

Partnership Thoughts from Dave – Last Sunday, Joyce and I participated in a small group Bible study on Acts 20. At first glance, the group seemed to think the chapter was Dr. Luke’s attempt to offer a history lesson. In other words, consider the facts and move on to the next chapter. As we talked, several points surfaced. 1) Everywhere Paul went, he built a bridge over generational divides by welcoming and mentoring young adults. 2) As he revisited his previous ministry locations, Paul made sure that their grasp of Christ and his Kingdom was clear. 3) When Paul said good bye to the Ephesian elders, he encouraged them to stand firm in the gospel. What great wisdom for ministry in today’s broken world.

Each piece of the chapter reflected the dynamics of partnership ministry and offered excellent partnership principles for discipling a new generation of leaders. I came away from our study excited to return to Uganda and very thankful for your partnership. Thanks for standing with us through the years!

***Dave’s Schedule for
April 21 – May 9 Trip***

April 21 - Fly from Harrisburg at 6 am

April 22 - Arrive in Entebbe at 10:50 pm

April 23-25 – Training of Trainers (TOTs) reconnection in Kampala to study Seminar 5 on “The Living Church”

April 26-28 – Time in Kampala with Partnerships staff

April 29 – May 3 - COHORT GROUP meeting in Kampala

May 3-5 – Visit by Dr. Ken and Peggy Jung of Global Church Partnerships

May 4 – Possible trip to Masaka for the ordination of 6 Masaka Region pastors

May 6-8 – Work on editing Promise Book #2, video material, and other Partnership projects in Kampala

May 8 – fly out of Entebbe at 11:45 pm

May 9 – Arrive in Harrisburg 11:40 pm

Upcoming Partnership Seminars



Training of Trainers Group (TOTs) These individuals were part of the 2017-19 initiative that developed regional partners for the equipping of other church leaders. Over April 23-25, we are reconnecting again to study Seminar 5 on “*The Living Church*”.



Our April 29–May 3 COHORT GROUP meeting is in Kampala. This will be our sixth COHORT gathering, as we continue our 2-year investment in these leaders from all over Uganda. We will gather to study part two of the “*Servant Leadership for Today*” Seminar.

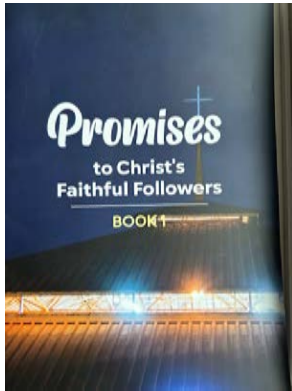
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For these two gatherings as reconnections are made and leaders are equipped to teach and mentor others across Uganda.

Pray for safe journeys for the participants and for Dave as travel can be unpredictable and increasingly stressful for all involved.

Keep praying for Elisha, Daudi, Pastor Andrew and all our partners as we seek to encourage a new generation of leaders.

“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” Acts 20:32



Study Material Development – Usability is one of our primary goals in the development of biblical curriculum. Since our January training sessions, COHORTS are using **Book One of Promises to Christ's Faithful Followers** to disciple a significant number of persons in their ministry locations. The reports are very encouraging. Also, translation of the English version is being completed in **Luganda, Swahili, and Langi** languages and will be available in May. All this is an answer to our prayers.

In March, the work began to enhance **Book Two of Promises to Christ's Faithful Followers**. A draft copy now is completed and will be tested in the TOT and COHORT gatherings in April. Then, with the final copy confirmed by May 8, work can begin on Book Two's translation and printing in the above languages. Please keep this important part of the upcoming seminars in your prayers.

Mentoring of TOTs and COHORTS – After our January trip, our partnership team connected weekly with the COHORTS to see how they were progressing with their small group discipleship project. Through phone calls, WhatsApp messages, and brief weekly videos, Elisha, Daudi and Andrew connected with these friends in February and March. April has yielded two follow-up trips. Daudi connected with Edison and Ronald in Masaka (Edison has been mentoring Ronald since he was a young boy at the church). In addition, Elisha met with eight emerging leaders in Kiboga. In the upcoming months, more trips will include individual visits to regions where the COHORTS and TOTs live.



Edison and Ronald in front of their local church

May 3-5 - Ken and Peggy Jung, of Global Church Partnerships, will visit Kampala on a vision trip. Our friendship with the Jungs began during Ken's time as Associate Pastor at Bethel Grove Bible Church in Ithaca. After pastoring in California for many years, they developed a ministry to train pastors and lay leaders in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Ken and Peggy will be in Rwanda over a three week stretch, so we thought that a quick trip to Uganda was a natural thing to do. Ken will preach at KBC on May 5th before returning to teach at a Rwandan Seminary. Pray that this quick visit will lead to future partnership connections in Uganda.



“The Tree on the Horizon” Update

It's been a year since our Accountability Group began thinking and praying about what God might have in store for the future of our global partners and Partnerships for Training Pastors. Each trip offers the opportunity for Dave to have forward-looking conversations with Ugandan leaders. Keep asking our Lord to lead us into the future. We'll keep you posted on any developments and as always, we are grateful for your prayer, encouragement and support.

Dave and Joyce