

Thoughts from Dave – I’m still thinking about how Easter proclaimed the power of God. Death was conquered, fear removed and hope restored. Everything was changed for the disciples and everything is changed for us 21 centuries later. I love the Apostle Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 1:18-20 where he emphasizes that hope, a glorious inheritance, and incomparably great power is for us who believe. All this is through Christ, whom God raised from the dead and now is interceding for us. This power is tied to God’s mighty strength which enables us to live each day in what Eugene Peterson calls “resurrection living”. May his power make us more alive to his purpose for us and the world.



COHORT GROUP -What’s in a Name?

The word cohort describes a group of people banded together for a greater purpose. In our case, this group will serve the Lord by equipping and encouraging pastors, church leaders, and emerging leaders. Our goal is to help the group grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ for God’s Kingdom in this world.

The success of the initial Training of Trainers Group (2017-19), encouraged regional church

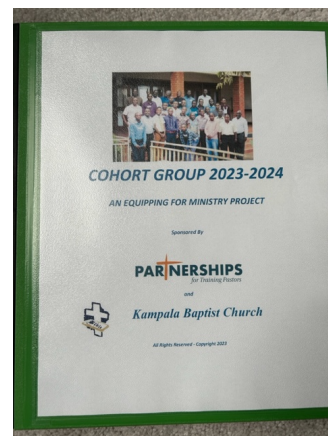
leaders to identify 25 new individuals in the preparation for teaching God’s Word in their local ministry context. **Pray for the Upcoming May 5-10 COHORT GROUP Meetings in Kampala. This will be our second COHORT gathering as we continue our 2-year investment in leaders from all over Uganda.**

Dave’s Trip Schedule for April 22 – May 10

- April 22 - Fly from Harrisburg at 6 am*
- April 23 - Arrive in Entebbe at 10:25 pm*
- April 24-25 – Partnership work in Kampala*
- April 25-28 – Pastors Conference in Kiboga*
- April 29 – Time in Kampala*
- April 30 - Preach at Kampala Baptist Church*
- May 1-2 – Travel to Oyam and meet with Oyam Trainers of Trainers (TOTs)*
- May 3-5 – Work on Seminar 3 video material in Kampala and other Partnership projects*
- May 5-10 - COHORT GROUP meeting in Kampala*
- May 9 – fly out of Entebbe at 11:45 pm*
- May 10 – Arrive in Harrisburg 11:40 pm*

Material Development for COHORTS

One of our primary goals for development of biblical curriculum is usability. During each session, the COHORTS will be equipped to teach Scripture and seek to apply God’s Word in their ministry context.



Please keep our continual development of biblical material in your prayers.

We are grateful for your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

Marriage Retreats for Pastors

In planning for 2023, our Ugandan team emphasized the need for encouraging pastors and wives through marriage retreats. Ministry is hard enough on families, but the everyday challenges of life demands a team effort. In the past month, our Ugandan partners held two such events; one in the Buvuma Island region and the other in Tororo. We are grateful that Pastor Peter Mugabi, former General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Uganda and Mrs. Cecilia Kabanda, of KBC, joined Daudi Nkuggwa to lead the events. Below are a few highlights from each location.



Buvuma Islands - Thirty-five participants gathered for the Seminar that lasted three days. The teaching covered a variety of topics addressing practical issues of marriage and family. One of the couples came to the Seminar while expecting to deliver a baby during the seminar week. One morning the mother gave birth to a baby girl and later that afternoon the mom, dad and baby were back in the Seminar. The picture to the left captures a time of prayer for this new baby and parents. For all that attended, the Seminar was a great encouragement to grow together in Christ.

Tororo is a city in eastern Uganda and has been the sight of many Emerging Leaders events. The same team that served in the Islands were leading in Tororo too. A good number of young couples came eager to learn. There was time for large group sessions and personal couple engagement, as Pastor Joseph and his wife Joyce illustrates in the picture to the right. Many cultural challenges impact the intimacy in many marriages and the Seminar sought to address them and encourage changes in relationships. **Please keep these pastors and wives in your prayers as they seek to grow and serve together.**



“The Tree on the Horizon” Update

Thanks for praying for our Accountability Group call on Wednesday, March 22. It was a good opportunity to begin thinking and praying about what God might have in store for the future of our global partners and Partnerships for Training Pastors. We were joined by Doug Greenlee, who introduced the visionary “Tree” concept, and by Greg Smith Director of Outreach for New Horizons Foundation. Dave will continue to have forward-looking conversations with Ugandan leaders on this upcoming trip.

The Accountability Group hopes to meet in person at the end of June to continue our discussion on the topic. Keep praying that our Lord will continue to lead us forward into the future. We'll keep you posted as we move forward. Thanks for your prayers and support *Dave and Joyce*