



Thoughts from Dave: Psalm 90 is a prayer of Moses where he writes: “*The length of our days is **seventy years** or eighty; if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass and we fly away.*” In the midst of everything this year has thrown at us, it was good to mark the “70 milestone” with Matt’s family. Reagan and Cole joined me in extinguishing the candles. What has not been extinguished is my desire to serve the Lord in tangible ways. 2020 has been very different and challenging for Joyce and me. Our plans for teaching and travel drastically changed. We remain in Mechanicsburg writing curriculum and encouraging our partners from afar. Serving with them in this way is a great privilege and we rejoice in what God is doing through them. With Moses, I pray that the Lord will keep teaching me “to number my days aright, that I may gain a heart of wisdom.” Please pray with us for God’s clear wisdom as *Partnerships* moves into 2021 and beyond.

From Our Pastoral Epistles Devotional

Just as the United States completes an important Presidential election, Uganda is preparing for one in early 2021. The devotional considers 1 Timothy 2:1-4, where Paul urges God’s people to pray for government leaders and the “shalom” of the country. Because prayer is part of the church’s corporate worship responsibility, this theme should include our prayers for the world, as well as our Ugandan friends.

“First of All”

Read: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

“I urge, then, first of all, that...prayers...be made for all people...that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” 1 Timothy 2:1,2b

Do you sense Paul’s urgency? Is it important to you that as you gather to worship, you pray with a global concern for all people, including presidents and government leaders? Is it important to you that you embrace the needs of the *whole world*? First of all, he says, pray. Pray because prayer brings peace and peace enables all of us to live godly, holy lives where we can share the gospel. This is God our Savior’s desire and it pleases him.

Are you lacking peace and quiet in the world in which you live? If so, could it be you are lacking in prioritizing universal prayer in your worship? How can you look beyond your church to your community, to your nation, and to the world at large?

Prayer: Think of two local, national or international people for whom you can pray. Petition, intercede, or give thanks for them.



Accountability Group includes Susan Hay, Bob Jewell, Pastor Andrew Mwenge, John Kegarise, Joyce and Dave

Accountability Group Zoom Meeting

On November 5th, we held a virtual end-of-the-year meeting to considered 2021 plans. In spite of COVID-19’s impact, *Partnerships* mission will continue in 2021. Our decisions include:

- *Commitment to continue Ugandan Emerging Leader training through 2023.*
- *Continue partnering in Peru, Zambia and West Timor by means of 2021 projects.*
- *Purchase equipment for development and delivery of training in Ugandan villages.*
- *Emphasize writing curriculum as a strategic part of training Emerging Leaders.*
- *Affirmation of Daudi Nkuggwa for part-time contract work as administrator of Ugandan Emerging Leaders project.*
- *Translate and print Pastoral Epistles Devotional into Luganda language.*
- *Develop ministry oriented-videos and blogs to be used as training tools.*
- *Renew our 2021 budget at \$126,000.*
- *Establish a goal of \$15,000 for year-end gifts to help meet the proposed budget.*



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

Ugandan Ministry Updates

Masaka Training of Trainers – Daudi Nkuggwa had a great visit with Edison, Moses, Masaka Region's two Trainers of Trainers. During their time together, they were able to preview one of the new training seminars developed over the summer. Daudi reports that both men were very pleased with the material and can use it to present biblical truth to other pastors and emerging leaders. Today, the Kampala Baptist Church (KBC) team is in Masaka holding a two-day conference with the existing Emerging Leader's group. Edison and Moses will serve as mentors, along with Pastor Amos (church administrator of Masaka Region in the green shirt). **Pray for Pastor Amos, Edison and Moses as they invest in training others.**



Tororo Emerging Leaders Training - As Uganda has loosened its Coronavirus lock-down, our KBC partners traveled east of the Nile River. The Tororo region is home to several churches of the Baptist Union of Uganda (BUU) and is identified as our initial area for expansion of training young church leaders. Two weeks ago, twenty young adults and other pastoral leaders assembled and covered the topics of biblical calling, principles for interpreting Scripture, and main Old Testament themes.

Our overall strategy initially is designed to include local pastors, allowing them to capture the kingdom vision of building a new generation of leaders without perceiving the training as a threat to them. In the recent training session, a pastor approached Pastor Andrew and thanked him for coming to teach the healing power of God's Word. A second training session is scheduled for mid-November. **Pray for these women and men to grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ as they are mentored and equipped for gospel ministry.**

A Year -End Gift? If you desire to send a year-end gift in response to the Accountability Group's goal of \$15,000, visit the support page on www.partnershipsfortraining.org for giving details. With the growing demand for virtual teaching resources, the focus of the gift is directed toward the purchase of technology and sound equipment for the development and delivery of training material to village pastors and emerging leaders.

Partnerships Prayer Items

- Continue to pray for our wisdom in developing training seminars that will encourage and challenge Emerging Leaders to grow in their faith and vision for ministry.
- Pray for the global church as it continues to feel the harsh impact of COVID-19 upon its corporate life and ministry.
- Pray for the health and safety of our partners as they serve in Peru, West Timor, Zambia and Uganda.
- Pray that we will be patient and wise in our decision to return to international travel and in-country teaching.
- Pray for God to direct our development of additional technological ministry tools that can reach across the miles.

Closing Thoughts: 2020 has offered twists and turns in *Partnerships* journey. Thank you for walking with us and for your generous prayer and financial support. We continue to look forward to seeing how the Lord will provide and direct the ministry outreach in 2021 and beyond. Along with our partners, we are grateful for you and all that God is doing around the world!
Dave and Joyce