Mid-April Update 2021

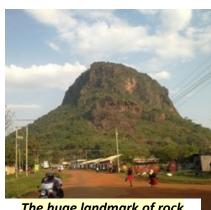


Thoughts from Dave – I've always been intrigued by the questions Jesus asks. Direct and personal, Jesus uses questions to help define one's relationship with him and a commitment to his kingdom priorities. Jesus' skill in teaching his disciples is on full display in Mark 8:27-10:52. Beginning with "Who do you say I am?" (Mark 8:29) and ending with "What do you want me to do for you?" (Mark 10:36), Jesus introduces character traits needed for sacrificial leadership. Currently, Joyce and I are fine-tuning a Seminar designed to counteract the ever-present "power, position, and prestige" model of leadership. Pray with us that Emerging Leaders and Pastors will pursue Jesus' model of transformational leadership and lead the church towards maturity in Christ. Thanks for your prayers and encouragement on this journey!

Tororo Emerging Leaders Training – March 23-26

Daudi Nkuggwa, Pastor Andrew, and Kampala Team traveled to Tororo to conduct four days of Emerging Leaders training. This was a continuation of our initial mandate of training and empowering young people with leadership skills needed in ministry. The Team was able to cover the following topics:

- The Nature of God
- The Deity and Humanity of Christ
- The Epistles from 1 Timothy Revelation
- Prayer The Lord's Prayer and Other Types of Prayer
- Children's Ministry -Mrs. Ruth Kawere, KBC's Children Leader, taught a session on the importance of Children's ministry in the Church.



The huge landmark of rock that welcomes you to Tororo.



One of Daudi's Highlights was connecting with Zebia. Her dream is to join the Prison Service so she can preach the gospel to both prison officers and the prisoners. She said, "I visited one of my cousins who is a police officer, I did not like how inhumanely they treated the prisoners. For I believe that they are good people and it is just they have made wrong choices along the way and need someone to show them the way to Jesus. God opened the door for me and I applied for a job in the prison, I was interviewed a few weeks ago and have now been admitted for training." Give thanks for Zebia and pray for her as she embarks on this important and dangerous ministry.

Each visit to Tororo is reaping benefits. Pastors and Emerging Leaders are seeing new ways of communicating God's Word. Leaders were especially thankful for Ruth's teaching on children's ministry. We are grateful for their heartfelt responses and ask you to pray for these new friends!

Additional Training

April 13-14 - Buvuma Islands of Lake Victoria. This visit is designed to introduce the training of Pastors and Emerging Leaders in a new region of Uganda. Pray that a vision for biblical training will be grasped by these local church leaders.

April 28-30 - Masaka Emerging Leaders Training – Seminar with young leaders.

May 5-9 – South Oyam Training for Pastors and Young People – This Seminar is led by graduates of our Training of Trainers course in the Oyam region.

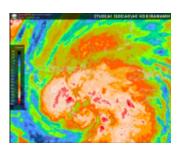


Thanks from Oyam – Last week, Daudi Nkuggwa and Dennis Kaweesa met with five Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) and delivered Tablets for their use of training material and improved communication. These guys are thankful for this unique gift that will be used in training others and in the study of God's Word. They want all who stand with *Partnerships for Training Pastors* to know of their deep appreciation and gratitude.

Thanks Mim! Mim Friday, who serves with **Crane Network** in Kampala, traveled to the UK for her family Christmas and remained there until April 9th due to COVID travel restrictions. As we considered how best to purchase quality tech equipment, we thought of Mim in the UK. Daudi asked her to order and purchase (with our reimbursement) several items. Last weekend, she brought the equipment to Kampala. With its safe arrival, Training Seminars will be enhanced and the production of teaching segments improved. **Join us in praying for the use of the equipment as we serve Christ in new and unique ways.**



Update from Our Partners



Chuck and Barbara Grimes report that there were no sunrise or church services on Easter Sunday as a monster cyclone moved across the West Timor Province (see picture). Extensive damage occurred, along with loss of electrical power and water for days. One of our friends, Pastor Gab, experienced flood damage to his home and had to move his animals to safety. A Theological University student and his pastor were killed, as a wall collapsed on them while huddled inside the pastor's house for safety. The Translation Centre (UBB)

was spared of damage. Pray for the Grimes and UBB Team as they continue to translate God's Word and pursue other linguistic and training projects in the Timor-Leste area.

When are you going to Uganda again? During a ZOOM meeting with Pastor Andrew and Daudi on Monday, Dave floated the idea of a May trip. Together, they decided that August would be a better time to visit with the hope of COVID issues settling down by then, as well as having time to schedule visits to the three new training regions and other activities Pray with us that all will come together in God's timing!



One More Thought

We are so *grateful* for the way God is multiplying pastor and emerging leader training into new regions of Uganda. With

thankful hearts, it is our privilege to join our global partners in Christ's work and we are **blessed** by your commitment to journey with us through prayer, giving, and encouragement. Thank you for traveling with us each step of the way!

Dave and Joyce