

Moving Forward
April 2015

Thoughts from Dave - There's nothing like Easter Sunday to enlarge one's gospel perspective. This year, my thoughts centered on Pilate's remarkable statement found in Matthew 27:65. In response to the Pharisees accusation that Christ's disciples would rob the tomb of Christ's body, Pilate answered, "Take a guard, go and make the tomb as secure as you know how." Can you see the irony and humor of that idea? Their solution was to place a seal on the tomb and guard it 24/7. But nothing could keep Jesus in that tomb and today no one can stop the power of the gospel, though many people and governments try.



Because Christ lives and has all authority, he commissioned his followers to "Go and make disciples of all nations." Making disciples involves building relationships as well as proclaiming the gospel. This truth fuels the ministry of *Partnerships For Training Pastors*. Establishing partnerships with Majority World church leaders and pastors requires time, planning and the leading of the Holy Spirit. God is opening up new opportunities for us, yet we are aware of the great need for your continued prayers and support.

These early months of 2015 allowed for time in Uganda, strategic planning, biblical study, lesson preparations, communication tasks, connecting with people, as well as raising support. This update seeks to highlight several ways God has answered prayers and offer some of the challenges that are still before us. In all this, we see the Lord's clear direction. Thank you for your encouragement and support along the way.

What's New?



During May 4-7, we will follow-up our January Pastors Training with one-day gatherings for Pastors and Wives in four different zones of the Masaka region. We will consider the biblical connections that exist between marriage, ministry and parenting. This focus is the result of an urgent request by Masaka regional church leaders

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Upcoming Pastors Conference in Fimpulu, Zambia – April 20-23, 2015
See page 3 for more details or visit www.choshenfarm.org for a video highlighting the Conference.

A Challenge Gift

A friend of Partnerships For Training Pastors is giving a \$5,000 gift toward ministry related expenses. This friend desires his gift to encourage new supporters and those who have not recently provided financial support to give a gift so that these new gifts would double his \$5,000. If interested in responding to his challenge, please visit our website under "Support" and make a donation OR send a check, with Partnerships For Training Pastors on the memo line to:

*New Horizons Foundation, Inc.
Attn: Partnerships For Training Pastors
5550 Tech Center Drive, Suite 303
Colorado Springs, CO 80919*

PARTNERSHIP
UPDATES:

Currently, 270 people have agreed to pray and receive ministry updates on a regular basis. [Our goal is to engage 550 prayer partners by July.](#) Contact us if you are interested in joining the team?

Give thanks for the new partnership with WEST CHURCH in Peabody MA. This mission minded church is where we began in ministry, serving from 1978-88.

As of April 10th, 73% of our budget needs are met through large gifts, pledges, and monthly financial support. If all the pledges are fulfilled, \$18,600 is needed to meet the 2015 budget.

Presently, fifteen individuals/families are providing monthly financial support. We are grateful for their loving support and encouragement. Let us know if you want to join the monthly financial support team.

Partner With Us Through Prayer, Volunteering, and Financial Gifts



Prayer is the foundation for all partnership ministry.

Pray for the upcoming April 15- May 9 trip to Zambia and Uganda for training pastors and church leaders by a study of "Christ in the Old Testament".

Pray for the pastors and church leaders in the Mansa District of Zambia as they serve Christ in the variety of churches and for those attending the Conference.

Pray for Choshen Farm and Jeremy Colvin who will host the pastor's conference at their Fimpulu site. Also, pray for Bethany Colvin as she remains in the Ithaca, NY prior to the birth of their second child.

Pray for Kampala Baptist Church, Andrew Mwenge and Daudi Nkuggwa who are coordinating all the details for the Oyam and Masaka training times.

Pray for the training ministry in Oyam, Uganda over April 28-30. This is the second gathering for leadership development and biblical study. Pray for the sessions as we study "Christ in the Old Testament" and for the expansion of the church through the proclamation of the gospel in Oyam.

Pray for the Masaka training (May 3-7) that brings Pastors and their spouses together to consider ministry roles, marriage enrichment and parenting.

Pray for traveling mercies as Dave travels by plane and then joins ministry partners on the ground in Zambia and Uganda. Pray for Joyce as she remains in Ithaca.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:5,6

Our vision is to encourage and equip under-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.

Ministry Updates

Singing the Story

One way to get the Bible into hearts and minds of believers is to write songs that bring a Scriptural emphasis to life. In Masaka, Harriet Nandawula and Goretth Ssenyojo regularly present songs they write on the biblical themes we study. Go to our website and search under "Latest News" for a video and listen to their Lugandan song on the theme of walking toward the Promise Land.

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Biblical Training Emphasis

In Fimpulu, our Pastor's training will center on an important theme. Because the Old Testament is often misunderstood, it seems that this study will encourage good preaching and interpretation of Old Testament Scripture, as well as emphasize the gospel!. In Oyam, we will consider the first four sessions. Please pray for these training sessions.

Christ in the Old Testament-

Between his resurrection and ascension, our Lord declared "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms" (Luke 24:44b). For forty days, he taught his disciples how to interpret the Old Testament. He emphasized the Old Testament's central message is found in his sufferings, resurrection and the proclamation of the gospel to all nations beginning in Jerusalem. By studying the first five books of the Old Testament, we will seek to understand the gospel of Christ better so that as we can live and proclaim it with clarity and conviction in a broken world.

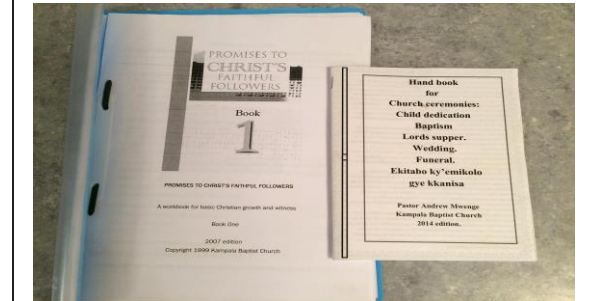
Sessions include:

Monday Morning, April 20	<i>How the Old Testament Fits Together</i>
Monday Afternoon, April 20	<i>Shalom, Sin and Salvation</i>
Tuesday Morning, April 21	<i>The Gospel in Genesis</i>
Tuesday Afternoon, April 21	<i>The Gospel in Exodus</i>
Wednesday Morning, April 22	<i>The Gospel in Leviticus</i>
Wednesday Afternoon, April 22	<i>The Gospel in Numbers</i>
Thursday Morning, April 23	<i>The Gospel in Deuteronomy</i>
Thursday Afternoon, April 23	<i>Preaching Christ from the Old Testament</i>

Go to www.partnershipsfortraining.org to view a ministry video that describes the vision for this Pastors conference and our partnership with Choshen Farm to make it happen!

Resource Development

Developing biblical resources for pastoral leaders is one of our major goals. The material, pictured below, written by Pastor Andrew Mwenge of Kampala Baptist Church, will be published this fall. Field tests of the discipleship material (item on the left) currently are being done in the Masaka region. Please pray that these items will encourage spiritual growth in God's people. For 2015, \$5,000 is budgeted to produce discipleship material and pastoral guides for church leaders in Uganda. Already, \$1,000 has been contributed by Bethel Grove Bible Church in Ithaca, NY. Interested in helping? Contact Dave at dave@partnershipsfortraining.org.



Upcoming Connections

May 18-29 – Dave will travel to Indonesia for the dedication of the Amarasi New Testament and represent Bethel Grove Bible Church in support of Chuck and Barbara Grimes.

May 29-June 1- Stop in Hong Kong to visit old and new friends and talk about training pastors.

Thanks New Horizons Foundation!

One year ago this month, a friend encouraged us to have a conversation with New Horizons Foundation about establishing this project under their organization. Their support has been incredible and Joyce and I want you to know it. Thanks to everyone in Colorado for their wonderful encouragement. We are grateful!



Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support!

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