January 2025 Update



Thoughts from Dave — In these early days of 2025, we stop and pray for the year's planned outreach as well as the unimagined opportunities God has in store. Balancing these two realities requires strategic focus and abundant faith. January begins with the TRAILBLAZERS Group. From there, the Ugandan Team will continue to equip many others through biblical teaching and development of user-friendly study guides. Exponential opportunities present themselves for



discipleship and mentoring relationships across Uganda. 2025 has a lot of moving parts that need God's grace. Thanks for your continued interest in what God is doing!

Dave's Uganda Trip January 15–30, 2025

Joining with our partners, the trip will focus on the inaugural TRAILBLAZERS Group meeting and the graduation of the COHORTS. Most of the time, Dave will be in large group events, but more personal connections also will be made.

January 15-16 – Travel to Uganda January 17-19 – Time with partners and Kampala Baptist Church (KBC) friends in Kampala

January 19-24 – TRAILBLAZERS meetings in Kampala

January 24-26 – COHORTS graduation weekend at Kampala Baptist Church January 27-29 – Final days in Kampala with Ugandan Team

January 29-30 – Return home arriving at 5:15 pm on the 30th.

Please keep this trip in your prayers!

New at the Beginning of 2025

2025 Prayer Emphasis - Our ministry focus is on equipping those who will equip other leaders. As we move through this year, we will keep you posted on how to pray for God's work in Uganda.

January 19th Day of Prayer - We ask that you consider making it a day of prayer for the TRAILBLAZERS participants, logistics, and relationships to be formed over the next two years. Pray for our leaders as they face multinational, tribal, and other communication barriers. Your prayers are essential! Thanks!



Our Accountability Group has two new members. Ned and Karen Lacelle live in Lansing, NY and are long-time friends. Their heart for Uganda is very apparent, as they have participated in Bethel Grove Bible Church's medical mission trips to Kampala since 2008. Their relationship with our partners at Kampala Baptist Church and their knowledge of the underlying Ugandan culture will be a great asset as we look toward the next three years.

Year End Gift Update - Our Accountability Group set an ambitious goal of \$30,000 designed to jump start the 2025 Ugandan ministry. We thank God for the generous response that already has **exceeded** the 2025 gift focus for items below. The final gift total is still being tabulated by New Horizons. Thank you!

- Your gifts covered expenses for the first-year of the NEW two-year TRAILBLAZERS Group, with our first week-long gathering January 19-24, 2025. The Group includes leaders across ethnic, national, and other relational barriers. We are asking God to light a revival fire across the country.
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- Your gifts have funded the Envision Conference which will convene in Kampala over May 8-10, 2025. The TRAILBLAZERS, COHORTS (2023-2024) and TOTs (Trainers of Trainers from 2017-2019) will gather for a concert of prayer, biblical study, and ministry planning.
- Through your gifts, 80 Notebooks now are funded with complete content for the eight 2025-2027 Training Seminars. These Seminars are designed to equip participants in biblical and leadership topics. Your gifts cover the printing, compiling, and publishing of this extensive study material that also offers the TRAILBLAZERS practical sessions to be taught in their local settings.

Prayer Focus - Pray for the Ugandan Leadership Team as they make it a priority to mentor the TOTs, COHORTS, and TRAILBLAZERS in 2025. It will be an exciting and challenging task as these three groups number 80 leaders. We are grateful for these incredibly gifted partners.

Our vision is to encourage and equip less-resourced pastors and church leaders through biblical teaching and development of biblical resources. In Uganda, we will assist church leaders and mission partners as they nurture pastors and develop emerging leaders to the glory of God.

2024 Financial Updates



Since 2014, Partnerships for Training Pastors has been sponsored by New Horizons Foundation Inc., a registered 501c (3) Non-Profit Organization in the

United States. We are one of more than 850 operating projects that New Horizons has sponsored over the past 35 years. New Horizons has provided a financial summary of our 2024 income and expenses, along with a note from Greg Smith, it's Vice President of Outreach. We thank God for New Horizons Foundation and their faithful ministry to us and so many other projects. They are truly serving God's Kingdom!

2024 Financial Report Partnerships for Training Pastors

Current Year Financial Review YTD 12/23/2024
Partnership for Training Pastors
The New Horizons Foundation
13518 - Partnerships for Training Pastors
Beginning Balance \$36,307.52

Income Statement

Revenues \$156,427.59

Total Revenues **\$156,427.59**

Expenses \$118,832.50

Total Expenses **\$118,832.50**Net Surplus/Deficit **\$37,595.09**

Ending Balance \$73,902.61
Balance Sheet

Assets \$73,902.61

Total Assets \$73,902.61

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From Greg Smith, Vice President of Outreach for New Horizons Foundation

"This year, we are celebrating the completion of a decade of impactful collaboration between the New Horizons Foundation and the Partnership for Training Pastors project under the Foundation. What a blessing to be a small part of encouraging Dave and Joyce along with their US supporters and leaders and their African supporters and leaders. This partnership has not only equipped pastors with essential skills and knowledge but has also provided many with biblical resources, empowering them to lead their communities with confidence and faith. Let's continue our dedication and commitment to transforming countless lives and fostering spiritual growth and resilience in underserved areas!

Keeping You Informed

Last September, the Accountability Group approved the 2025 budget with no increase from 2024 budgeted amount. With Peru no longer in the picture, funds were shifted to expand ministry initiatives inside Uganda. Thanks for your commitment to making 2025 Ugandan outreach a reality.

- 1. Workforce International and Joy to the World Grants (Dave and Joyce)
- 2. Ministry and Program Support includes Uganda (\$97,000), Resource Development, Travel, and Other Ministry Categories (\$24,000)
- 3. Administrative Expenses for New Horizons Foundation

Final Thoughts - Thank you for your partnership in the work of the gospel. Your encouragement, prayer, and support make a difference! On behalf of all who benefit from your partnership, we express our gratitude for standing with us. Our prayer for you is that 2025 will be full of God's blessings in your life. Together, let's seek first His kingdom in the places where the Lord has planted us. *Dave and Joyce*