
PARTNERSHIPS *For Training Pastors* January 2018

Looking Back and Looking Ahead



Thoughts from Dave – Last September, Joyce and I got away to Niagara Falls area to think and pray about the new phase of our adventure after Joyce finished working at Cornell University. We reflected on the way God led us to the global partners with whom we currently serve. We affirmed the deep privilege of serving Christ with them in outlying villages and vibrant cities. It was an important look to the past as we looked to God’s wisdom for the future.

Now, as we begin a new year, we acknowledge that this ministry is built entirely on God’s grace. We affirm that your partnership is a vital part of this larger ministry vision and we are humbled by your prayers, encouragement, and loving support. Thank you for standing with us and our global partners. As we enter this new phase, keep us in your prayers and as you read this Update, know that our hearts are filled with gratitude to God

Uganda Focus

Partnerships For Training Pastors was developed in 2014 partly because of the church partnership between Kampala Baptist Church and Bethel Grove Bible Church (NY). For years, a January pastor and church leaders conference was held for leaders from 26 churches. A similar focus occurred in the Oyam Region. Currently, our focus is to continue the January large group training in Masaka, as well as develop a new generation of emerging leaders. Our **Train The Trainers Project** brings people together from the Central, Masaka and Oyam Regions to continue biblical leadership development for years to come.

2017 Ministry Outreach

January Masaka and Oyam Training as well as an *Emerging Leaders/Mentoring Pastors* gathered in Masaka. (To better understanding the Emerging Leaders Project, watch a video at <https://youtu.be/dD-SpxK96D8>).

February, August and December sessions were held for the *Training the Trainers Project*. February introduced the idea to selected individuals from the three Regions, with August and December covering Old Testament and Gospel themes, as well as providing biblical perspectives on Ugandan cultural challenges to the gospel.

2018 Ministry Focus

January 10 – 25 Ugandan Trip includes three areas of ministry. At Kampala Baptist Church, Joyce and Dave will lead a session on Marriage and Ministry and a Ministry Leaders training, while Dave will preach on January 21. In Masaka, from January 15-18, the Emerging Leaders Group will meet (January 15), followed by another Pastors and Church Leaders Conference (January 16-18). From January 21-24, visits to the Oyam pastors will occur.

February, August and December once again will bring the participants of the *Training the Trainers Project* together for concentrated study of Scripture and leadership issues. These sessions usually last five days and are vital to future biblical training in the three Ugandan regions. Pastor Andrew Mwenge and Daudi Nkuggwa will handle the February session and I will travel to Ugandan for the August and December ones.

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Oyam Leadership Training



Training The Trainers Project



January Masaka Training

Pray for this Uganda outreach as our partnerships seek to encourage and equip pastors and church leaders for present and future gospel ministry, as well as actively seeking the “shalom” of this beautiful and complex nation.

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



Zambia Focus

Since 2015, a partnership with Choshen Farm, in Zambia, has provided a venue for training pastors and church leaders from the country's Mansa Region. *Christ in the Old Testament* has been the theme of five large group training sessions and it has been well received as we studied many unexplored sections of the Old Testament. One pastor stated, " we never taught these books (Minor Prophets) because they are hard to understand, but now that we have had this kind of teaching, EASY." Our prayer is that God will foster this type of biblical perspective in a new year!

2017 Ministry Outreach

In May, Pastor Mike Paris (Ithaca, NY) and Dave traveled to Fimpulu Zambia for a Conference for pastors and church leaders to teach on Ezekiel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, and the post-exilic prophets of Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Thank God for the relational connection with these friends!

2018 Ministry Focus

February 26 – March 12 – Joyce and I will travel to Zambia for the final *Christ in the Old Testament* study. The Poetical books will be the subject matter, with a wonderful opportunity to explore themes of worship and God's Sovereignty.

A Fall Conference (dates to be determined) will provide another opportunity to share our lives as we study God's Word together. The proposed theme for this visit is the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel.

Pray for our Partnership with Choshen Farm and for the building of Christ's church in this northern Zambian region.

Final Thoughts and Prayer Requests

Thank you for your continued encouragement, prayer, and financial support. Your year-end gifts exceeded all expectations and a total ministry update will be provided in early February. We are grateful!

Please pray for all aspects of our January 9-26 Ugandan trip.

Pray for our partners and the ongoing development of emerging leaders in these three global areas.

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

Give thanks with us for God's presence and provision as we move into a new year of ministry.

Indonesian Focus

For two consecutive years, Dave has traveled to West Timor to partner with Ben and Emma Grimes of the *Language and Cultural Centre* as well as *Artha Wacana Christian University* in Kupang. Pastoral Training has occurred in villages around West Timor and Biblical studies offered at the University. It is a great privilege to serve with these [partners].

2017 Ministry Outreach

From September 25- October 7, Dave taught an *Introduction to the Old Testament* intensive course at the University for 75 students. In addition, opportunity to speak at a Reformation Day Chapel and a seminar on the theme "A Journey of a Pastor" was a great privilege. With the intensity of the course, a trip to a village near So'e was the one other pastoral training opportunity of this trip.

2018 Ministry Focus

Late April into May provides another opportunity to serve in this region of the world. Joyce and I will be available to teach counseling courses at the University and work with local Evangelical churches in the area of pastoral care. Also, Dave will teach an intensive Preaching Course at the University.

Pray as other ministry opportunities in the Fall of 2018 are to be determined as we move forward in this new year.



Biblical Resources Provided in 2017

Extensive study material for Zambian Christ in the Old Testament and Uganda Training the Trainers.

African Bible Commentaries, other Biblical books and Gospel study guide for Training the Trainers

Inductive Study material of Mark's Gospel

Discipleship Material and a Study Guides on Money and The Bible – designed by Andrew Mwenge

250 books for Mansa pastors Library in Zambia in partnership with Ithaca Pastor's Group.

15 books for Artha Wacana University library

Kupang-Malay Bibles for University Students and Leadership training participants in So'e

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