

**Thoughts from Dave:** Sometimes it is hard for us to see how God uses interruptions for his purposes. Let's face it, COVID-19 has created a huge interruption to life. Around the globe, governments are limiting church meetings. Virtual sermons are the norm. What impact will all this have on the global church? Time will tell, but be encouraged by some efforts in Uganda.



Oyam Trainers

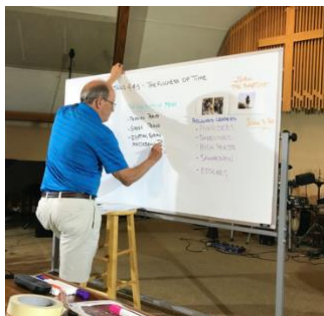
**Ugandan Training of Trainers (TOT) Visits:** After being in lock-down mode since March, the Ugandan government is beginning to permit in-country travel. In early September, Pastor Andrew, Daudi Nkuggwa and Elisha Tumusiime traveled to Mubende and Oyam districts to evaluate the effects of Covid-19 on churches. They report of several new ministry approaches.

In Oyam, leaders are dividing churches into small groups for fellowship and worship. Home visitations are becoming an important part of their ministry. As they visit and disciple individuals, leaders are using Partnership material. Several Trainers are establishing preaching points in new communities. Despite the fear of harassment by government security personnel, the small groups keep meeting. Many members who previously shied away from leadership roles are now embracing them. The Oyam Trainers are grateful for the way in which God is growing his church.



Mubende

Similar themes are being employed in the Mubende region. Home visitations and small group meetings have become essential to ministry, with seven people coming to faith in Jesus in one church. Two leaders are using smart phones, social media, and flash drives for teaching and communication of God's Word. All these "innovations" require internet and cellular access, which is never easy to get in outlying areas. **Keep these regions in your prayers as they use this interruption to build the church.**



**Seminar 2 Is Finished** - Developing emerging leaders training seminars began in late spring and continues to this day. One might think that it is an easy task, but writing for a completely new audience is very challenging. Not only are there language differences and the need for cultural insight, there is an uncertainty in the level of biblical knowledge found in these young adults.

Currently, two of the six seminars are completed. Seminar 1 introduces key interpretive guidelines for biblical study, as well as main Old Testament themes that point to the coming of Jesus. Seminar 2 provides an overview of the New Testament and studies the gospel and salvation themes found in Scripture.

How effective are they? These seminars are being tested in Kampala. With some Covid-19 restrictions now lifted, they could be used in the Tororo region. Recently, Elisha Tumuliise wrote that he *"lives with 7 youth at the church house and we have been studying the Bible every day before going to bed, and I plan to show them the video on the 9 principles of Bible interpretation this Friday. I was using some of these principles but not so intentional but after watching you teach it I am now intentional about it. Especially the point of seeking the whole counsel of God."*

Special thanks to Bethel Grove Bible Church (Ithaca, NY) for the use of their facilities to create videos for seminar sessions. Ned LaCelle, once again, gave an evening to the cause. His friendship with Ugandan believers and us is such an encouragement. Thanks Ned!



### **Good Progress Made on the Pastoral Epistle Devotional**

*One of our recent writing projects is a devotional for Ugandan emerging leaders and pastors. We completed 1 Timothy and below you will find one of the twenty-five daily devotional offerings we developed. They are designed to be sent via email or cell phone. Please keep praying for our sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as we write Titus and 2 Timothy this fall.*

*“In God’s Household”*

*Read: 1 Timothy 3:14-16*

*“If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth.” 1 Timothy 3:15*

Family members don’t always treat one another in honorable ways. If it is true in families across Uganda, it also can be true in the family of God. Paul wants the selection of church leaders to be done by God’s standards (3:1-13). Often, there is a temptation to choose leaders by popularity contests or through orchestrated power plays. These destructive approaches undermine the testimony of “the church of the living God.” Leaders are called to serve humbly in order that God’s people will become “the pillar and foundation of truth!”

Have you ever used the phrase “my church” to describe where you serve as a leader? How might this attitude be offensive to God?

*Prayer:* Living God, you have called me to serve in YOUR church. Thank you for the privilege of knowing you as the foundation of truth. Equip me to serve you well and bless others in Christ. Amen.

### **Other Ministry Activities**



**Peru - Language, Literacy and Life** – In August, we sent \$1,500 to the Pacha Waray to complete our 2020 commitment of \$3,000 for the development, translation, and printing of pastoral training materials in the Huallaga Quechua community.



**In cooperation with our partner Kerygma Consultants and the Hawaii Pidgin Bible Translation Committee**, Partnerships is providing \$2,000 for the purchase and distribution of Hawaii Pidgin Bibles to pastors, church leaders, and Hawaii Pidgin speakers. Pastor Earl Morihara expressed his thanks for our support by writing “*as we say in Hawaii Pidgin, all dis fo do da work make peopo trus Christ an come solid in Him.*” See the video promotion for Da Good an Spesho Book at <https://www.nhcohawaii.org/hawaii-pidgin-bible/> .

### **Training in Tororo**

Last week, the KBC team traveled to Tororo and met with Pastors to reignite our emerging leaders training strategy. The pastors were so grateful that “they were not forgotten.” In October and November, two more trips are scheduled for training to start again.



### **October Prayer**

- Pray for us this month as we develop Emerging Leaders Seminar 3, focusing on core theological beliefs that shape one’s life and ministry, as well as the *Titus* devotional material for pastors.
- Pray for the KBC team as they serve Tororo pastors and emerging leaders in October.
- Pray as we develop a contractual relationship with Daudi Nkuggwa, of Kampala Baptist Church, to provide oversight for the Ugandan Emerging Leaders training.
- Thank God with us for continued financial provision during this season of interruptions.
- Pray for our partners in Peru, West Timor, Zambia, and US as we serve our Lord in unique ways.

**Psalm 118:15–16** “*Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly*” (ESV)