries to buy books in order to open up a reading room in the Center for the youth. This has been a dream for some time as there is a need for access to good literature. The rooms at the Cen-

ter are also being used to show videos like the Jesus film or Moody videos to young people.

Please continue to pray that the MRTC will be an effective tool in the vocational and ministry training of the African Church. Pray specifically for the classes that are currently meeting in the Center. 🌱

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skills but also provided the mission with a great source of quality materials at reasonable prices.

As part of their practical exam, each student made a window for the operating room of the health center. These windows were specifically designed to meet the hygienic requirements of an operating room and were quite complicated. In addition, during the final weeks of classes, an arrangement was established with the local cotton factory (and largest employer in Moundou) to provide internships both to future students as well as the graduates, another answer to prayer.

In the Bible classes the subject of interpersonal relationships, specifically the subject

of marriage and family was covered. These classes were deeply appreciated by the students and provoked good discussion. Questions revealed the need for teaching in this area. The breakdown of the traditional belief system is very evident in Chad as more and more people are forced to leave their village homes and lifestyle because of overwhelming poverty and the relentless onward march of technological progress. The rules and convictions that formerly governed their primitive society have been made obsolete, leaving behind a gaping vacuum which the system of this world is only too quick to jump in and fill. The results are catastrophic: a massive rise in crime, AIDS, prostitution and broken families among other tragedies—even

among believers. These classes were effective as they sought to contrast the present culture with biblical truth.

Please pray for the five Metal Fabrication graduates as they return to their villages, churches and homes. Pray that they will continue to grow spiritually, apply what they have learned and seek to serve God with their newly acquired skills.

There are currently five more Metal Fabrication students that will begin their second year of training in September. 🌱



The five Metal Fabrication graduates with Matthias Ezel and Elie.



The LIAI Team

LIAI has many individuals committed to its ministry. The following is a list of those involved behind the scenes to make the ministry of LIAI effective and functioning:

- Tom & Sharon Stallter
- Karen Retterer
- Dennis & Valerie Crumbley
- Roy & Arlene Glass
- Greg & Nancy Weimer
- Pastor Charles Lawson
- John Sullivan
- Larry DeArmey
- Frank & Karin Puhl
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E-News from LIAI



In June, LIAI released its first electronic newsletter. This will be a quarterly newsletter via email to keep you updated on the exciting projects and ministries in Chad.

These newsletters will contain short updates and focus on a few projects and ministries of LIAI.

If you are interested in receiving E-News from LIAI, please send your email address to vcrumbley@loveinactioninternational.org or include it in a mailing to Love in Action International, Inc., P.O. Box 805, Winona Lake, IN 46590. 

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