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Dear Friends,

Decades come and go, but the Lord's faithfulness never ends. Lamentations 3:22-23 puts it this way, *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness."* Over the years, Joyce and I have experienced God's faithfulness in full measure.

Ten years ago, we identified a stirring in our hearts. We sensed it was time to transition from Dave's pastoral role at Bethel Grove Bible Church (BG) to a new adventure. With the affirmation of BG's elders and congregation, we began a journey of equipping less-resourced Majority World pastors and emerging leaders.

Our decision was the result of a reflective question. We asked, "Lord, what would you have us do in the remaining years you give to us?" As we prayed, we believed God wanted us to invest in a new generation of global church leaders. It was clear then and it remains true now. Because of God's faithfulness, *Partnerships for Training Pastors* has reached a decade of global ministry with a clear look to the future.

Actually, our connection with Uganda began two decades ago. During Pastor Andrew Mwenge's 2004 visit to BG, a mutual friendship was developed. In 2007, BG and Kampala Baptist Church (KBC) entered into a mission partnership. Part of that outreach included equipping pastors and church leaders in Uganda's Masaka region. Since *Partnerships for Training Pastors* began in 2014, our outreach has expanded all over Uganda. Although the Lord opened ministry opportunities in other nations until the pandemic, our main focus is on Uganda since 2020.

"Why Uganda?" The investment of years in partnership with KBC has established a trust and openness for new ministry opportunities. To hear Pastor Andrew's answer to the question, click on https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BVP5cT1dU2IHON_tOYqxLsy69U556zFx/view?usp=drivesdk. Together, we ask for your continued support and prayers.

We thank God for the incredible privilege to serve him in this way. We'll keep you posted as we step into another decade of partnership ministry on July 1. Thank you for joining our global partners and us on this journey.

With grateful hearts,

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