

Year-End Gift Update

THANK YOU! We are grateful for your generous support of what God is doing through our global partners. The year-end gift reached \$27,000 by December 31, far exceeding the \$15,000 goal set by Partnership's Accountability Group in October 2022. The year-end gift was designed to meet two important needs:

- 1) Development of a new **COHORT GROUP** in 2023
- 2) Provision of resources for the translation and printing of biblical material into regional Ugandan languages

DEVELOPMENT OF A COHORT GROUP IN 2023 - The word *cohort* describes a group of people banded together for a greater purpose. In our case, this group will be prepared to serve the Lord by equipping and encouraging pastors, church leaders, and emerging leaders in their regions of Uganda.



Training of Trainers Group November 2021

BACKGROUND – Because equipping pastors and emerging leaders is crucial to the ongoing health of the African church, *Kampala Baptist Church* and *Partnerships for Training Pastors* developed a strategy to meet this need. Working with leaders of the Baptist Union of Uganda, a group called *Training of Trainers (TOTs)* was formed in 2017. Participants came from Oyam, Masaka, Uganda's Central Region, and Kampala. This group of 20 TOTs met four times a year over three years to study the Bible and become equipped to teach

others in their own regions. As a result, these trainers continue to work together to offer seminars for pastors and other church leaders.

WHY DEVELOP A NEW TRAINERS GROUP? Since 2020, leadership seminars were extended to Tororo, Kapchorwa, Kiboga, Buvuma Islands, and Kasese. With the help of church leaders in these regions, 25 additional individuals have been identified to be part of this new **COHORT GROUP**. The first meeting will be held during the week of January 30, 2023. Ultimately, these individuals will become regional trainers teaching God's Word in English, as well as in their tribal language. The COHORT GROUP will meet four times per year in 2023 and 2024.

IDENTIFYING COHORT PARTICIPANTS - Each one must be a person who loves Jesus, has a hunger for God's Word, is affirmed by regional leaders, displays exceptional character, uses spiritual gifting in church, and is able to communicate in English. They also need to take part in existing regional training seminars. The picture on the right illustrates our vision for determining who becomes a COHORT, where three selected Kapchorwa COHORTS stand between two affirming regional leaders (on left) and a TOT (on right). We are in this together!



“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.”

2 Timothy 2:1,2 NIV

RESOURCES FOR TRANSLATION AND PRINTING OF BIBLICAL MATERIAL

Over the years, our team has identified core issues that need to be grasped by those who will be teaching church leaders across Uganda. As a result, we established eleven existing seminars and will be developing an additional one in 2023. The seminars include:

- Understanding God’s Word – Old Testament Emphasis
- Understanding the New Testament
- Keeping to the Path of Biblical Truth
- Servant Leadership for Today Part 1 and 2
- The Living Church
- Church Administration
- *Ephesians: Finding Our True Identity*
- *2 Timothy: Entrusted with the Gospel*
- *Promises to Christ’s Faithful Followers Book 1 and 2*

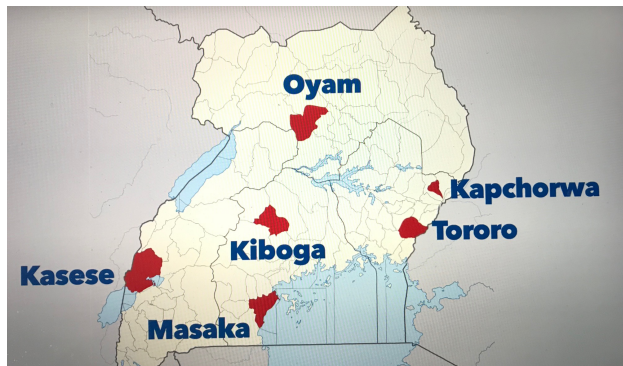


Ephesians and *2 Timothy* currently are translated into Swahili and the *Promise Books* are available in Swahili and Luganda. As we teach in various regions of Uganda, the other seminars will require translation and printing into booklets for students in their regional languages.

Other Resources to be translated or updated include:

- *A Devotional on 1 Timothy and Titus* for Pastors and Emerging Leaders – already in Luganda – Dave and Joyce Jones
- *Handbook for Church Ceremonies* – Andrew Mwenge
- *The Bible on God and Money* – Andrew Mwenge
- *The Gifts of the Holy Spirit* – Andrew Mwenge

As you can imagine, there is much to be done. Translation work and the printing of biblical material depend on finding quality people who understand the nuances of theological words and the positioning of material into a study guide format.



Please Pray for These Activities

- 1) Pray for the good preparation leading up to the January 30th start of the COHORT Group.
- 2) Pray for the COHORT participants that will travel to Kampala for the training sessions.
- 3) Pray for those who will do the work of translating Seminar material.
- 4) Pray for Daudi Nkuggwa, Pastor Andrew and various TOTs who will teach and mentor the COHORT GROUP in January.

Final Thoughts: Our year-end gift goal was \$15,000. It was thought that \$5,000 would go toward translation and printing of material, with \$10,000 toward this year’s COHORT GROUP. The generous outpouring of gifts will allow us to get more printed materials into the hands of pastors and emerging leaders, as well as help cover the increased costs for the four COHORT events. Any extra amount will be used in providing biblical resources for seminar participants.

Our Ugandan team is very grateful for your generosity. We’ll keep you updated on the project throughout the year, so you can keep this new adventure in your prayers. As always, Joyce and I are thankful that you are standing with us in this effort. Blessings, **Dave**