



**Thoughts from Dave** – Looking back over ten years, we clearly have seen God’s hand in building partnerships around the world. After beginning in Uganda, we joined with partners in Zambia, Indonesia, Kenya, Haiti, and Peru to equip and encourage less-resourced pastors and church leaders. We are grateful for all that God has done through the years.

Now, our primary focus has returned to Uganda. We thank God for your partnership on the journey. Your prayers and support have been crucial and continue to be so as we move into the future. Thank you for standing with God’s people across this world for the sake of the gospel. We will keep you updated as our equipping a new generation of church leaders moves into a new decade.

### Uganda News

One of our main missions is to develop and provide material for equipping and discipling believers. Our recent focus is on two books entitled **Promises to Christ’s Faithful Followers**. Additional material will be developed over the next few years to continue the discipleship process.

**Promise Book 1 Update** – Last week, Daudi and Elisha traveled to Oyam and presented the completed Langi translated Book 1 to our regional TOTs. The guys were very excited and reported that this Langi translation can be understood by people from three additional dialects (Alur, Japhadola and Acholi). We are grateful for these faithful leaders and pray that the Lord will bless the use of this material in Oyam’s villages and churches.



**Promise Book 1 in Luganda and Swahili** is ready to be printed and distributed across the country. Luganda version is for a majority of central Ugandan people and Swahili version centers on the Eastern and Western regions.

**Promise Book 2** is in its final English edit and will be printed next week. Book 2 will be passed out to the COHORT group as it meets August 5-9 in Kampala. It will be translated into Langi, Swahili, and Luganda by the end of the year.

### COHORT Group – August 5-9

More than 25 leaders will gather for our seventh COHORT training. They come from across Uganda and spend five days together in Kampala studying, praying, fellowshiping and preparing for their return home and the work to which God has called them. The phrase “We are in this together” is the reality behind this group. God has knit their hearts together for the sake of God’s kingdom.

This Seminar will focus on communication skills, as well as stewardship in ministry and use of financial resources. These topics are essential to the on-going sustainability of Ugandan ministry. Keep us in your prayers!

#### **Pray for Dave’s August 3 – 15 Uganda Trip**

**August 3** - Fly from Harrisburg at 2:09 pm

**August 4**- Arrive in Entebbe at 10:50 pm

**August 5- 9** COHORT GROUP meeting in Kampala. Our Seminar focuses on two themes: Communication Skills and Stewardship

**August 10-11** Dave at Kampala Baptist Church – preaching on Sunday August 11

**August 12-14** – Work on editing a new Mentoring Manual, developing video material, and completing other Partnership projects

**August 14** - fly out of Entebbe at 11:50 pm

**August 15** – Arrive in Harrisburg 5:15 pm

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your **partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:3-6 NIV

### ***Peru and Diana Weber***

In February 2019, Dave traveled to Huánuco Peru to share with church leaders about equipping pastors in Uganda. This visit was built on 35 years of relationship with Drs. David and Diana Weber, long-time Wycliffe/SIL Missionaries in Peru. David translated the Bible into Huallaga Quechua language and Diana was a first-rate educator working in partnership with a team of Peruvian believers. Both David and Diana desired to expand their role of equipping pastors and church leaders in the use of the Scriptures. Their vision led to the visit.



Providentially, Diana’s educational goals went far beyond Wycliffe’s boundaries. In 2016, a *Language, Literacy and Life* project began under the auspices of New Horizons Foundation in Colorado Springs. It was Dave’s privilege to help Diana connect with New Horizons and get the project off the ground. Since 2020, *Partnerships for Training Pastors* has provided resources for pastoral training in the high-reaches of the Andes Mountains.

If you remember, we asked you to pray for Diana as she fought pancreatic cancer over the past year. She courageously fought to the end of her earthly life. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Diana passed into the presence of our Lord. In early July, Dave traveled to New Hartford, NY for the memorial service and rejoiced in the richness of Diana’s life story that is still continuing into eternity. We thank God for Diana and her exuberant nature. We are grateful for the privilege of working with her and those in Peru through the years. Please keep David Weber and the family in your prayers.

#### ***New Horizons Foundation Connections***

*Our transition from pastoral ministry in Ithaca began in earnest during January 2014. By God’s grace, a friend introduced us to New Horizons Foundation in Colorado Springs, CO. Their motto “Taking Your Vision to the World” reflects their corporate ethos. Since June 2014, their partnership with our project has been amazing. Partnerships for Training Pastors cannot do what we are doing without New Horizon’s unwavering support in so many ways.*

*As a result, when several friends wanted to initiate a new approach to their ministry, we pointed them to New Horizons Foundation. It has been our privilege to encourage the following ministries to make a connection with New Horizons. They are glad they did.*

*Language, Literacy and Life - Drs. David & Diana Weber  
Kerygma Consultants in Intercultural Communication –  
Drs. Chuck & Barbara Grimes*

*Global Church Partnerships – Dr. Ken & Peggy Jung*

#### ***Prayer Requests***

Pray for the COHORTS event in Kampala by asking the Lord to deepen their heart for ministry.

Pray for the finalizing of details in Uganda and for safety of all the participants.

Join us in praying for the development of ministry priorities for 2025 when our partners meet after the COHORT event.

Pray for the development of additional ministry resources as we move toward the end of the year.

Give thanks with us for the team God has made in equipping and mentoring a new generation of leaders.

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