



Who is that Masked Man? Like you, we are adapting to the ever-changing global realities and impact of COVID-19. Eight weeks of the stay-at-home order from Pennsylvania's Governor is finally loosening up. On the positive side, we now are feeling very comfortable in our new home after spending two months sheltered in place. On the other hand, Dave's March and April attempted trips to Indonesia were postponed, along with our scheduled travel to Uganda in May. All this was very disappointing. Yet, a sense of creativity is returning for developing on-line curriculum material, though the actual delivery of virtual training sessions remains a challenge in rural Uganda. With the help of Kampala Baptist Church leaders and Training the Trainers participants, we are moving forward. Keep us in your prayers as we sort out how best to establish on-going virtual training in Uganda.



Simply trusting! Personally, because we are considered in the "at-risk area" health-wise, our time with Matt, Ashley and the kids had been limited to a few drive-by social distance visits over these eight weeks. However, on Mother's Day and our grandson's May 15th birthday, we finally spent time together. Locally, our church connections are relegated to zoom meetings and only brief conversations occur with our new neighbors on our daily walks. So, getting settled in Central PA is taking some time. Through it all, we have seen God's faithfulness and encouragement.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support during these days.

A Note from Partnership's Accountability Group - by Susan Hay

As part of the Accountability Group for Dave and Joyce, and as a former missionary in Uganda, I have been humbled and delighted to see the way in which God has used Dave and Joyce so strategically to build his church in Uganda. One of the unique, but key aspects of their ministry has been the way in which they have grasped the importance of relationships and continuity in the Ugandan culture. So, I have been touched by their steadfastness in returning to Uganda multiple times each year to train pastors and church leaders, to visit in their homes and even to get to know their family members.



Susan and Pastor Andrew at 2019 Accountability Group meeting

Another unique and key aspect of their ministry has been the way in which they have worked hand-in-hand with Ugandan church leaders. Their teaching is totally biblically sound while at the same time being completely relevant to the realities of Ugandan culture thanks to the co-teaching they do with committed and gifted Ugandan Christians.

Although Dave and Joyce cannot travel as planned during this period when the world is gripped by the coronavirus pandemic, they are taking advantage of this stay-at-home time to prepare new teaching units for the day when they will once again be able to minister overseas. They are also exploring new ways in which to connect digitally with overseas partners and to encourage participants in their training programs who live in outlying areas.

On behalf of Dave and Joyce's entire Accountability Group, I want to thank each of you for your vital part in their ministry around the world through your faithful prayer and financial support. It is our hope that you will continue to share in their vision to build God's church as you are able during this time of redirected energy.

Susan brings incredible wisdom and support to this ministry and was the catalyst for introducing Pastor Andrew Mwenge to us back in 2004. A retired WorldVenture missionary living in Lodi, NY, Susan serves on the Accountability Group with Bob Jewell (Ithaca, NY), John Kegarise (Manheim, PA), and Pastor Andrew Mwenge (Kampala Uganda).



A Note to Dave from Pam Turner, Travel Agent with Key Travel, upon her retirement - I wanted to say goodbye, or so long for now, and did not want you to think that I vanished into thin air without another thought of you. Not so. I appreciate your faithfulness to use these agencies over the years and most specifically your faithfulness to work with me. I want you to know that I considered it an honor to help you as you went to serve the Lord in various countries. I considered my work as an extension of your ministry....

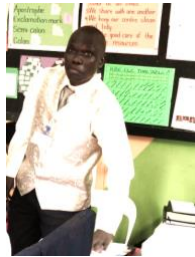
Check out Kampala Baptist Church's Sunday Sermons and Mid-Week Devotionals by accessing the Kampala Baptist Church's YouTube channel at YouTube.com.



Daudi Nkuggwa is the “on-the-ground” coordinator of our Ugandan training projects and is the leader of Kampala Baptist Church’s Missions Committee. Daudi and his wife Marion, along with their children, live in Kampala. Marion runs a restaurant and catering business that has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. Daudi checks in with Training of Trainers Project (TOT) members and writes: *“I thank God for the trainings that we had with these guys. Indeed, they have helped these guys a great deal in this season.”*

The following paragraphs are snippets of his several conversations with TOT participants.

Edson and his wife Jennifer live in the Masaka Region. They are busy doing worship at home with their family on Sunday and thereafter Edson goes to check on the believers by encouraging them to study God’s Word and also pray for them with his associate. They are using the TOT material and it is very useful.



Ronald (Central Region) – I had a chat with him to find out how he was progressing in this season and he said they are using radio stations and their phones to connect with their congregation that is scattered all over their community. (Daudi) gave him tips on how to visit church members and do Bible study and also encourage them to do worship services with their families. In other words, be creative and use wisely the TOT materials.

Francis (Oyam South – lower left in picture) – I spoke to Francis and he was very upbeat. They are happy and busy in the rainy season planting and weeding their crops. They also have enough food to survive on. About ministry, they conduct worship services in their homes and thereafter visit the church members to pray with them and encourage them through the season. They are using TOT materials and they are working well for them.



Mike Nam (Oyam North – upper center in picture) – They do worship in their different homes and thereafter go visiting on their bicycles to have Bible study with church members in the nearby villages. They are security conscious (health wise) as they visit families but so far, they have been successful. The challenge is that of transport visiting members who live far away from the church.

Partner Update

Peru - Language, Literacy and Life with Dr. Diana Weber - May 19th was the scheduled Pastor’s Training for Quechua speaking pastors in Huánuco region. Felix, the man heading the pastoral training team, received a call from one of the Quechua pastors reporting that 20 pastors were very disappointed they could not meet due to the Peruvian lockdown order. Large groups will not be permitted to meet for some time, so it appears that November may be the next time pastoral training groups can meet. Currently, the team is preparing “training packages”, with a video on “Who is the Holy Spirit?” and brief teaching for cell phone distributions (no smart phones in mountains). Diana reports that the team’s creativity is amazing. We are providing \$1,500 to help them prepare the material, do the dubbing of videos into Quechua, and produce training material. **Keep Felix, the team, and Drs. David and Diana Weber in your prayers.**

Prayer Points

- *Pray for our Partners in Uganda, Zambia, Peru and West Timor as they cope with the implications of the virus on their ministry.*
- *Pray for global leaders as they respond to the COVID-19 virus impact on their country.*
- *Pray for our development of virtual training resources for village pastors in Uganda.*
- *Ask the Lord to provide someone with technical expertise for delivery of virtual training sessions.*
- *Give thanks with us for the continued financial provision needed to train rural global pastors and Emerging Leaders.*

We are grateful for your continued prayers and support for Partnerships for Training Pastors!

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