



Getting the mic set for our video production

**Thoughts from Dave** -Working side by side with Pastor Andrew Mwenge is a wonderful gift from God. We met in 2004 during Andrew’s first visit to Ithaca, NY. The rest is part of God’s gracious blessing in our lives and now in the lives of many others. Together, we teach God’s Word, share life, and laugh a lot. With Chris and Kevin Tabu of *Tabu Productions Ltd*, we recently produced two short videos that further clarify our focus in confronting African Traditional Religion’s impact on the church and pastoral thinking. As you watch these videos, we hope you will catch a better understanding of how the Lord is building his church through this partnership.

### **Video Updates**

**Training Target Video** – Since day one, our main mission is the training of least-resourced pastors in villages and dispersed regions of the country. We thank God for the leaders and pastors who avail themselves to the seminars. Please pray that these relational connections will encourage biblical thinking and hearts for ministry practices that honor God and grow the church toward maturity in Christ. In this video, Pastor Andrew explains why this training is extremely important. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZzVndxhaENhcBatX67lwoDTtAKeHKYmP/view?usp=drivesdk>

**Confronting African Religions** – Everyone has cultural assumptions. We form them from life experiences as well as through one’s family upbringing. God’s Word speaks truth into these powerful forces and offers a clear view of God’s purposes behind one’s existence. It is true for the church as well. African pastors swim in the waters of African Traditional Religion and often find it hard to fight its strong undertow. In this video, Pastor Andrew illustrates the temptation that many pastors face and offers an example of how we address the issue in our training seminars. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TKvLVVXPzXVbWXXHfwR9mYu8k3znpjcR/view?usp=drivesdk>

### **Training Update**

**Islands Training June 21-24** – Representing 13 of 14 Island Baptist churches, 40 pastors and church leaders gathered for a seminar on discipleship. Using our recently updated “*Promises to Christ’s Faithful Followers - Book 2*”, five sessions were presented by Daudi Nkuggwa and Geoffrey (one of the Trainier of Trainers). Pastor Andrew taught an entire day on the role of the Holy Spirit in one’s life and in the life of the church. We thank God for this opportunity and for their growing hunger for God’s Word.



### **Summer Prayer Requests**

- For wisdom as we continue to develop and print biblical curriculum for future training.
- For our Ugandan partners as they regroup during a slower training schedule in July.
- For God to strengthen pastors and church leaders serving in the Islands, Kapchorwa, Kasese, Kiboga, Masaka, Oyam, Tororo, and additional regions throughout Uganda.

*Thanks for your prayers, encouragement, and support for what God is calling us to do! We are grateful for your partnership with our global partners and us. Please keep praying for God’s provision and protection as we continue to move through 2022. Blessings, Dave and Joyce*