

Opening Thoughts from Dave and Joyce: “If God gives us fifteen more years, how should we use them for his kingdom?” Joyce and I asked that question in 2013 and the answer was to establish this Partnerships for Training Pastors project. From Day 1, we joined global partners to equip less-resourced pastors and establish a new generation of leaders in their countries. Since COVID, our ministry focus is on Uganda and East Africa. The Lord clearly has directed our steps.

People ask us, “How many more years are you planning to serve?” While being realistic about our age, we view things differently. In reality, we are working ourselves out of a job as we move toward January 2028. This report offers a glimpse at what God has done in 2025 and a brief look into 2026. Join us in giving thanks for all that the Lord is doing!

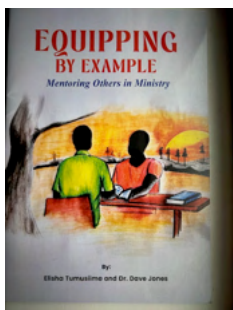


The Ugandan Team is comprised of incredibly gifted individuals brought together by God’s grace. Over the years, praying and traveling together has knit their hearts for a bigger purpose. Using their God-given gifts of teaching, counseling, compassion, and administration, the Team actively mentors and disciples a new generation of leaders. It is their calling. **Keep these friends in your prayers as they serve Christ in unique ways.** (Left to Right – Pastor Dan Wasswa, Daudi Nkuggwa, Pastor Elisha Tumusiime, Gabit Mukiibi and Pastor Andrew Mwenge)

The COHORTS Graduation was held in January after the group completed eight Seminars of concentrated study over 2023-24. This COHORT Group produced active learners of God’s Word applying what they learned in their home areas. Coming from seven regions of Uganda, their unity of purpose and growth in partnership relations was a result of God’s blessing. Our Ugandan Team continues to mentor and encourage these faithful leaders through visits and constant follow-up communication. **Give thanks for this gifted group of leaders and pray for them as they mentor others in their home areas.**



Development of New Resources – One of our major goals is the development of new resources. This year we saw:



- *Promise Books 1 & 2* translated into Luganda, Swahili, and Langi. Pastors and leaders are tasked to establish small groups for the study of God’s Word. An estimated 250 people studied the material in 2025.
- *Equipping by Example*, written by Elisha and Dave, offers a step by step guide for understanding and implementing the mentoring of others.
- *The God We Worship* is the third book in our Biblical Study Series and is ready for printing. Written by Joyce and Dave, this study guide focuses on the attributes of God. **Pray that these resources will be used in building**

God’s people for God’s glory.

Equipping Ministry Events

Several large group events were held throughout 2025. God met us at each gathering yielding an enlarged commitment for ministry across Ugandan villages and neighboring countries.



The Trailblazers Group consists of 43 individuals from five different countries. Each one has a passion for extending God's Kingdom in their home region. They attended four week-long seminars in Kampala around the following topics:
1) *Understanding God's Word*,
2) *Understanding the New Testament*,
3) *Keeping to the Biblical Path (A study in Biblical Doctrine)*, and 4) *Servant Leadership for Today*. In 2026-27, we will offer five more seminars to conclude their study. ***Pray for these brothers and***

sisters as they reach out in Jesus Name.

The Envision Conference brought together the Trailblazers, COHORTS and the TOTs (Training of Trainers group) for a three-day Kampala event. The Conference theme emerged from Jesus' words in Matthew 5:14-16, "*Let Your Light Shine.*" More than 85 participants worshipped, gleaned wisdom from guest speakers, engaged in lively seminars, and embraced practical tools for ministry back home. Our prayer was for participants to **envision** God's leading in new ways. Each person expressed their gratitude for the Conference and made a commitment to "Shine On!" ***Now, please envision how you can pray for the participants and envision how YOU can "Shine On" where God has placed you.***

EMERGING LEADERS – Because 75% of Uganda's population is 35 years of age and under, it is essential to develop a new generation of leaders. Throughout the year, our Ugandan Team traveled to Kasese, Kiboga, Kapchorwa, Bukwo, and Masaka teaching on "*The Church*". **The response was outstanding, as over 275 young adults** embraced this essential gospel message with clarity and a passion to be faithful where God has planted them. ***Pray for this diverse group made up of worship and youth leaders.***



EQUIPPING PASTORS EVENTS often occur along side of the Emerging Leaders' trainings in Seminars with a ***total of 226 Ugandan pastors trained in 2025.*** One special location brought pastors together from six of the Buvuma Islands churches for two seminars on *The Church*. It required transport to the larger central Island location. The participants responded with a united vision for ministry on their home islands. ***Keep this outreach ministry in your prayers as we seek to reach other areas on the main Buvuma Island in 2026.***

Keeping You Updated - Our commitment is to keep you informed of what God is doing through *Partnerships for Training Pastors*. We offer monthly updates and our website provides resources and big-picture info. Chris Tabu is a master at his craft and our use of video updates increased in 2025. We will keep sending you links for your visual connection in the future. Perhaps you were unable to view the 2025 links sent earlier this year, so below is a link to give you a feel for what comes your way.



(Click on the link to view the video update)

Visit <https://shorturl.at/jCTiR> to catch a glimpse of the task before us.



A NOVEMBER VISION TRIP TO NORTHERN UGANDA

Several *Trailblazers* are pastors and church leaders from Sudan, South Sudan, and the D. R. Congo who live either near or in large Refugee Camps. They told us about people from their home countries flocking to Northern Uganda for safety. On this trip, our Team hoped to identify local leaders with whom we can partner.

The Team connected with 19 local pastors and church leaders in the seven districts that host refugees. They discovered an extensive linguistic diversity and lack of full Scripture translations. With limited Bible study resources and a low level of theological training, it became apparent that

Partnerships can play a role in equipping leaders with gospel truth.

Looking ahead to 2026 involves a new outreach opportunity! Our goal is to identify and establish a select group of regional church leaders who are faithful, available, and teachable. Then, they will go to the Refugee Camps using the language of the people. The Ugandan Team will mentor these regional leaders as they reach out to those who need to hear the gospel. Your year-end gifts will contribute to meeting this great need. Thanks for considering this request to partner in this way.

Our Year-End Gift- Giving Goal is \$25,000

- **\$9,500** for three trips to Northern Uganda across rigged roads and terrain to meet with pastors in order to equip and mentor church leaders.
- **\$10,500** for purchasing and distributing 350 MegaVoice audio devices with Scripture in languages found within these regions. Also, each one of the TOTS, COHORTS, and Trailblazers will receive a device for ministry in their home regions.
- **\$5,000** to provide translated biblical resources for this group of select pastors for their spiritual growth as they serve many who are illiterate and resourced challenged.

Giving details -Go to <https://newhorizonsfoundation.com/project/single-project/378/> if you desire to give on-line. OR send a check to New Horizons Foundation Inc. Attn: Partnerships for Training Pastors, 731 Chapel Hills Dr., Colorado, Springs, CO 80920. Please make checks out to New Horizons Foundation Inc. with Partnerships for Training Pastors on the memo line.



The Accountability Group met in July in Upstate NY. Since *Partnerships* began, an Accountability Group has offered wisdom and insight for the development of yearly vision, budget, and ministry direction. Ned and Karen LaCelle joined this year bringing a great passion for Ugandan ministry. We are grateful for the faithful service this group has offered. (pictured from L to R Dave and Joyce Jones, Bob and Dawn Jewell, Susan Hay, Karen and Ned LaCelle. Andrew Mwenge joined us by zoom).

Thanks for Your Partnership!

Faithful friends who help sustain this ministry through prayer, encouragement, and financial support. You mean the world to us!

Supporting Churches – We give thanks for our partnership with ***Bethel Grove Bible Church*** and ***Christ Chapel*** (Ithaca, NY), ***West Church*** (Peabody, MA), and ***Dillsburg Brethren in Christ Church*** (Dillsburg, PA) as they stand with us through their mission outreach.

The J. Russell Foundation for their generous grant towards expanding ministry to a new generation of church leaders across Uganda and East Africa in 2025.

Overwhelming generosity was extended through the 2024 Year-End gift with over \$52,000 received. Those gifts provided necessary resources for the 2025 *Trailblazers* events, the *Envision Conference*, and the continual development and printing of translated discipleship and training material.



Your ongoing response to the 2025 Year-End Gift. This unique outreach opportunity builds upon the Trailblazers Group expansion to neighboring countries of Uganda. (See page 3 for a Year-End Gift summary). This year's final gift amount will be presented in our January update.

Kampala Baptist Church (KBC) and their on-going partnership! Serving with the Ugandan leadership team and pursuing KBC's vision for gospel outreach is pure joy.

The New Horizons Foundation team provides financial and organizational oversight. New Horizons Foundation has been amazing in its faithful stewardship of your gifts and support for this ministry. A *Financial Summary of 2025's income and expenses* will be provided in January 2026 after closing the books on the 2025 year.

Final Thoughts – Our vision for this global outreach is firm and seeing the explosion of young hearts and minds for God's purposes brings great joy. It is our deep privilege to walk with you and our global partners.

Yet, as we move into 2026, we are facing some new physical challenges. Last month, after an MRI and biopsy, Dave was diagnosed with "low-grade prostate cancer" and Joyce is experiencing some arthritis in her neck. Both are being managed carefully.

Know that we are not stopping what God has called us to do. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to faithfully communicate God's grace together with our global partners. Thanks for your love and prayers. We are grateful!

Dave and Joyce