

Thoughts from Dave – After 22 months of non-international travel, the trip to Uganda exceeded all expectations. Every day was full of activity. Curriculum was reviewed, new training sessions developed, 2022 training schedules established, Trainers (TOTs) gathered in Kampala, resources printed, videos made, and relationships celebrated. Despite my challenges in getting to Kampala, I give thanks, along with Pastor Andrew and Daudi Nkuggwa, for God’s leading during these days. Thanks for standing with us through prayer, encouragement, and support. Happy Thanksgiving!

Trip Highlights



Mornings of the first week were spent pulling all the training curriculum threads together for 2022 events. We organized an approach to training that unites theology, biblical themes, and practical pastoral wisdom into nine (9) training seminars. This approach allows trainers to be consistent and flexible over the long haul. Four completed seminars were printed and made available to the TOTs. Others are in the process of editing and development. **Give thanks with us for the joy of training pastors and emerging leaders in biblical truth.**

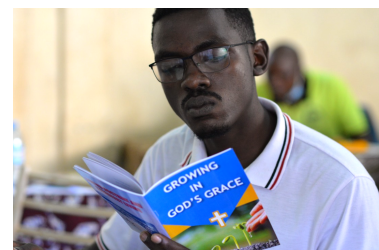
Trainers of Trainers Group – During the second week, the TOTs gathered in Kampala over three days. Reconnecting was absolutely essential for encouragement, updates, study, and sharing what the Lord has been doing. Covid has hit the nation hard and these pastoral leaders have borne the brunt of many difficult situations. We prayed for one another, considered Scripture, and looked forward together. Soon, you will be able to meet these guys in an upcoming video describing what God is doing through them.



22 in 2022 - Another important task was accomplished by establishing a training schedule for the four quarters of 2022. While several regions require continual pastoral and emerging leader training, we will begin training in several new areas. Because the TOT’s are an integral cog in this training strategy, Daudi explained how their regional training events will fit into the larger training schedule (see picture on left). The TOTs look forward to what the Lord will do in their region and around the country. **Please begin**

to pray for next year’s 22 training events scattered across Uganda.

Pastoral Epistle Devotional and Videos– One of our 2021 writing projects was a devotional on 1 Timothy and Titus for pastors and emerging leaders. We printed out the English version and began the community testing of the Luganda version. In addition, we worked with a creative videographer to offer insights into the TOT and Emerging Leaders projects. We hope to create more videos in the future that tell the story of God’s work through pastoral training.



“give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV

Trip Highlights continued

Pastor Andrew “hits the 6th floor” – On November 10th, Andrew turned 60. His energy and adaptable skills are a true gift from God. He has fire in his bones, to quote Jeremiah, to preach and teach gospel truth. During a TOT session, Andrew shared a picture that hangs in his office. It reminds him daily of his first pair of shoes after coming to Kampala as a barefooted young man. While very proud of having new shoes, he was humbled quickly as the heel came off in the mud. He says this image offers perspective of where he has come from by God’s grace. Celebrating his birthday with his family allowed me to express my immense gratitude to God for Andrew and our partnership through the years. **Please pray for Andrew as he shepherds Kampala Baptist Church and extends his incredible outreach in many other ways.**



Good to be together again!



A Year -End Gift?

If you desire to send a year-end gift supporting our Accountability Group’s goal of \$15,000, visit the support page at www.partnershipsfortraining.org for details on how to give. With the growing demand for biblical resources, several new writing projects are scheduled for 2022. Translation and printing of material for new training areas will be required. With the decrease in the value of the US dollar, your gifts also will help in meeting expanding in-country travel costs for the additional 2022 training sites. We are grateful for your prayerful support and generous assistance!

Some Final thoughts - Negative! Over the past three weeks, four covid-19 tests revealed positive news. I was Covid free. Like the US, the impact of Covid is anything but positive across Uganda. Loved ones die. Jobs are lost. Life has been turned upside down in villages and cities. Add to that reality, several terrorist bombs recently exploded in and around Kampala. Through it all, our partners at Kampala Baptist Church (KBC), Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) and many other pastor friends have shepherded God’s people with faith, hope and love. ***On Thanksgiving Day***, join us in giving thanks for them and pray for their positive gospel influence in the midst of a difficult environment. As the Apostle Paul writes, let us “thank God every time we remember them!” (Philippians 1:3)

Keep your eyes open for our next update which will include current Ugandan training news as well as videos on our Training of Trainers and Emerging Leaders projects. Our Year-end report will follow in mid-December. We are grateful for your prayers and support. Thanks for standing with us!