



March 1, 2017 Update

Thoughts From Dave – Leadership development takes time, commitment, and prayer. Today, Ugandan church leaders are seeing the results of a vision forged in 2015, when Masaka leaders identified the need to equip a new generation to lead Christ’s people. Two young adult emerging leaders groups were formed and by the end of 2016 forty-five men and women received biblical training through three different group sessions. Then, under the mentoring hand of their pastors, they were integrated into the ministry life of their churches. The article below highlights our January 2017 evaluation session that brought the pastors and emerging leaders together under one roof.

This Update also introduces our “Training the Trainers Project” for 2017-18. This new focus will bring together individuals from three different Ugandan regions to prepare them as biblical educators for their region. Please pray with us as we seek to develop indigenous leaders for the advancement of God’s Kingdom throughout Uganda.



Masaka Pastors and Emerging Leaders Gathering – January 18-19, 2017

Twenty-five emerging leaders joined thirteen pastors to evaluate the emerging leader’s ministry focus over the past two years. We began by asking the leaders to introduce and affirm their pastor/mentor and we also listened as the pastors expressed their appreciation for the emerging leaders. They all affirmed that God’s was actively at work!

On Thursday morning, following a study on mentoring in 2 Timothy by Pastor Andrew Mwenge of Kampala Baptist Church, we asked for feedback from the pastors and emerging leaders regarding their

mentoring experiences. Each participant provided one highlight and one challenge they discovered as they worked together. It was instructive to hear their responses and we encouraged each group to build on them in the future!

Both groups affirmed the benefits of serving together and building good working relationships. Many emerging leaders appreciated opportunities to speak from the pulpit, were assured of the pastor’s love, were able to take advice from leadership, and enjoyed time to read, study, and learn God’s Word with the pastor. They also were encouraged to be courageous, grow spiritually, grow in ministry skills, and experience grace when failure came.



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As Pastor Andrew, Daudi Nkuggwa and I heard the challenges presented by each group, we encouraged them to improve time keeping, provide better feedback to pastors and work on mutual respect. We stressed that spending time together and improving poor communication enhances relationships. We urged the pastors to help emerging leaders develop study and teaching materials, improve youth ministry skills and provide clear timelines and expectations. We stated that providing teaching and preaching opportunities should be part of the emerging leaders’ learning process. As we reviewed these results, a clearer understanding of mentoring relationships was gained.



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After the highlights and challenges were shared, we prayed with gratitude and determination to improve the mentoring process in 2017. Ending with Holy Communion, our focus turned to the Lord’s work for us in Christ. We left encouraged and sensed a renewed commitment to continue developing this younger generation to the glory of God! Enjoy the pictures of pastors and emerging leaders from the participating churches. Please keep these young adults in your prayers as they grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 and mission partners as they nurture pastors and develop emerging leaders to the glory of God.

Visit www.partnershipsfortraining.org to watch our 9-minute YouTube video that tells the back story of Emerging Leaders training or go to <https://youtu.be/dD-SpxK96D8> to view it.



Masaka Town



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Pastors and Emerging Leaders from Masaka Churches

An Emerging Leader's Prayer

Thanks God for the emerging leadership training, it has helped me to grow spiritually and socially. I managed to get a mentor thru this training and I have learnt how to cooperate with my mentor thru the lessons we had about mentorship.

As a worship team leader at my church, I have learnt many tactics of how to worship God through the lessons we got about worship.

I have gotten new friends thru this training and I love the unity this training has brought between us the youth. Thank you so much Dave and the team for the great ideas.

Irene from Masaka Town



Kymatafali



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Kyamukama



Kyamulibwa



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Bulenge

Training of Trainers Project Update

On Saturday February 25th, fifteen individuals were invited to Kampala for an introduction to a new concept for developing biblical education teams. Five individuals from three different Ugandan regions (Masaka, Oyam and Central Uganda) were identified by regional church leaders as potential future trainers of pastors and church leaders. The day was led by Pastor Mwenge and Daudi Nkuggwa and as the session ended most of the group (see picture on left) believed that God was opening up this new vista for them. Those able to participate committed to attending four week long training sessions during 2017-18. Those unable to commit were asked to help identify people from their region to fill their place. **Andrew, Daudi and I ask for your prayers:**

- *Give thanks for the results of this initial meeting on February 25th.
- *Pray for Pastor Mwenge, Daudi and me as we identify new individuals and begin to formulate the content for 2017's August and December sessions.
- * Ask God to provide the financial resources needed for this Project.
- *Pray that God will use this Project to develop healthy leaders and churches.



Future Biblical Trainers?

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