

# **Partnerships** For Training Pastors Early November 2017

**Thoughts From Dave** – Since returning from Indonesia, these weeks have been full of teaching preparation, developing budgets and schedules, and prayers for the Lord’s leading as we move forward in this ministry. With Joyce’s completion of work at Cornell, we also are piecing together our thoughts on how we will work together in a variety of cross-cultural settings. This brief update is designed to give basic information for your prayers. More details will be forthcoming in future updates, but we wanted to provide prayer and action opportunities for your consideration. Thanks for your involvement in this global partnership!



**October 16<sup>th</sup> Advisory Group Meeting** - On a rainy October day, we met to evaluate the 2017 “Partnerships” ministry and where the Lord is taking us in 2018. Joyce and I are very grateful for Susan Hay (a retired Ugandan missionary), John Kegarise, and Bob Jewell, who provide wisdom, counsel and support. Meeting results include:

- **Continued commitment to Ugandan, Zambian and Indonesian partners**
- **Renewed affirmation on developing emerging leaders**
- **Established an \$118,000 budget for 2018 (increase of \$13,000 from 2017)**
- **Budget increase includes a \$10,000 “contingency” for developing ministry**
- **Identified a Year End gift goal of \$20,000 to help meet budget increase**
- **Desire to explore “helping” partnerships in Haiti, Ecuador, and Singapore**

All these ideas cannot be reached without your prayers and support. Give thanks for what God is doing across the globe!

**Ugandan Training the Trainers Project - December 2-7-** In a few weeks, I will be traveling to Kampala for this second session of the Training Project. Our study will center on the Gospels and the Lord Jesus, so that these leaders, from three different Ugandan regions, can teach God’s Word more effectively to other Ugandans. Next year, our Ugandan partners envision three Training sessions (February, August and December). This 2018 investment of time and resources will require approximately \$10,000 to cover costs. Please pray for the Project’s effectiveness in the development of these Ugandan leaders and for God’s grace to be evident in their lives and ministry.



### **Early November Prayer Requests**

Give thanks for the global partners God has established in Uganda, Zambia, Indonesia and other parts of the world!

Pray for these partners as they serve God in these locations.

Pray for the upcoming December Training the Trainers Session in Kampala and for Dave’s travel November 28 – December 9.

Pray for the Lord’s direction in finalizing the 2018 schedule.

Pray for the provision of resources for 2018 ministry.

Pray for Joyce as she adjusts to her new daily schedule and as she prepares for future teaching opportunities.

Pray for our faithful study of God’s Word as we look to the many opportunities God brings our way.

Pray for Joyce and me as we work together and for the Spirit’s shaping of our hearts for service to the global church.

In these challenging times, ask God to equip his people with perseverance so that others will find their hope in Christ.

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### **2017 Year End Gift Goal - \$20,000**

As mentioned above, the Advisory Group established a \$20,000 goal for year-end giving. With a \$13,000 increase in our 2018 budget, the Group thought that this goal could help establish the “contingency” line for new ministry opportunities and resources as they develop in 2018. In their mind, these year-end gifts go beyond the regular monthly support and special gifts already pledged for 2018.

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Joyce and I are grateful for the support of New Horizons Foundation. Their commitment to handling financial contributions and advising this ministry is greatly appreciated!

*Any questions or comments, please contact Joyce and me at 607-273-1614 or by e-mail at [dave@partnershipsfortraining.org](mailto:dave@partnershipsfortraining.org). Thanks for your prayer and loving encouragement through the year!*