

November 2015

Psalm 100 (NIV)

“Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”



Thoughts From Dave and Joyce— As Thanksgiving approaches, our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Lord for his provision and guidance over the year. We are humbled by and very thankful for your love and support in so many ways. Your prayers and financial gifts have enabled us to move forward with this vision of equipping and encouraging less-resourced global pastors and church leaders. Thanks for standing with us in this work.

Several people have asked about our future plans with questions like: “How long are you going to serve in this ministry?”, “When is Joyce going to travel with Dave?”, and “How’s your marriage doing as a result of these periods of separation?” First, our marriage is strong, built over 37 + years of commitment and mutual trust by God’s grace. Also, God has given us good health and strength, so retirement is in his hands. We look forward to the day when we will be able to travel together. Until then, we ask that you keep us in your prayers for all that God has for us. We are grateful for your friendship!

Emerging Leaders Update

“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”
2 Timothy 2:1

August Training - It was the first day of our Emerging Leaders training when Edson stood up to speak. As we were completing the initial study session on 2 Timothy, he began by saying that it seemed like the Apostle Paul was speaking directly to him. He spoke of the many pastoral challenges he was facing as a new pastor. He told about the brokenness of a church where the previous pastor abruptly left on bad terms. In addition, their meeting place for worship was no longer available. Owned by a man who recently died, his family did not want the church to continue meeting there. All this left Edson and Jen (his wife) very discouraged and defeated. He was overwhelmed and asked for prayer. Others shared their hurts and together we prayed for each other and God’s people in that area. Edson’s openness set the tone for the entire Emerging Leaders training.



November Visit –During the first week of November, Daudi Nkuggwa and I, along with two Masaka church leaders, visited four Masaka area locations and connected with a majority of the August group. We listened, shared, prayed and encouraged each other. Their testimonies spoke of the impact that 2 Timothy and the discipleship materials had on their hearts. During our visit, Edson told of a new sense of God’s work as his challenges were being met with God’s grace. He noted that there will always be challenges, but he now understands what it means for his faith to grow stronger in the midst of adversity. Others chimed in regarding the impact the August training had on their ministry. We were so encouraged and their response led us to a clearer ministry strategy in the future.

Future plans – At our Entebbe planning retreat, the church leaders of the Masaka region affirmed the importance of training emerging leaders. Plans are set for establishing a new Emerging Leaders group in April 2016, as well as reconnecting with this first group in August of 2016. By doing this, over 45 emerging leaders will be identified and mentored so that a new generation of men and women is equipped for their role in leading Christ’s people. We are grateful for all that God is doing in this younger generation!

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.



Trip Update (Pictures represent the flow of events mentioned in this update)

Dave's recent time in Uganda was filled with many ministry opportunities. Teaching nine students, in a *Preaching For Change* class at Kampala Evangelical School of Theology, was great fun and participating in the men's retreat of Kampala Baptist Church (KBC) was a privilege. Each setting involved young adults hungry for God's Word.

Time visiting Emerging Leaders in Masaka area was pivotal for future ministry because of the great encouragement that came from the young leaders who participated. The Masaka leaders and their wives met in Entebbe to plan for 2016 and the result of our time brought a clearer focus to our future partnership. This group of godly men and women are faithful servants of Christ and I am grateful for my deep relationship and fellowship with them and with many others in Uganda.

Also, a young woman, who attended Bethel Grove while at Ithaca College, is now serving for one year in Uganda. She traveled with us to Masaka to discover how she can use her musical gifts with our partners. As you can imagine, the trip was full of God's goodness and blessings.

On a discouraging note, KBC was burglarized by professional thieves and a large amount of money was taken from their safe. In that stack of money was the money allocated for Oyam training. As a result, we had to cancel that trip and will reschedule it for early 2016. Keep KBC in your prayers as they recover from the loss of these important resources and pray for *Partnerships For Training Pastors* as we plan for new global outreach in 2016 with the resources God gives to us.

Looking Forward and Prayer Requests

November ends with the near completion of two Ministry Resource Projects. Currently, The Pastor's Handbook for Church Ceremonies is into its final editing and the Luganda Worship Music CD, offering songs that tell the Biblical story, is almost finished. *Pray for these projects as they move to the finish line.*

December is full of year-end reports, further development of 2016-17 ministry plans, budgetary issues and biblical study. *Look for the year-end report in December and please keep Dave in your prayers as he completes these tasks.*

December is also a time to give a year-end gift to propel this ministry into 2016 and beyond. *Prayerfully consider providing financial resources by going to the "Support" page at www.partnershipsfortraining.org to support the ministry.*

**Thanks for your continued encouragement and prayers.
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