



October – November, 2014



Questions for Dave and Joyce

Recently several individuals asked good questions about the progress of *Partnerships for Training Pastors*, so we thought this newsletter could provide those answers to a wider audience.

How are you and Joyce? We are doing well because we have a great sense of God's leading. All this is a new adventure with the rhythm of travel and home life being a work in progress. Our spirits are good and we are able to see God's provision and protection in wonderful ways. Probably the hardest adjustment is not being at Bethel Grove for the agreed upon period of transition. But even this change has expanded our appreciation for the uniqueness of each local expression of Christ's church in Ithaca.

When are you moving to Uganda? Our thought is to make Ithaca our home base for the foreseeable future. In 2015, five Ugandan trips are planned and training trips to other countries are now being scheduled. We believe that God wants partnerships highlighted in more countries than Uganda, so we are not ready to relocate to Uganda.

When is Joyce going to travel with you to Uganda? We are praying and thinking about how best to match the diverse training opportunities with her work schedule, so that Joyce's teaching gifts can be maximized. Pray with us about this important next step in 2015.

Aren't you afraid of Ebola? Both Joyce and I believe our lives are in God's hands. Of course, the realities of this disease must be taken very seriously. Ministry involvement in West Africa is not on our radar and Uganda is in East Africa. If there was any concern for medical safety, our physician friends as well as our friends in Uganda would tell us to stay home. Ultimately, our commitment is to make wise choices in all health issues. Please pray for West African nations as they face societal devastation from this deadly disease.

What new opportunities is God giving you? Three answers immediately come to mind. 1) Joyce and I are very grateful for the privilege of participating in the *Cornell International Christian Fellowship* ministry on Friday evenings. 2) The Lord opened an opportunity for Dave to teach an intensive course on "Preaching for Change" at Kampala Evangelical School of Theology. (www.kestug.org). 3) Kampala Baptist Church's vision, for the Oyam District of Uganda, opens up a regular teaching commitment to a war ravaged area.

How can we support you? You can **pray**, because prayer undergirds any ministry that occurs. You can help by **volunteering** with basic office tasks. You can offer **financial support** through New Horizons Foundation. Please send your gifts to the **Foundation's NEW address**: New Horizons Foundation, Attn: *Partnerships For Training Pastors*, 5550 Tech Center Dr., Suite 303, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 or www.NewHorizonsFoundation.com to give on line. (Checks should be written to New Horizons Foundation with Partnerships for Training Pastors on memo line).

Prayer Partner Goal Reached

Great news! By mid-October, more than 150 persons indicated a desire to stay informed and join the update/prayer team. We are grateful to all who desire to ask Christ to extend his kingdom through the forming of partnerships. Give thanks with us for reaching this important milestone!

Why stop at 150? Join the team and pray for effective mentoring and training of global pastors and church leaders by sending your email address or postal contact information to dave@partnershipsfortraining.org.

Our vision is to encourage and equip under-resourced Majority World pastors through Biblical teaching and resources. Beginning in Uganda, we will assist national church leaders and mission partners as they nurture pastors and develop emerging leaders to the glory of God.

Prayer Requests for Dave's October 22- November 16 Uganda Trip



October 22nd – travel from Syracuse, NY arriving in Uganda on October 23rd (10:25 pm)

- Door to door travel is pushing 30 hours – pray for good reading and prep time on the journey.

October 23-26 - Participate in life of Kampala Baptist Church.

- Relationships run deep, so ask that I can encourage our brothers and sisters in Kampala.
- Pray for Kampala Baptist Church as they minister to Makerere University Students.
- Pray that the gospel will take root in hearts and minds at all levels of Ugandan society.

October 27-31 – Teaching Preaching for Change, one-week intensive course, at Kampala Evangelical School of Theology (KEST) through five all day commitments

- Pray that all who participate in this course will grow in the grace of Christ.
- Pray that each student will make the gospel central in their developing theology of preaching.
- Pray that spiritual growth will occur through lectures, interaction and practical application of the preaching themes presented in class.

October 31- November 2 – Speaking at Kampala Baptist Church's Men's Camp

- Ask the Lord to allow these days to be a time of spiritual development for KBC men.
- Pray that God will build mentoring relationships between KBC men and University students.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower the talks and inhabit the small groups for maximum growth.

November 3-5 – Prayer and planning retreat for Masaka

- Pray for Pastors Aloys Natamugabomwe, Amos Ssekimpi, and Abel Sergirinya, along with Pastor Andrew Mwenge and Daudi Nkuggwa of KBC, as we seek God's direction for 2015 Masaka regional training sessions.
- Please pray for these pastors and regional leaders as they shepherd congregations and leaders.
- Thank God for the growth of shared commitment in the lives of Masaka churches.



November 6-8- Return to Kampala

- Pray for good follow-up sessions with *Preaching For Change* students at KEST.
- Pray for additional opportunities for involvement in life of Kampala Baptist Church.
- Pray for rest and rejuvenation as we look toward Oyam teaching time.

November 9-12 – Teaching pastors and church leaders in the Oyam District of Northern Uganda



Pray that God's presence would be known in this this war-ravaged region. Lodging and food conditions will be a challenge for the team.

Pray that the message of 1 Peter will strengthen the faith of the leaders and the churches.

Pray for God's grace to shine in a November 12th visit to Gulu.

November 13 -15th- Wrap-up time in Kampala

- Pray for the final days of time with Andrew and Kampala Baptist Church leaders.
- Leave for home November 15 and arrive in Syracuse, NY on November 16.

Remainder of November will be spent in planning and preparation for 2015.

- Pray for the development of financial partners to meet the 2015 budget.
- Pray about your partnership with this ministry through office volunteering, prayer team involvement, becoming a monthly contributor, or giving a year-end gift that offers impetus to 2015 ministry goals.

Explore www.partnershipsfortraining.org for an expanded picture of the ministry.

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