

Thoughts from Dave – In March, a *Praxis* article emphasized that “the novel coronavirus is not just something for leaders to “get through” for a few days or weeks. Instead, we need to treat COVID-19 as an economic and cultural blizzard, winter, and beginning of a “little ice age” — a once-in-a-lifetime change that is likely to affect our lives and organizations for years.” Four months into our journey, Joyce and I are seeking to be creative in our response to cancelling all 2020 international travel and face-to-face teaching events; which have served as our prime training strategy. Along with our partners, we all are experiencing a shift in current ministry strategy. Thank you for standing with us (and them) as we ascend the steep learning curve and move together into the future for the glory of God and the building up of God’s people.

Uganda Updates

Working on God’s Timeline - Way back in January, Pastor Andrew Mwenge, Daudi Nkuggwa, Joyce, and I met in Entebbe to pray and plan for four years (2020–2023) of emerging leader training across Uganda. In partnership with the Baptist Union of Uganda (BUU) and Kampala Baptist Church (KBC), our strategy was to begin in the Tororo and Central Ugandan regions, expanding our training beyond Kampala, Masaka and Oyam. We outlined a six-seminar curriculum for emerging leaders training and as we returned to our homes, each of us had an assignment to develop a draft of a particular seminar. In March, on the day of the first training in Tororo, President Museveni shut down the country in response to COVID-19. Uganda is still in lockdown mode. Presently, no in-person training sessions are possible and as a result God has us pursuing several new ideas for training.



Seminar 1 is in the can - One new idea is to provide YouTube video teaching segments for our KBC partners and those already trained in our Training of Trainers course. They will use the videos and written material in their home areas and be ready to teach future seminars in new regions of Uganda over the next three years. If the country remains locked down, the material will be made available on a training blog. The title of **Seminar 1** is “*Understanding God’s Word*” and it is comprised of *Session 1- “How to Read the Bible”*; *Session 2- “How the Old Testament Fits Together”*; and *Session 3- “It’s All*

About Jesus”. The video segments were produced at Bethel Grove Bible Church, in Ithaca, NY, with the help of Ned LaCelle.

Seminar 2 is almost ready for production – By the end of next week, **Seminar 2 - *Understanding the New Testament*** material will be proofed, edited and ready to record the teaching videos. This Seminar offers four (4) sessions, which includes *Session 1- “The Kingdoms of Man and the Fullness of Time”*; *Session 2- “How the New Testament Fits Together”*; *Session 3- “The Gospel of the Kingdom”*; and *Section 4- The Big Picture of Salvation*”. Both Seminar 1 and 2 will be tested in small groups of 10 or less within Kampala and in areas where the trainers live.

What’s Next???? Because our international travel is curtailed through the end of 2020, our primary focus is to complete the remaining **four Emerging Leaders Seminars by November**; tackling one Seminar per month. Another immediate priority is the development of **devotional material on the Pastoral Epistles** for emerging and other pastoral leaders. **Please pray for God’s wisdom and direction as we move forward on these projects.**

Dave’s Recent Teaching Opportunities

- June 5** - Virtual Sermon for New Life Presbyterian Church in Ithaca, NY
- June** – Thursday night Zoom study of 2 Timothy with men of Dillsburg church (5 weeks)
- July 26** - Virtual Sermon for New Life Presbyterian Church in Ithaca, NY



If you are interested in viewing or studying Seminar 1 of the Emerging Leader’s Training course, contact us at dave@partnershipsfortraining.org or 607-342-1733. and we will send you the appropriate links and materials.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for Partnerships for Training Pastors!



Elisha Tumusiime has been part of the Training the Trainers Project since 2017. He lives in Kampala and serves on the Kampala Baptist Church staff as young adult pastor. Elisha has a heart for the Lord, loves to study God's Word, and is part of a terrific group of young adults emerging as gifted teachers and leaders. Since this picture was taken in August 2018, Elisha has developed his communication gifts so that now he is providing a weekly mid-week YouTube teaching for the church during the country's lock-down. Want to be blessed, go to *the Kampala Baptist Church's YouTube channel at YouTube.com* and find Elisha's teaching on "His Means of Salvation" and other recorded messages by Elisha.

More Ideas in the Uganda Pipeline – Daudi Nkuggwa and Denis Kaweesa, of Kampala Baptist Church (KBC), are developing a blog for our Training the Trainers group members to provide training materials and encouragement for faithful ministry. In addition, Pastor Andrew is exploring the **possibility of radio broadcasts** for up-country ministry to reach more isolated regions with the gospel, as well as allow trainers to use teaching materials in broadcasts. Also, **we are discussing personnel needs** for expanding training as Uganda moves into the recovery stage from COVID-19. **Please pray with us** as we consider, pursue, and determine the viability of these ideas.

Ministry Updates from Other Partners

Each of the four partner countries are experiencing strict COVID-19 restrictions on travel and social distancing, but it is not stopping our partner's creative juices from flowing



Peru - Language, Literacy and Life – Recent updates from Huánuco highlighted Dr. Diana Weber's fight with COVID-19. The Lord answered many prayers from across the globe and now she tells of her slow recovery. Also, Diana writes of *Pacha Waray's* preparation for Quechua pastoral training in October. **Pray for David and Diana Weber** as they hope to return to the US in August and for **Felix** as he prepares for the pastoral training outreach.

West Timor – *Kerygma Consultants in Intercultural Communication*– Several conversations with Chuck and Barbara Grimes have yielded ideas that are helping us step into the world of long-distance learning. **Thank God for the Grimes** as they serve with the GMIT denomination in many capacities and in the translation of the Scriptures into the heart languages of people in this part of Indonesia.



Zambia – *Choshen Farm* - Recently, *Partnerships for Training Pastors* provided \$1,000 in support of two projects that are an extension of their outreach ministry. We are grateful for all that *Choshen Farm* does as they serve in their area of northern Zambia. **Pray for Jeremy and Bethany Colvin** as they engage in these additional projects beyond their daily ministry.

Prayer Concerns

- *Pray for Joyce and me as we faithfully strive to create meaningful study material for global leaders.*
- *Pray for our partners as they exhibit God's grace in the face of these challenging times.*
- *Give thanks with us that God is providing the financial support needed to continue the training of pastors and emerging leaders in our partner countries.*
- *Pray that God's people in the United States will make a difference by addressing our deep societal issues with the grace, mercy, and peace found in Jesus Christ.*
- *Pray for world leaders as they make difficult decisions each day (1 Timothy 2:1-3).*
- *Give thanks with us that the LORD weaves all things together for his glory and our good.*

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