

Thoughts from Dave: In August of 2014, Pastor Andrew and Dave traveled to Uganda's Oyam region to meet with Thomas Abach. Under a tangerine tree, along with Thomas and several church families, we asked God to bring healing to this war-torn region. Part of God's answer led to the discipling of young pastors who teach God's Word. Five Oyam pastors participated in our three-year Training of Trainers Course and now are shaping the spiritual vision of God's people in Oyam.



Recently, Thomas and a team from Kampala Baptist Church (see picture) led a 4-day youth retreat. It was a great success. Similar events are being planned when the national COVID lockdown is lifted. It is thrilling to see their desire for the expansion of the gospel in their country. **Thank God for these faithful young leaders.**



Dave's July Trip Rescheduled for Late October - Because COVID is running rampant in Uganda, the July 25-August 12 trip is now scheduled for **October 29-November 16**. On a zoom call in late June, Pastor Andrew shared that a 42-day government lockdown is halting all inter-district travel and public gatherings. So, Dave changed his flight plans and we will continue working from home. **Keep Uganda in your prayers as it faces the harshness of this wave of the pandemic.**

"Servant Leadership for Today" Seminar is Completed - Designed in two parts for Pastors and Emerging Leaders, this Seminar's emphasis is on leadership character and competence. Building on the study of Scripture, separate sessions on mentoring, dealing with conflict, and overcoming leadership temptations serve as the practical application of our biblical study. **Interested in looking at the Seminar?** The nine sessions can be found at www.partnershipsfortraining.org under the *Latest News* category in the *Ministry Focus* section.



A Weekend in Ithaca

Listen to Dave's Sermon at Bethel Grove Bible Church (BG) – It was a privilege for us to return to Ithaca over the July 11th weekend. Dave's sermon text was John 4:27-38 and he focused on the disciple's attitudes toward the Samaritan people. This great passage has several vital principles for us today. If you want to listen to the sermon, go to *View Here* on Bethel Grove's website www.bg.org and look for the July 11th service video (*sermon starts at the 37-minute mark*). Following the worship service, Bethel Grove's Mission Committee hosted a time for us to share the **Partnerships** story. We are very grateful for BG's partnership with us through the years. **Pray for BG, as the church is in a season of pastoral transition.**

Prayer Items

August – October Writing Projects

Pastoral Epistle Devotional on 2 Timothy

Training Seminar 5 with *Essential Practices of the Church* as the working title

Development of a Weekly Video Plan for Ugandan Trainers of Trainers

*Our partners in Zambia, Peru and West Timor are facing many difficult issues due to COVID. **Pray for** creativity and perseverance as they uniquely serve Christ.*

Pray for our (Joyce and Dave) creativity as we seek to provide biblical resources for pastoral and emerging leaders from Mechanicsburg.

Thank God with us for the continued encouragement and support of our many friends.

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! Let us know how we can pray for you. **Dave and Joyce**