



January 2016

Dear Family and Friends,

Another year is beginning and the rhythm of our daily schedules is already at full speed. Tomorrow I board a plane for a two week trip to Uganda, while Joyce remains in Ithaca. We both consider it a great privilege to work alongside Pastor Andrew Mwenge and share in Kampala Baptist Church's vision of developing pastoral and church leaders in several regions of Uganda.

Over Christmas week, I completed a "2015 Year End Reflections" piece that highlights God's work through *Partnerships For Training Pastors*. You can find it under the "Newsletter" or "Latest News" sections on the www.partnershipsfortraining.org website. In it, I tried to capture past highlights as well as look ahead to some of the existing plans for 2016. Check it out and pray with us for God's purposes to be fulfilled in every way. Begin by joining us in prayer for this trip.

1) Pray for the details, travel schedule, and logistics of these two weeks.

Sunday - Monday (January 10-11) - Travel to Uganda and arrive in Entebbe on Monday at 10:20 pm

Tuesday -Wednesday (January 12-13) – Prep time with trainers and travel to Oyam.

Thursday and Friday (January 14-15) at Oyam Pastor's Training Conference

Saturday and Sunday (January 16-17) in Kampala with Kampala Baptist Church

Monday Thursday (January 18 - 21) in Masaka for Pastor's Training Large Group Conference

Friday and Saturday (January 21-22) - Leave Uganda and arrive Saturday in Elmira, NY at 4:30 pm

2) Pray for the training sessions and growth of Church Leaders in the Oyam Area.

- Oyam teaching includes a study of Exodus (5 sessions) and themes on church leadership.
- Pray for the development of specific mentoring relationships with six key pastors in 2016.
- Pray for deepening relationships between the church leaders and pastors.

3) Pray for the Masaka Region's Pastors and Church Leaders Conference.

- Pray for the 75 Pastors and Church Leaders that will attend from 25 Masaka area churches.
- Ask God to open our hearts to understand the lessons of leadership, worship and integrity as we study 1 and 2 Samuel, as well 1 Kings 1-11.
- Pray that the sessions on church leadership, led by Pastor Andrew, will impact church leaders.

4) Pray for the ongoing development of biblical resources during these weeks.

- Pray that the final recording of the Music CD will be completed to distribute at the Conference.
- Pray that the copyright questions on the Pastor's Handbook will be resolved so it can be printed.
- Pray for translation and interpretation areas to be fully covered for last minute material.

On New Year's Day, Joyce and I looked back on 2015 and rejoiced at the faithfulness of God over the past year. Nothing new, is it? He wants us to have great assurance in his promised presence and provision each day. As we plunge into a New Year, we are grateful for your part in his provision for us. May each one of us know his goodness and trust him for all that comes our way in the year ahead!

Blessings,

Dave & Joyce