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Dear Friends,

This week, Joyce and I reflected on the difference that four years make. Personally, 2020 was a year of incredible change for us. February 2020 marked the completion of our move from Ithaca to Mechanicsburg. As we settled into our new home, near Matt and his family, everything was different. After thirty-one years in Ithaca, we were beginning a new adventure. Through it all, we saw God's hand in all the changes.

Four years ago, we heard rumblings of an infectious disease spreading across the globe. At the end of February 2020, no one knew what was ahead. By March 11, Covid-19 was declared to be a pandemic. Nations were shut down in unprecedented ways. Personal and ministry life was altered. For us, while international travel stopped for 22 months, God was leading us to a renewed approach to equipping individuals through biblical training.

During those four years, several of our global partners reshaped their focus on ministry. We did too. Partnerships for Training Pastors focused on our partnership work in Uganda. New curriculum was developed, emerging leaders continued to be mentored, pastoral training sites were expanded, a COHORT group was developed, and Ugandan staff hired. The Lord guided us through these unpredictable years, anchored by your prayers and generous support.

Now, as we leap deeper into 2024, more intentional mentoring of COHORTS and Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) is being done. This new Ugandan outreach strategy promotes specific discipleship work in their home communities by using the *Promise Books*. This ambitious project is explained in a five-minute video. Please click <https://bit.ly/3SFo5fO> to view it.

Since our January visit to Uganda, the COHORTS are moving ahead with forming small groups for the study of God's Word. We estimate that more than 150 people will use the *Promise Books* between now and the end of April. Join us as we ask the Lord to strengthen and build His church across Uganda.

Thanks for your continued prayers and encouragement through the years. We'll keep you posted as we embrace what God continues to do in 2024!

With grateful hearts,

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