

***This Update offers a glimpse at several opportunities that exist before us in Uganda. Our team is faithfully going to places where less-resourced leaders need training. We are grateful for your prayers and support as we expand to the far edges of the country.***

***Lake Victoria Islands Trip*** – While Dave was in Uganda, our team visited three churches on two Islands. About an hour’s boat ride from the mainland, small island life revolves around fishing. Lack of other employment opportunities and good schools creates many challenges for daily life.



During Pastor Andrew and Daudi’s visit in January, they discovered that a Southern Baptist missionary had taught church leaders in the past. His approach provided a basic understanding of the Scriptures, but it seemed that the daily practical application of Scriptural truths was missing.

The visit reinforced our commitment to partner with sixteen Island churches of the Baptist Union of Uganda and provided insight for the remainder of 2022. Our next steps include:

- 1) Travel to the Islands for 2 or 3 additional three-day leadership training events.
- 2) Shape the biblical content of the seminars to address the cultural issues of the region.
- 3) Seek to address nagging interpersonal issues and lack of gospel impact on the Islands.
- 4) Affirm that Pastor Andrew, Daudi, and Trainers of Trainers will coordinate the Seminars.

Please pray for these church leaders as they are presented with everyday gospel truth for their lives.



*The boats on the shore reminds us that Jesus first called fishermen to become his disciples. Though insignificant in the eyes of some religious leaders, Jesus saw each one’s potential. They followed him and impacted the world through the gospel message. These Island churches exist because of those faithful disciples and many others throughout history. Pray for the churches impact on their neighbors.*



***Our vision is to encourage and equip less-resourced pastors and church leaders through biblical teaching and development of biblical resources. Beginning in Uganda, we will assist church leaders and mission partners as they nurture pastors and develop emerging leaders to the glory of God.***

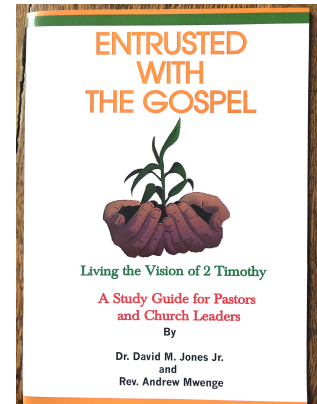
## **Kasese Pastoral Training – March 15-18, 2022**

On the western edge of Uganda, near the Democratic Republic of Congo, 25 pastors gathered to study 2 Timothy. In response to a request by the Baptist Union of Uganda and hosted by the Western Uganda Baptist Theological College, Pastor Andrew, Daudi, and Dave made the 8-hour trip from Kampala. The hot climate did not impact our excitement over opening up this new training region. Pastor Andrew describes the importance of this training trip in the following paragraphs.

*“Our vision is to participate in equipping the least resourced Pastors in the churches around the country. Even where Seminaries and Bible Schools exist, the majority of church leaders do not meet the required educational levels to participate in graded theological training from a registered training institution. These Pastors continue to serve faithfully with very little training often leading to all forms of false teaching that eventually weakens the church.”*

*“In areas where we have carried out training, we have seen renewed commitment to study, teaching, and preaching of the Scriptures. We have also seen that the regular study of the Scriptures breaks down barriers and dissipates wrangles among the leaders. Kasese region has had conflicts especially arising from the failure of the older generation to develop the young generation of leaders. We believe this training will help to reenergize the work of the early pioneers of ministry in the region.”*

Over the next few weeks, we will send you several links for video updates on our Kasese trip and our 2022 Emerging Leader’s training ministry. Through these videos, may you see the impact of your partnership with God’s Kingdom.



*Produced and printed a study guide for the March 15-18 Kasese training and for other events in the future. Also, Dave developed a 9-minute video that provides an overview of 2 Timothy for group study. More details on this approach in our future updates.*

### **Other Highlights**



*Preached on Psalm 139 at Entebbe Baptist Church with Daudi Nkuggwa interpreting the sermon. (March 6).*



*Met Masaka friends and leaders at the wedding of Pastor Abel's daughter in Kampala (March 12).*



*Pastor Abel and Harriett after the wedding of their daughter. Abel is President of the Baptist Union of Uganda.*

**Final Thoughts:** As 2022 unfolds before us, join us in praying for our new initiatives. Right now, our ministry focus is in Uganda and we are grateful for the partnerships that God has formed through the years. Thanks for your prayers, encouragement, and support. We are grateful for you and your partnership on the journey! May this Spring enhance your wonder in God’s creation and may your hearts be filled with his peace. *Dave and Joyce*