

January 2017 Update

Thoughts From Dave –A new year has arrived with daily opportunities to display the love of Christ. What gives us the backbone to accomplish this task? Most of all, it is the Holy Spirit’s nudge to remember who God is. I like Psalm 115:1 because it sets a right perspective for us. The Psalmist writes: “*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.*” If we do things for our own “glory”, we only seek to build our reputation and identity.

God’s calling for every Christ-follower is to live so that God’s character is on display. It’s really not about us and what we accomplish, though God is glorified through our lives and actions. Our life’s vision is to be connected to the work of Christ and his Kingdom. Does love and faithfulness describe the way we live? If so, we can honestly say that God is shaping his character in us for a purpose greater than we could ever imagine. Join me in asking God for the grace to glorify him in the tasks he brings our way in 2017!



***Prayer Requests for
January 9-24 Uganda Trip***

Pray for Oyam Training - January 12-13

Oyam Region is located where the word Uganda appears on the map

- ***January 12*** – Meet with small group of leaders to develop biblical leadership through study of Luke 4:1-11
- ***January 13*** - Final Large Group training in **Southern Oyam** region through study of Deuteronomy
- ***Our 2017 goal*** is to identify those who have gifts of teaching and leadership for training others in the future. **Pray we can identify five pastors from Southern and Northern Oyam regions for Training of Trainers course** (see below).

Pray for Masaka Training - January 16-19

Masaka is located southwest of Kampala on the map

- January 16-18 - Large Group Training for Pastors and Church Leaders (90 + people)
- January 18-19 – Thirty Emerging Leaders will spend 2 days with the thirteen pastors of the churches where they are currently serving. **Pray for this follow-up session and continual building of emerging leaders**
- **Give thanks** that Bethel Grove Bible Church is helping cover costs for the large group Training.
- **Pray we can identify five pastors from Masaka region for Training of Trainers course.**(see below)

Pray for the Training of Trainers Course - 2017 – 2018

This new focus is designed to identify five leaders from Masaka region, five from Oyam Region and five from Central Uganda Churches who will be selected for week-long study sessions in **June and November**. These leaders will carry out the training of Pastors in the future throughout Ugandan regions.

- **Pray that the Course’s framework will be developed during this January trip.**
- **Pray for the unifying of several potential Partners to accomplish this task**
- **Pray that God establishes a humble group of Trainers to continue biblical training starting in 2019.**

Visit www.partnershipsfortraining.org for expanded ministry information and <https://youtu.be/dD-SpxK96D8> to view the Masaka Emerging Leaders video.



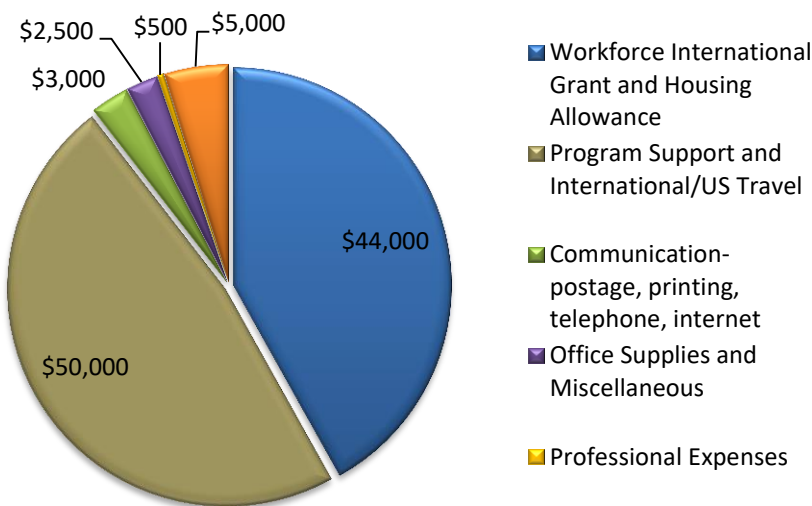
Oyam Small Group Leaders Training – January 12



On A Sad Note – we just received word that one of our good Ugandan friends died this week. **Bosco** ran a transport business and was our designated driver whenever needed. His smiling face and easy going temperament offered comfort to passengers as his vehicle traversed the difficult Uganda traffic patterns and roads. His vibrant Christian faith tells us that he is now with the Lord. Bosco will be missed and his warm friendship will never be forgotten. Please pray for his family as they face the challenges of life without him.



Partnerships For Training Pastors 2017 Budget- \$105,000



Thank You

Through the generosity of twenty-one individuals, \$19,200 was given toward our special year-end project. The \$20,000 goal was designed to help meet the increase needed for our ambitious 2017 budget. Added to regular monthly giving and other special gifts, this year-end amount provides a significant step towards fulfilling the desired ministry vision of the year ahead. Thanks for the encouragement and prayers of so many faithful friends who stand with us in this "Partnerships" ministry. Updates on all year-end goals will be given in February.

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