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Sunday, 1st August was one of the most joyous days ever in the lives of 14 students who were graduating after successfully completing 30 modules of the School of Ministries programme.

Before entering the church, all the students lined up, wearing their mortar boards and graduation gowns with blue flashings. You could feel the excitement in the air, as they waited expectantly to receive their individual diplomas. The day represented a real milestone for each one, as they move forward in the call of God upon their lives. Smiling family and friends stood to honour each student as they took their seats on the graduation dais, this was their day!

School of Ministries International director, Peter Butt, shared a word with the graduating class before they came forward, the tassels on their caps swinging happily from side to side, to receive their diplomas. All their strenuous efforts over many years finally rewarded in that glorious moment.

There were two additional graduates from this particular class who were unable to attend, and in November, a separate ceremony will be held for the graduates from the Coast Province.

Clive Beckenham, the director of BARNABAS MINISTRIES Africa, spoke about the relationship between BARNABAS MINISTRIES Africa and School of Ministries International dating back to 2001 when the first school was conducted. He gave this inspirational challenge: “My dream and vision for the School of Ministries is to see training being delivered, both in Kiswahili and in local tribal languages, by 200 African teachers, all across Kenya and East Africa. I urge you, the pioneering class, to be strong and courageous in delivering the dream”.

Leonard Wafula spoke powerfully on behalf of the graduating students: “Completing the training has been a life-changing experience for me. The course presented me with a unique opportunity to study topics in a way that I could apply practically”.

Leonard also shared about his own experiences and the challenges he faced as a young man planting churches in Western Kenya. The training had given him the confidence to lead and to build up teams to continue this great work.

The day ended in great celebration – with family and friends joining in the graduates' joy.

A great day for one and all!

Mercy Musyimi

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THE CHARACTER OF

A LEADER



Caption

But Jesus called (the twelve disciples) to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:25-28)

By most standards, Osman Disia was an unlikely Christian leader – quiet, unassuming, soft-spoken and gentle. He had been a Muslim Imam before experiencing a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. Yet this unlikely leader became a beacon for the converted Muslims and the entire Christian community in Garissa, in the North Eastern Province.

The list of people who have been helped by Osman is very long indeed, as is the record of his accomplishments as a teacher and our Mission Coordinator in Garissa. But what is particularly remarkable about him is the kind of leadership he exercises – he not only instructs people in the word, he also offers practical training in carpentry!

*Because Garissa is in a drought-prone area, where harvests are unpredictable, Osman seeks to equip his new converts with other means of supporting themselves and their families. As he makes and sells furniture, Osman has decided to engage his new converts in the same venture, simultaneously realising one of the principal goals of **BARNABAS MINISTRIES Africa** – to equip people to be effective members of their own communities.*

These people may not have had much of an academic education, but they now have a wide range of practical skills and knowledge, equipping and empowering them to support themselves and their families and to live independent lives.

Despite the many challenges, especially because Garissa is close to the border of Somalia (which has not had a government for the last 20 years), Osman is determined to put up a Fellowship and Rescue Centre for vulnerable and abandoned children in the near future. Work should begin soon on this new centre that is being sponsored by Joyce Meyer Ministries.

Meleckson Dalano, a Mission Coordinator (with Mercy Musyimi)

YOU CAN HELP THE MISSION TEAM IN GARISSA BY:

Praying for them as they reach out and share the gospel.

Buying carpentry tool kits, at a cost of KSh. 10,000 (that's \$ 125 or £80) per kit.

IN THE STILLNESS ...

I see the light

And His truth therein

I hear His voice in

The whispering wind

I gaze upon the mountain

I see His majesty

I walk through the woods

And feel His presence deep within myself

I stand in awe of the world in which I live

And in stillness

I know He is God

Robin Ferguson

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