

# September 2022

**Thoughts from Dave** – Pastor Andrew has arrived in the United States. After spending several weeks in California, he will join us in mid-October for three weeks on the east coast. Grateful for September's shared ministry in Uganda, we look forward to October's opportunities to share our partnership story. Check out our travel schedule listed on the back page and try to join us at one of the locations. Thanks for your support and prayers. Keep asking the Lord to direct us as we train pastors in new areas across Uganda.

### **Recent Ugandan Trip Updates**

Tororo Emerging Leaders Training - Paul's letter to the Ephesian church still speaks today. Young church leaders and several local pastors spent three days devouring Ephesians' gospel truths. Using small groups, directed bible study, diagrams, prayer, and creative role plays, we sought to apply the rich theology of Ephesians' first three chapters into daily life as described in chapters four through six. Our time was memorable.

As we sang, shared meals, laughed, and studied together, relationships grew stronger. The pastors actively joined in on the role plays highlighting marriage, parenting, and workplace realities. Their participation reflected the commitment of these pastors to mentor and lead the emerging leaders into a deeper understanding of God's Word and ministry practice.

> During lunch one day, the pastors met with Andrew, Daudi, and Dave to evaluate Tororo's training efforts since 2020. All pastors expressed appreciation for the training. They shared that many of



the emerging leaders are now leading bible studies, active in youth ministry, while others participate in worship services.

One pastor expressed a challenge in that a young leader thought he had "arrived" and became filled with pride. Together, we reaffirmed our partnership in building this new generation of church

leaders on a biblical basis. Please keep Tororo in your prayers as we move forward together.

## A Step Forward for Training Ugandan Pastors

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with the Baptist Union of Uganda, we invited several Ugandan leaders to Kampala Baptist Church. Each person is involved in training pastors. They shared the training activity and vision of their organization. Training resources were identified and a united understanding was forged that "we are in this together". Knowing what each one is doing is important. No future plans were determined, but we all left thanking God for how he is strengthening his church across the country.



Please pray for our Accountability Group Meeting on Monday October 24<sup>th</sup>, when our 2022 ministry will be reviewed, 2023 budget established, and long-term plans discussed. Thanks!



Lunch with Local Pastors

#### Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

**Engaging Kasese Pastors** – Some things never change. Pastoral leadership experiences ups and downs and Kasese area church leaders are experiencing both realities. With the onslaught of Democratic Republic of Congo refugees into Uganda and the "power plays" of church leaders, Part 1 of our study on *Servant Leadership for Today* was very timely. After considering how Jesus taught his disciples on leadership (Mark 8:30-10:52), we examined other godly leaders in Scripture. The entire training scratched where the Kasese leaders itched.

Using Scripture to unpack various leadership issues is less confrontational than a packaged program or strategy. Conflict resolution, over past relational issues, was pursued from the study of God's Word and the result was encouraging. The spirit of our gathering was very different at the end than it was at the beginning. We thank God for his presence among us.

Additional servant leadership concepts are still to be explored. Another seminar is set for early December when we will cover *Part 2* of the material. These sessions

will introduce the needed competencies to lead like Jesus. Please keep praying for the Kasese pastors as we turn our vision to develop Kasese emerging leaders in 2023.

#### **October Opportunities**

**October 14-18** – Time at West Church's Annual Missions Conference in Peabody, MA. On October 16, Dave preaches at 10:30 am Sunday worship service and on Monday evening, October 17, Andrew speaks at 7 pm.

**October 20-23-** Andrew and Dave in Ithaca, NY. Scheduling times to meet with Andrew is ongoing. Andrew preaches at Bethel Grove Bible Church October 23<sup>rd</sup> (11 am). A large group event is being scheduled for ministry updates.

**October 24-26** – Time in central PA for Accountability Group meeting and sharing with friends and church leaders.

**October 27** – Travel to Richmond, VA and meeting some partnership connections in Washington D.C. area. Andrew is in Richmond until his November 4<sup>th</sup> flight to Uganda.

**October 30** – Dave and Joyce share Partnerships for Training Pastors ministry at Dillsburg Brethren in Christ Church (6:30 pm)

## Upcoming Training in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Across Uganda

Our Training of Trainers Group will be taking

the lead in the first three seminars listed below. Keep these events in your prayers and pray for the leader mentioned for each event.



**October 4-7** – Pastor Training in Kapchorwa and Bukwo Region. *Leaders – Daudi Nkuggwa and Elisha Tumusliime*.

*October 19-22* – Emerging Leaders Training in Kiboga. *Leaders – Daudi Nkuggwa and Ronald Walyemira*.

*November 8-11* – Pastor Training on the Buvuma Islands. *Leaders -Daudi Nkuggwa and Ronald Walyemira*.

*November 29 – December 2 –* Pastor Training in Kasese – *Leaders - Daudi Nkuggwa, Pastor Andrew, and Dave Jones* 

<u>Last Word -</u> Thanks for your prayers, support, and encouragement as we pursue what God is calling us to do! Please keep praying for our partners, God's provision, and his protection as we move toward 2023. Blessings, **Dave and Joyce** 

