



Thoughts from Dave – One of my favorite parts to our Bukwo visit took place during lunch breaks. Pastors would gather under a tree and discuss what they had been learning from our Ugandan team. Each day I joined them for discussions on practical ministry issues. Pastor Moses told me that “*what we learn in class will not work so much until we go and sit under a tree and talk much about what we learn in class.*” Let me ask you two questions: Where’s your tree? With whom are you meeting to discuss issues of faith and life?

More from Bukwo... Uganda’s Kapchorwa/Bukwo region is under siege. In nearby Kenya, a false teacher recently declared to be Jesus. Prosperity theology is everywhere, making participants poorer and the teachers more prosperous. African Traditional Religion seeps into churches as pastors play the role of power brokers in a fear culture. False teachers keep spreading their tentacles across the area.



At the invitation of local church leaders, our team confronted this topic by exploring God’s Word. It was an exceptional time. With 50 pastors and church leaders, we sought to solidify the clear difference between sound and false doctrine. Using bible study, role plays, small groups, interactive activities, videos, and informal discussions, the participants acquired basic tools to stand against false teaching. Our prayer is that these leaders will grow in their clear communication of God’s truth for the strengthening of God’s people. **Pray for these church leaders as they stand in the power of the Spirit against the evil schemes of the day (Ephesians 6:10-18).**



Tororo leaders and Cohorts

Meeting with COHORTS in Kapchorwa and Tororo – This journey to eastern Uganda allowed our team to squeeze in half-day meetings with group members and a few area church leaders. Planned because Dave could not make the January inaugural meeting of the COHORT GROUP, these stops offered a point of connection with these young leaders. **Pray for our second COHORTS gathering over May 5-10, as we continue our 2-year investment in preparing an additional 25 Ugandans for local ministry training.**

Expressing Our Gratitude

On my recent flight to Uganda, I reread our annual reports from 2014 to the present. I sat in awe of God’s grace. Later in a meeting with the Elders of Kampala Baptist Church, we joyfully reaffirmed the story of our gospel partnership. It is amazing to consider what God has done as we reach our 10-year anniversary next year.

It is clear that your support has impacted the world. Our global partners are the recipients of your generous prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts. We are grateful for your partnership in all these things. To God be the glory for all that has been accomplished.

“The Tree on the Horizon”

Please pray for our Accountability Group on Wednesday, March 22. We will hold a zoom call to begin considering what ministry might look like beyond 2024. This will be an on-going conversation throughout this year.

It’s always exciting to think and pray about what God could have in store for our global partners, Partnerships for Training Pastors, and us. We’ll keep you posted as the Lord directs our discussions and leads us forward into the future. Thanks for your prayers and support. They mean the world to us!

Dave and Joyce

**Psalm 117 – Praise the LORD all you nations; extol him all you peoples.
For great is his love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the LORD.**