

**Thoughts from Dave** - January in Uganda offers many ministry opportunities. With a long school break, there is great flexibility to work with young emerging leaders. Under the leadership of the TOTs (Training of Trainers Group), January equipping events are being held in North Oyam, South Oyam, Masaka, Kasese, and Entebbe. Along with the TRAILBLAZERS' first seminar and the COHORTS graduation during the week of January 19-27, you can catch a glimpse of the exponential and explosive growth of the discipleship ministry you are supporting. Thank you for your encouragement, prayers, and gifts.

### ***Mission Outreach in Kasese Excerpts from Elisha Tumusiime***



Last week, Dieme Mumbele, a member of the COHORT Group, organized a youth conference in Kasese. Located in western Uganda, this conference brought together 200 youth from 15 churches. The theme was "Living a Life of Servanthood" based on Colossians 3:23-24.

Along with four young adults from Kampala Baptist Church, Elisha assisted Dieme in the training. An exposition of the book of Colossians and small group learning were the focal points.



Twenty-two youth committed their lives to Christ. Dieme will start a discipleship group and guide them through the resources provided in *Promise*

*Books 1 and 2.*

Elisha writes, "I noticed the key strengths that Dieme possesses: coordinating his team and organizing tasks. He is a talented leader, and we thank the Lord for having had him participate in our COHORT trainings. I am very confident he will apply what he has learned."

### ***Day of Prayer January 19, 2025***

With our Ugandan partners, there is an urgency in our hearts for our upcoming event. The TRAILBLAZERS Group starts on January 19<sup>th</sup> in Kampala and we sense the increased need for your prayers. This Group is expanding our reach across national and relational borders. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, please take time to pray for the LORD's blessings and the Spirit's work to defeat the schemes of the evil one. (Colossians 4:2-6).

Pray for ***unity and cohesion*** as we bring together 42 individuals from different tribes, nations, and genders.

Pray for the ***commitment*** of each participant, as they ask God to build their heart and mind for God's Kingdom work in their country.

Pray for ***the Ugandan leadership team*** and the addition of several TOTs to teach and mentor this new training group.

Pray that the TRAILBLAZERS will ***establish a shared ministry connection*** with the COHORTS and TOTs in their home regions for the work of the gospel.

Pray that the ***participant's travel, the event logistics, and daily schedule*** will come together under the Lord's providential protection.

Pray for the ***church leaders from the DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo), North Sudan, South Sudan, and Kenya*** as they cross cultural barriers in this training.

**The Year-End Gift Total** reached \$52,256.97 as of December 31, 2024. Your support provided the resources to meet the financial demands of four TRAILBLAZER seminars in 2025, costs of printing and publishing material for all eight seminars over the next two years, and the upcoming *Envision Conference* in May that brings 80 TOTs, COHORTS and TRAILBLAZERS together. Humbled by your response, we thank God for your partnership in what God is doing in Uganda. With grateful hearts, **Dave and Joyce**