

Thoughts from Dave – Moving is a monumental event. Not only does it take a huge physical effort, but it tugs on our emotions too. Yesterday, August 13th, we closed on the house where we lived for 31 years. Over the weeks of packing boxes and moving furniture to several storage locations, we were reminded of this home’s role in our family, neighborhood, and ministry life. We thank the Lord for his provision of this place that allowed us to open its doors and our hearts to so many people.



Many friends helped us exit the house in a variety of ways; from the use of pick-up trucks, garage space, as well as providing general help. Of course, we needed the “big guns” to move the furniture and Joyce’s Bible Study group for the finishing touches of packing and house cleaning. Others helped close the loop on so many other tasks. What

a great privilege to have shared life with students, families, and friends through the years.

What’s Next? As we move into the future, we are planning to travel and teach over the next several years from a new starting place. We had hope to be in a Mechanicsburg, PA condominium by the end of the year, but with construction delays early 2020 may be more realistic. Until then, God is putting the pieces together to cover our “homeless period”. For most of the Fall, we will visit family, housesit Bob and Dawn Jewell’s home in Ithaca, and travel to Uganda and Zambia in late October and November. ***Please keep these next few months in your prayers as our schedule for the next few months is as follows***

August 15 – 27 – Dave travels to Uganda for the Training of Trainers and Emerging Leaders events, while Joyce stays with her brother’s family in South Jersey.

August 28-29 – Return to Ithaca, NY for a few days.

August 30 – September 9 – Visit Dave’s family in Niagara, WI, where Dave will preach on September 8.

September 10 through end of October - In Ithaca for intentional time with supporters, 2020 planning, developing 2020 Emerging Leaders curriculum and connecting with local churches.

Late October – November 18 – This trip to Uganda and Zambia is being arranged with a special highlight being a Training of Trainers graduation ceremony in Kampala over November 15-17.

Monumental News from Uganda

Pastor Abel Segirinya, the new President of the Baptist Union of Uganda, suggests an opportunity for Emerging Leaders across Uganda.

*Dear brother Dave, Hope the Lord has kept you and Joyce very well, we often think of you and lift you in prayer to our Heavenly Father, that God will protect you and continue to use you mightily for His kingdom business. Kampala Baptist Church recently concluded their Discipleship program with us here in our zones in Masaka, It was really good to see how progressively God’s word was being taught for growth, the responses were good too. I also thought since God has given me the Grace to lead in the Baptist Union of Uganda, we can use this chance to advance and expand the Emerging leaders program to other Baptist Churches in Uganda where it has not yet reached. Ideally, we can formalize it and it becomes an official BUU program, If this is ok with you next time you come over to Uganda, we sit as our Ugandan team with you and see how it can effectively be done. So far work done in the emerging leaders’ program to train, teach and reach the young leaders of Uganda is excellent. Thanks,
Much love to you all from,
Pastor Abel.*



Abel and me teaching God’s Word in 2010

Thanks for your continued interest, support and prayers in all that the Lord is doing through "Partnerships"!

Other Uganda News: An Update on the July 26-27 Discipleship Trip to Masaka –

Kampala Baptist Church (KBC), our “on the ground” partner in Uganda, initiated their second visit that provided another round of discipleship training for individuals from 23 regional churches in the Masaka Region. KBC’s leaders reported that in addition to great responses to the material, the consensus was to continue this focused outreach ministry in the future. These ventures are the result of collaborative planning by the Masaka Church leaders, KBC as well as “Partnerships”. **Give thanks for this important ministry among the Masaka churches.**



Sharing of Library Resources

Book Donations from My Library – Moving has its benefits. Our need to downsize my large library offered us the privilege of giving boxes of books away to students, local ministry leaders, the Ithaca Book sale, as well as sending boxes to Zambia and the Philippines for pastoral and church libraries. With more than 30 boxes left for the move to Mechanicsburg, we were glad to share these resources. After all, providing biblical resources is at the heart of our “Partnerships” ministry. Here is a note from Rev. Paul Barner- the pastor and founder of the Academy in the Southern Philippine city of Davos:

Dear Pastor Dave, Thank you so very much for the books which you gave on July 10, 2019 for use at Barner Christian Academy and also at the Faith Fellowship Church in Davao City, Philippines. All of the books: Tozer, Maclaren, Henry, etc., will be a major blessing. The commentary sets & Leadership Journals which you gave have actually had another added benefit, in that God seems to be directing me to redirecting a percentage of my time in training my co-pastors (one-on-one & in weekly small groups) instead of just giving them categorical and general guidelines. This might not have been possible previously, when my intellectual resources were more limited. Sincerely in Jesus, Rev. Paul M Barner, D Min.

Prayer Items for Upcoming Months

August 18 – 23 Training the Trainers Project in Kampala – This is the final large group session completing their three years of study and mentoring. Though already actively engaged in training church leaders in their regions, this session will solidify their commitment and call to teaching others. We will study the Johannian Epistles through inductive means and provide opportunities for the Trainers to teach and respond to leadership training. **Pray for the participants to catch God’s vision for them in the days ahead.**

August 23 -24 Please Pray for the Masaka Emerging Leaders Event – Since 2015, these young adults have faithfully met several times per year to learn from Scripture and reflect on the development of their leadership gifts. **Keep these young leaders in your prayers over these days.**

Please Pray for our conversations about Emerging Leaders Development across Uganda over the August 23-24 weekend. Ask the Lord to direct and lead our consideration of this potential ministry opportunity.

Please pray for new teaching colleagues joining the team.

Please keep Joyce and me in your prayers as we navigate the months ahead. We promise to keep you posted on the opportunities and developing partnerships as they present themselves. Thanks for standing with us in so many ways.



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