

January 2019



Picture from 2015 Pastor's Training in Masaka

Thoughts from Dave – Our visit to Uganda will wrap-up the yearly large group Maska Pastors and Church Leaders sessions which began in 2009. After ten years of biblical and leadership study, a transitional strategy is in place. This final session, held over January 14-18, will study Ephesians and thank God for his faithfulness through the years. We also will celebrate the relationships he has forged and the growth of the church in the Masaka Region.

This new 2019 strategy will build on our January study of Ephesians with quarterly day-long regional events across the larger Masaka region. We will come alongside Ugandan leaders and mentor them as they lead the sessions highlighting discipleship, marriage and family, spiritual gifts and leadership issues. Then in January 2020, we will celebrate God's work and reevaluate "Partnerships" direct involvement with leadership training in Masaka.

In addition to the Pastor's Training, Joyce and I will engage Emerging Leaders and speak at the January session of the Training the Trainers Project. Pray for the impact of these days on the Ugandan church.

2018 in Review

In our Mid-December Update, we provided a link that connects you with our document. Because of the busyness of the Christmas season, you may not have been able to read it. Visit <http://partnershipsfortraining.org/2018-in-review/> and give thanks with us for the great privilege of being involved in God's gracious work around the world.

New Opportunities in 2019

One of "Partnerships" missional goals is to "assist in cultivating a vision and identifying leaders for continual pastoral training by Majority World church leaders and pastors after this project ends". In late February into early March, Dave will travel to Peru and Ecuador to consult with several church leaders interested in pastoral training. Stay tuned for more info in the February Update.

Financial Update

The Partnerships For Training Pastors 2019 budget is \$126,000, an increase of \$8,000 over last year's budget. Our Partnerships *Accountability Group* established a \$30,000 target for year-end giving, which exceeded regular contributions and support given on a monthly basis. The goal was reached of December 31, 2018 with the final gifts amounting to just over \$30,000. Thank you for this generous outpouring of support that allows us to begin the year on solid financial footing. We are grateful!

Pray for our Uganda Trip

January 9 – Drive to Philadelphia for flights to Entebbe. (By flying from Philadelphia, we saved just under \$700 per ticket)

January 10 – 11 - Fly from Philadelphia to Boston, Amsterdam, Kilgali, to Entebbe

January 12-13 – Time in Kampala with Kampala Baptist Church (KBC) and other connections

January 13 -14 – Masaka Emerging Leaders – develop young adults serving in church leadership

January 14-18 – Masaka Region Pastors and Church Leaders – large group training on the book of Ephesians

January 19-20 - Kampala and KBC connections

January 21 – 25 – Training the Trainers Project in Kampala – training leaders from three regions of Uganda to train others.

January 26-28 – Time in Kampala with KBC connections

January 28 – 29 – Flight from Entebbe to Philadelphia

January 30 – Drive home to Ithaca

Thanks for your prayers as we go!