



Accountability Group includes: John Kegarise, Susan Hay, Bob Jewell, Joyce and Dave; along with Andrew Mwenge (via zoom).

Accountability Group Meeting - September 30th

One of the great blessings in life is to pursue God's purposes with like-minded people. Since 2014, several friends have joined together to give guidance and wisdom to the *Partnerships Project*. Recently, our group met in Newfield, NY to take stock of where God has us presently and how he might lead us into 2022 and beyond. We covered a lot of territory and gave thanks for all that the Lord is doing. We are humbled to think that God is using the many partnerships in this project to develop and train less-resourced pastors and emerging leaders around the world.

Zoom calls allowed Pastor Andrew and Daudi Nkuggwa to join us from Uganda and Dr. Diana Weber to fill us in on our Peru partners. Our hearts were encouraged as we reviewed our vision, addressed new strategy, developed a 2022 budget, affirmed our cross-cultural perspective, and shared times of prayer. Our look forward included the following themes:

- **Commit to extend** the Emerging Leaders project to 2024 to reach all regions of Uganda. Our previous 2023 ending goal was slowed due to limitations of the COVID pandemic. This project will be the main focus of our training outreach for 2022-2024.
- **Affirmed training pastors in two new regions of Uganda** – Kapchorwa, near the border of Kenya, and Kasese and Kibali near the DRC border in western Uganda. In 2022, training now will occur in 6 regions with a Ugandan budget of \$50,000 for the year.
- **Continue to emphasize** the writing of curriculum as a strategic part of this project.
- **Establish teams for translation** of written material in new language areas of training.
- **Enhance communication** through video and on-line blogs for virtual training.
- **Reaffirm Daudi Nkuggwa's leadership** as Coordinator of Pastoral Training in Uganda with the need to increase his hours of contract work to accomplish training plans.
- **Increased Peru's ministry budget.** Dr. Weber affirmed how effectively our partners are reaching out to rural Quechua pastors leading us to increase our 2022 Peru budget.
- **2022 training opportunities and travel to Zambia and West Timor** will be limited. We will help these partners as opportunities arise.
- **Set a \$132,000 figure as our 2022 ministry budget.** This \$6,000 increase over the 2021 budget is connected to our expanded outreach in Uganda and Peru.
- **Established a goal of \$15,000 for year-end gifts** to meet the increased need for translation of training material and additional income to meet our new 2022 budget.

Thoughts from Dave – *As one might imagine, looking ahead to 2022 takes faith. Uncertain of the reoccurring impact of COVID, as well as inflationary economic trends, the Accountability Group meeting began by focusing on God's sovereign nature and global purposes in the midst of changing times. Believing that investment in a new generation of pastors and church leaders is the Lord's continuing call on this ministry, we trust that his generous care will carry us into the future. Thanks for your investment of prayer and support to make this outreach happen. If you have any questions about our ministry focus or operational approach, please call me at 607-342-1733.*

May your fall months be filled with the majesty and joy of God's presence!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20,21

This devotional is part of the Pastoral Epistle Devotional Project designed to provide emerging leaders and pastors with encouragement and insight into the Scripture. 1 Timothy and Titus are translated into Luganda and will be printed for distribution after a final translation check.

“Hold Firmly”

Read: Titus 1: 8, 9

“He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught...” Titus 1:9

God is looking for men and women who will “*hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught.*” Are you a person whose heart and soul are committed to this message? Do you see it as trustworthy? Are you convinced that it is true? Not only would you have to fully live it out in your life, but you would also use it to encourage others. This is not optional. Paul says, “*you must*” hold firmly – no if’s ands or buts. You must never let it go.

Holding the message means living the message. Your life would demonstrate the marks of maturity listed here – hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. The message will be evident in your life. Your character would be Christ-like. Like Paul, you would be able to say, “*follow my example as I follow the example of Christ.*”

Holding the message also means having a teaching ministry that can both encourage and refute because it stands firmly on the truth of God’s Word.

Prayer: Lord, plant your Word in the depths of my heart in such a way that I will live it out fully in my life and teach it truthfully to others. Amen.

Two Weeks Before Flying to Uganda

Pray for the resolution of a visa issue as Dave gets ready to fly.

Pray for ease in fulfilling testing procedures required for entrance into Uganda.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of Pastor Andrew, Daudi, and Dave to work on curriculum details for future training.

Pray for the Trainers (pictured on right) as they train other pastors and emerging leaders in their home regions.

4th Quarter Schedule in Uganda

As the impact of Uganda’s second COVID wave subsides, Daudi and the Ugandan team are set to continue training pastors and emerging leaders in our training areas. Please pray for these opportunities as they reconnect with church leaders and for Dave’s planned visit to Kampala from October 29-November 16.

October 19 - 21 - Pastors Training in **Kiboga** (Central Uganda)

October 29-30 – *Dave travels to Uganda*

October 31st – **Dave and Daudi** visit one of the Trainer of Trainers (TOT) at Entebbe Baptist Church

November 1-5 – Ugandan team works on many curriculum projects and planning for 2022

November 8-10 - Meeting with the TOTS in **Kampala**

November 11-13 – Ugandan Team continues work on Partnership projects

November 15-16 – *Dave flies back to US*

November 18-19 - TOT organized Pastors conference in **Mubende** (Central Region)

November 22-25 - Emerging Leaders Training in **Tororo** (Eastern Region)

December 6-9 - Pastors Conference in **Buvuma Islands of Lake Victoria** (Central Region)

