

Off to a Great Start! – The Ugandan team has been extremely busy since January 23rd. They engaged pastors and emerging leaders in Masaka and then hosted the new COHORT GROUP in Kampala. These events serve as a preview for all God wants to do in 2023.

January Equipping Events in Masaka



Masaka Emerging Leaders Gathering



*Emerging Leaders who have become local pastors
Emma, Moses, Bashir, Lawrence and Dave (L to R)*

Masaka Emerging Leaders met for several days during the week of January 23rd. Each gathering includes a time for reflection on Scripture, sharing life together, and updating of ministry opportunities in their local churches. The Masaka group began meeting in 2015 and the results since then has spawned a focus on developing a new generation of church leaders across Uganda. **Please keep these emerging leaders in your prayers.**



Masaka Pastors – It has been four years since we offered a large group gathering for Masaka regional pastors. Several times each year, from 2009-2019, we met to work our way through the Old and New Testaments. It was time to reconnect with more than 40 pastors. By way of encouragement, the Ugandan Team taught a seminar on *The Living Church*. Using Acts 2:42-47 to set the tone for the gathering, they considered how teaching, preaching, caring, serving, worship, prayer, discipleship, and evangelism comprise the elements of a church’s God-given mission. Thanks to a zoom connection, Joyce and I were able to greet the group and pray for

one another. We thank God for the unity and purpose these pastors display as they serve together in this part of Uganda.

Please Pray for Pastor Andrew

Surgery on Friday, February 10 – When Andrew visited us in October, he mentioned that there was a health issue that needed to be addressed. Recently he wrote to describe what he was facing, “It is surgery to take (off) a mass on my thigh above the back of my knee. Thankfully, the MRI report sees no sign of cancer.” Please pray for Andrew, Edith, their family, Kampala Baptist Church, and the doctors as they walk through this surgery and recovery together.



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To see our **2022 Annual Report**, click on <https://partnershipsfortraining.org/in-review/> and check out the opportunities that led to last year’s ministry expansion along with several new ones that God is opening up for 2023. Give thanks with us for all that God is doing!

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:8,9



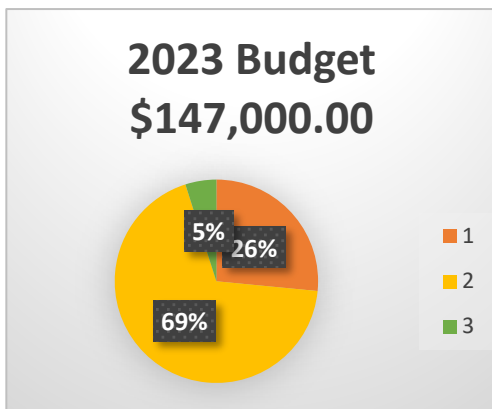
The COHORT GROUP met in Kampala from January 30 to February 3. This new group will equip additional Ugandan church leaders for biblical teaching across the country’s 10 regions. Twenty-seven (27) representatives came from Kapchorwa, Tororo, the Islands, Kasese, Kiboga, Masaka, Oyam, Hoima Road, and Kampala. All these individuals were selected by regional church leaders.



Our exceptional Ugandan Team included Pastor Andrew, Daudi, and 4 TOTs from our first Training of Trainers Group. They led the COHORTS through *Seminar 1*, which deals with principles of biblical interpretation, how the Old Testament fits together, and ways the Old Testament points to Jesus. Here’s what some COHORTS said:

- “I am **Dieme from Kasese**. Thank you for the training. I am finding it important and helpful.”
- “I have learnt how to relate the Old Testament covenants to the covenant of Jesus in the New Testament.” **Sam from Kampala**
- “I have learnt that bringing your ideas and feelings while studying the scriptures to suit one’s condition is not a good way of studying and applying of God’s Word.” **Dan from Bukwo**

Our Next COHORT GROUP meeting is scheduled for May 6-10 in Kampala.



Keeping You Informed

Last October, the Accountability Group approved an increase for the 2023 budget due to expanded ministry initiatives, global inflation, and higher costs for travel inside Uganda. This budget is a stretch for us, so keep praying that we meet it by God’s grace.

1. **Workforce International and Joy to the World Grants (Dave and Joyce)**
2. **Ministry and Program Support includes Uganda (\$72,000), Peru (\$7,000), Resource Development, Travel, and Other Ministry Categories (\$21,250)**
3. **Administrative Expenses for New Horizons Foundation**

Final Thoughts – Moving into 2023 brings great joy. It is a huge privilege to share our lives with so many people who have a heart for Christ and his kingdom work. Seeing growth in church leadership is thrilling and is crucial for the ongoing mission of the church. We are poised for more connections in this year. Thank you for your continued interest, your prayers, and your support in what God is doing around the world. Blessings, Dave and Joyce