

August 2017

**Thoughts From Dave** – As we began this new adventure in 2014, Ray Gordon, a former *Ethnologue* editor, affirmed our decision to be involved in training pastors. He wrote: “I was excited to learn of your interest in pastoral training in Uganda. I sincerely believe that pastoral training is the most critical need in foreign missions today. There are hundreds of translations in new languages out there, but many groups do not have (or have but very few) pastors to preach the Word.... As you know, the Scriptures are very clear that faith comes by the “preaching” of the Word. I thank God for giving you the vision.”

### ***Dave's Upcoming Travel Schedule***

*August 2-3 -Leave Ithaca, NY at 11:45 am and arrive in Uganda at 10:20 pm.*

*August 5- Present a Seminar for Kampala Baptist Church Bible Study Leaders on the Poetical Books, with special emphasis on Proverbs.*

*August 7 -11 – Training the Trainers Project in Kampala Uganda. This brings together 20 individuals from Central Uganda, Masaka, and Oyam for development of future educators of pastors and church leaders. .*

*August 13 – Preach at Sunday Morning Services at Kampala Baptist Church.*

*August 14-15 – Reconnection time in with church leaders Masaka.*

*August 16 Time in Kampala to wrap-up details and look toward our December Session of the Trainer of Trainers Project.*

*.August 17-18 – Board a 11:30 pm flight to US with arrival in Ithaca NY at 5:00 p on the 18th. (Remember a 7 hour time difference exists between Entebbe, Uganda and Ithaca, NY).*

We are still greatly encouraged by his words and after years of pastoral training events, ***another level of training is about to begin.*** We call it the “Training of Trainers Project” and it brings together participants, identified by church leaders, from three Ugandan regions to be trained as future trainers. **A full description of the Project is presented in our Mid-Year 2017 Update, sent your way on July 1. If you missed reading the Update, visit our [www.partnershipsfortraining.org](http://www.partnershipsfortraining.org) website in the Newsletter section, under “Latest News”.** Please keep this new Project in your prayers. Thanks!

### ***Keeping Up With Our Partners***

Joyce and I had the immense privilege of hosting Chuck and Barbara Grimes during their recent Ithaca visit. The Grimes wear many bible translation hats but especially take delight in mentoring local translators in Australia and Timor on the Bible Translation adventure. **In late September, I travel to Kupang, Timor to serve with their son Ben, as we teach from translated Scriptures in a local Christian University and in various Timorese churches.** Keep the Grimes in your prayers.



### ***Prayer Requests***

Please pray for each event highlighted in the text box to the left.

Especially pray for “Training of Trainers Project” participants, that the Lord will instill in their hearts and minds the joy of learning and teaching God’s Word.

Please pray for Joyce as she remains in Ithaca during these weeks and looks forward to finishing her work at Cornell in mid-October.

Give thanks with us for financial gifts that keep us on track for present and future ministry.

Begin to pray that the teaching and partnership connections during the September 18 – October 9 trip to Singapore and Timor will exceed all expectations.

Dave and Joyce

Watch the short video of May’s Fimpulu Pastor’s Conference at [https://youtu.be/wJ9H\\_tnT5L8](https://youtu.be/wJ9H_tnT5L8)