

**Thoughts from Dave** – Every trip to Uganda provides new insights on leadership issues facing the African church. As a result, our leadership training emphasizes four major competencies. These core themes, highlighted in Malphurs and Mancini’s book *Being Leaders*, play an essential part in equipping this new generation of leaders.

*Character (being) – Soul Work*

*Knowledge (knowing) – Head Work*

*Skills (doing) – Hand Work*

*Emotions (feeling) – Heart Work*

We thank the Lord for the spiritual formation that is taking place. Individuals are growing in God’s grace and young adults are taking their rightful place in the Ugandan church. We are grateful for your prayers that support this important work.

### **Examples from Our Recent COHORT Gathering**



**Character (being) – Soul Work.** One study session confronted leadership temptations to misuse money, power and sex. During a lunch break, Dave gathered all the single guys to talk about sexual integrity. It was a lively discussion on personal purity and God’s design for marriage. Cultural issues surfaced with the challenge of raising a dowry being their greatest obstacle for marriage. These guys are seeking to walk in God’s ways in the midst of these on-going temptations.

**Knowledge (knowing) – Head Work.** There is no substitute for having a clear grasp of God’s Word. However, if one’s study only gathers information then an incomplete vision for teaching and preaching will be the result. Information and transformation must be connected. Our sessions always include personal application points for each individual.



**Skills (doing) - Hand Work.** Leadership in church settings is multifaceted. In addition to preaching and teaching, a leader is involved in counseling, vision casting, mentoring, and dissecting small group dynamics. Each time we gather, individuals are given various leadership responsibilities. Feedback and mentoring are taking place, both in the seminars and back home, to insure proper skill development.

**Emotions (feeling) - Heart Work.** Leaders need emotional intelligence to deal with the complexities of relationships in church settings. As the COHORTS share life and ministry together, deeper relational connections have happened around mealtimes. Compassion and care for others require a common commitment to serve. Our goal is to keep pointing them to Jesus who saw beyond the external to the issues troubling the hearts of others.



**On June 30, 2024, we complete our 10<sup>th</sup> year of Partnerships for Training Pastors ministry. Look for several June 2024 emails, with video links and other updates, that will identify ministry vision for the next two years. We thank God for all he has done and are excited about what He has for us in the future. Thanks for standing with us over these years!**

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13*

### ***May Partnership Seminars in Uganda***

A major assignment for the TOT (Training of Trainers) and COHORT groups is to hold equipping seminars in their home regions. Several have already taken place, with some planned for upcoming weeks. Join us in giving thanks for what is happening through these Ugandan partners.

**May 6-10** – Pastor Dan Wasswa (TOT), of Entebbe Baptist Church, held a discipleship class focusing on true and false doctrine. The response was very encouraging, as the need to know what one believes is important due to increasing theological syncretism in Uganda.



*Entebbe Baptist Church*

**May 15-17** – Emerging Leader training in two Kasese region churches used Promise Book 1 as their study material. Daudi Nkuggwa reported that 40 young adults had a “brilliant” response to the study. COHORTS led the small study groups.

**May 26-27** – Pastor George Mike Nam (TOT), of Northern Oyam, is leading a two-day training event using Seminar 3 material on “Diagnosing False Doctrine and Teaching.” Along with other TOTs and COHORTS, Mike has the ability to clearly communicate the Scriptures on the subject.

**May 31-June 2** – Pastors Auleriano Twesigye and Ronald Walyemira are scheduling a Leadership Seminar in Rutooma of Uganda’s Central Region. These TOTs have a huge heart for discipleship.

### ***Promises to Christ’s Faithful Followers – Books 1 and 2***



**Using Promise Book 1** - Since our January training sessions, COHORTS used **Book One** to disciple more than 150 persons in their ministry locations. The initial reports are very encouraging. More discipleship opportunities will occur with the printing of the completed translation of the English version into **Luganda, Swahili, and Langi** languages. All this is an answer to your prayers.

**Updating Promise Book 2** - The second book was edited by the TOTs and COHORTs in April. As a result, the Ugandan Team was able to establish a final version on May 8. Work has begun on its translation in the above languages. Keep this important work in your prayers.

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

***Daudi Nkuggwa’s Ithaca NY Visit***  
*Before attending a Church Leader’s Conference in Georgia, Daudi will join Dave for a June 4-6 trip to Ithaca, NY. Because this is Daudi’s first time in the US, we want him to connect with as many friends and supporters as possible. A full schedule is being planned, so let us know if you want to meet Daudi and we will try to make it happen. Contact Dave at 607-342-1733.*

**Pray for the seminars** in Oyam and Rutooma, as pastors and church leaders study God’s Word.

**Pray for Daudi Nkuggwa’s trip to the US** and for our connections with friends in Ithaca.

**Pray for wisdom for our Ugandan Leadership Team** as they address several difficult situations in Kapchorwa and the Buvuma Islands.

**Pray for Dr. Diana Weber**, our Peruvian Partner, as she continues her journey in treatment of cancer.

**Pray for the continual development of financial resources** to keep ministry going strong in Uganda and Peru into the next few years.