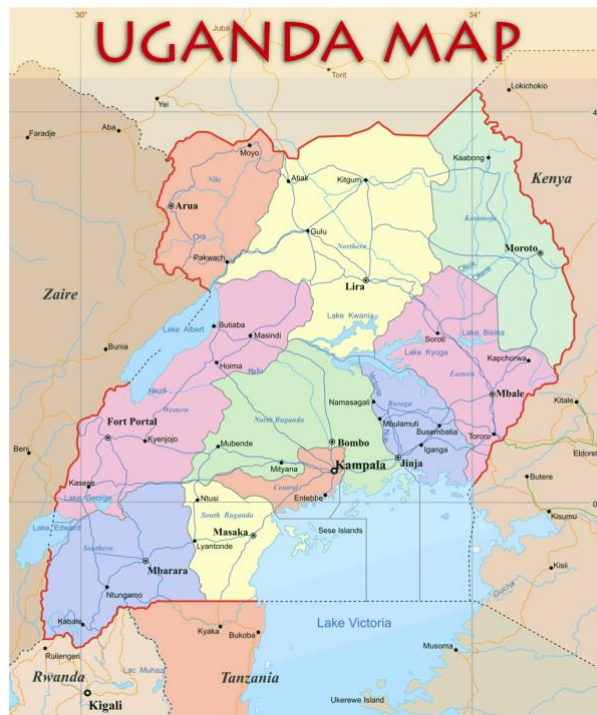


**Thoughts from Dave:** Thanks for your prayers as we traveled to Uganda in January. It was a swift trip, yet much was accomplished. Joyce and I, along with Pastor Andrew Mwenge and Daudi Nkuggwa, found that getting away from Kampala's daily routine allowed us to focus on our curriculum development responsibilities. We went to the Entebbe's Wild Life Education Center and worked for three days under sunny skies. We prayed, completed assignments, asked developmental questions, and outlined the number of modules needed for our training material.



Currently, in our separate locations, the four of us are working on six emerging leaders training modules. Some will offer overviews of the Old and New Testaments, while others will emphasize principles for biblical interpretation, leadership themes, character development, as well as foundational elements of church ministry. The first drafts of the modules are due February 29th, with each of us assigned to a particular theme and emphasis.

Finally, we developed a 2020 -2023 schedule for reaching Uganda's emerging leaders. These young adults, to be identified by BUU church leaders, live across the nine Ugandan regions. Because there are many challenges ahead, we ask for your prayers as we finetune the Project's strategic schedule. Below is information on February and March's initial steps to get the emerging leaders training rolling in May.



***Please Pray as we begin our New Initiative in Eastern Uganda***

The strategy for 2020 Emerging Leader development was developed during our recent January trip. Partnerships for Training Pastors, Kampala Baptist Church (KBC), and the Baptist Union of Uganda (BUU) agreed to begin in the Eastern Ugandan region of Tororo.

**A February 5-7 Trip** – Our Partners, Pastor Andrew Mwenge and Daudi Nkuggwa, set up meetings with a select number of pastors in Tororo to discuss the plans we envision for this year and beyond. In addition, they will visit and map the location of Baptist Churches in the district of Tororo; identifying potential church hosts for our trainings. Finally, they will establish dates for March and May events. *Please pray for Daudi and Pastor Andrew as they travel and connect with church leaders over these days!*

**In March** - A large Tororo regional Pastors meeting will be established to build trust among pastors. BUU President, Pastor Abel Segirinya, will travel with Pastor Andrew and Daudi to teach and stress the importance of identifying and training emerging leaders for the church's future. In a culture where pastors are considered "the Big Man", the development of younger leaders often is seen as a threat to their leadership. *Please pray that any barriers of pride and control will be seen for what they are and that a gospel focus will grow in this region!*

*Also, pray that these initial forays into the Tororo region will lead to the desired end of developing leaders for the glory of God.*

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



### **Masaka Emerging Leaders January 17-18, 2020**

Traveling to Uganda's Masaka region is like going home. With more than eleven years of relational capital established with church leaders, each time we visit the area we rejoice in how their vision of developing emerging leaders is benefiting the church. Young adults are serving Jesus in a variety of ways and the Lord is growing a new generation of leaders in the Masaka region.

This visit centered on encouraging these young leaders to be instruments of God's peace in

conflicted environments. A chapter study of Matthew 18 and its emphasis on reconciliation began the two-day event. In an attempt to help them mentor others, we broke the large group into three smaller ones with each group assigned to teach one of three sections in James 3-4. Our goal was to help these young leaders develop a retreat that addresses the need for reconciliation in their respective leadership areas.

One of the main training challenges in Ugandan education circles is found in the predominant method of teaching. A teacher stands and talks and talks and talks, with little creative interaction occurring between students and teacher. Helping these young adults grow in various teaching styles will enhance their leadership effectiveness.

Thanks for standing with us as we move forward in this exciting and essential outreach for the future of the church in this wonderful country.



### **February Prayer Items**

*Pray for the curriculum development project that will continue over several months in anticipation of a full 2020 schedule for training emerging leaders in eastern and central Uganda.*

*Pray that Andrew, Daudi, Joyce and I will creatively approach the writing of the curriculum in the midst of our full daily schedules. (Do you see the giraffes in the picture's background?)*

*Pray for the peace of Uganda as it moves toward the nations' 2021 Presidential election.*

*Pray for the devastated agricultural areas of East Africa being ravaged by a massive locust invasion.*

*Please pray our partners and our developing 2020 ministry schedule in Peru, Indonesia, and Zambia. Pray that we can maximize the training of pastors and emerging leaders in each country.*

*Give Thanks With Us - At our October 2019 Accountability Group Meeting, a goal of \$30,000 for year-end giving was set in order to assist us reach our 2020 budget of \$126,000. **Through the generosity of many people, a total of \$31,128.50 was given for ministry use.** Thank you praying, giving and believing in what God is doing through Partnerships.*

*One last praise – We are overwhelmed! It has been amazing to see the Lord's care and provision for us since the sale of our Ithaca house last August. Friends have provided living and storage space, as well as emotional support in many ways. Thank you for encouraging us and please visit us at the address provided below!*

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