

## The Proclamation Task

### Ministry Update

### October 2024

It gives us great joy to share this update with you, beloved friends. We joyfully acknowledge that in His wisdom, God has ordained that those who serve Him, do so within a context of relational realities, for strength and encouragement, for mutual support and growth, for a shared gladness and hope in Christ Jesus – our Lord and Saviour. We are ever pleased that you form such a context for us.



Thus, we give thanks to God at every assessment of our resilience in service, which God Himself orchestrates to the praise of His name.

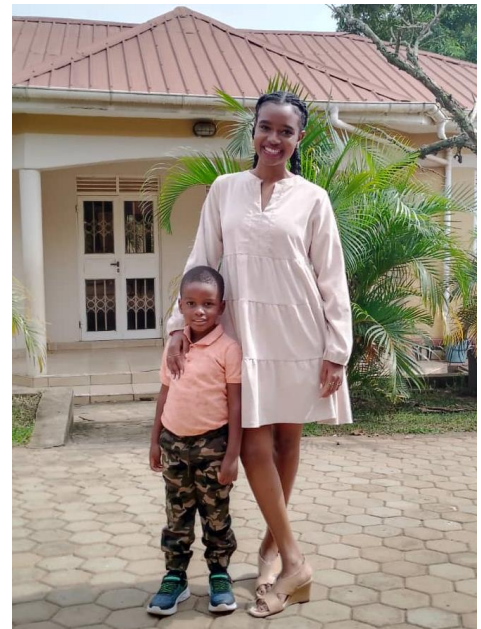
And we remain indebted to God that you remain resilient to sharing in our lives and ministry, through your love and care, marking the heart-warming friendship in our knowledge of Christ.

### Our Family

We are so thankful to God that our children remain adequately pointed to God, even as they enjoy their involvement and participation in the life of our church. And we constantly revisit the dynamics of our family, for the needed adjustments in supporting them.

A lawyer by qualification, **Isabel** continues in her legal practice, with a desire to upgrade along a Master's Program. In her own words, "life has been tumultuous, but God remains faithful and sovereign above all that may happen, including my own mistakes and the mistakes of those who affect me".

Then she resolves saying, "I will strive to keep my eyes on God and reach for the grace that He so richly lavishes on me". This has marked her main reflection since she celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in August. We consider her confession and deportment as a great testimony of God's long and loving arm on her following the bouts of depression. Through her music skill, she serves our church satisfactorily.





Isabel's son, **Luka** (our grandson) is also doing well and learning life to his best, as he progressively makes sense of his rather irregular situation. He turned four years on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, extremely enjoying his day!

He easily gets along and enjoys whatever the rest of us involve him in. When we spend time at the PT Center where we rear goats and pigs, he closely attempts to take care of these farm livestock as best as he can, with interest.



Considerably, he is growing well in his two homes – sometimes with his father and other times with his mother and us. He goes to kindergarten at Daffodils Early Learning Center and enjoys making friends. He is very social and easily fits among others.

Sometimes taking his turn to give thanks for a meal, he offers lengthy petitions that include his school, his friends, his close relatives, his parents, his playmates, neighbours and other aspects of life as they come to his memory. We often assist him to cut short the prayer, so as to enjoy a hot meal. **Luka** is friendly and is loved by his fellow kids in our neighbourhood and at school.



Having completed all the required courses at Daystar University for his Bachelor's Degree, **Isaac** is anticipating to finally graduate before end of this year (2024).

It remains an uphill task for him yet, because he needs to settle down in a job, begin a family by marrying his friend (Kara) with whom he has related for over two years. She hails from the US, now working and living in Kenya.

With these developing and intimate relations across nations (a Ugandan with an American, in Kenya) we are not yet sure which part of the world they are likely to settle in and call home. Kara has visited us in Uganda, and it was wonderful to get to know her better. She is a wonderful girl.

We gave **Isaac** an opportunity to greet you friends, in his own words. And he wrote to you thus:

*“I take this moment to deeply appreciate you for your unwavering prayer and material support over the years, for us as a family and especially for me. Your encouragement and steadfastness have been a beacon of strength for me.*

*This year the promise of James 1:12 has helped me to keep a better perspective. It says, ‘Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him’.*

*Indeed, the road towards maturity has not been easy for me, and I am not yet there. But by God’s grace and the constant awareness of your love and support, I have managed to push through this far. Knowing that you are praying for us has helped me navigate various challenges faced by a young man such as me. And for that, I am truly grateful.*

*I am now looking toward to my graduation before the end of this year (2024), with constant reminders of the huddles I have had to get over, by God’s mercy. It has been a long journey that calls for perseverance, and through each trial, Philippians 4:13 has been a constant reminder, that ‘I can do all this through him (Christ) who gives me strength.’ Anticipation of this milestone (graduation) has given me hope for the future, and I feel more ready than ever to face whatever lies ahead, as Christ leads me.*

*Looking ahead, I am filled with excitement and hope. **Kara** and I have been talking about the future, and we are progressively on the same page about taking the next step of home-beginning soon.*



*We have walked together for over two years, and we are increasingly serious about getting married, and soon. We both trust that God is guiding our steps, and I look forward to sharing this new chapter with you as it unfolds.*

*Once again, thank you for all your love, prayers, and unwavering support for us”.*

At the moment, Kara’s parents are spending some days in Thailand, and Isaac is using this opportunity to spend time with them, getting to know each other better. Please keep in prayer along this that he has shared with you.

Currently in the field for his practicum, **Isaiah** is completing his Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice at the Law Development Center.

He will be done within the next one week. The finality of his entire course will be February 2025 when he receives his ultimate results. Then he can settle down and practice as a Lawyer.



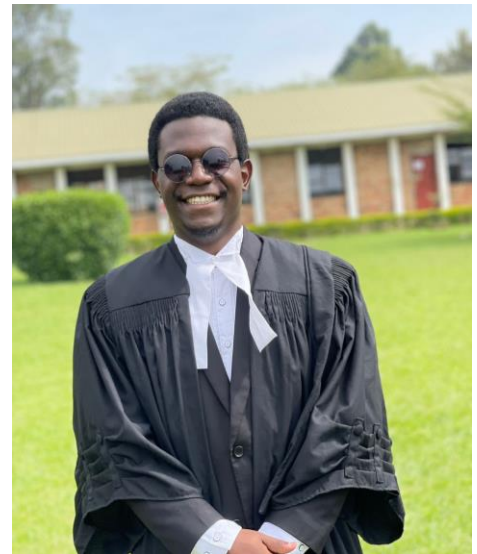
**Isaiah** is a steady driver, and thus very helpful to us at home and at church, in transporting people as well as other errands that require driving. At church, he has come up well in playing drums and in handling the pulpit ministry – preparing and delivering sermons.

It is our great desire (and you could join us praying for him) that he heightens his Bible study to ground him further into the teaching ministry of the church. We know that both his career and his steps to home-making will greatly influence this flow. So we keep him before God in prayer, for godly influence and placement, and you can join us to pray for him.

**Abigail** began her final phase of high school in August, now working through her Senior Year in preparation for university.

She began her application process to George Fox University in Oregon, which is her (and our) preferred choice. The goal is to finish applications before the end of October, early enough to allow better preparation.

If all goes according to plan, then she can begin college in the Fall of 2025. She enjoys working with people and would like to impact their lives by leading them to Christ. She would like to study either Social Work or Education in college, so as to bridge her desire to those she will serve.





At church, **Abigail** is active, leading music in worship every Sunday, and other fellowship times organized by the members of our church.

She recently performed as Ophelia in William Shakespeare's 'Hamlet', and says she enjoyed the experience very much.

She continues to speak at school chapels, to lead Bible study in their small groups, and serves as a peer mentor.

We look ahead to her High School graduation in June 2025, thanking God for the far He has brought her. You can keep **Abigail** in prayer as she completes High School and anticipates the next phase in a new context abroad - the people, the study program and new challenges associated with relocation of a young girl.

As I progressively recover and regain health, **Grace** and **I** pray and discuss the better "rooting" of our ministry among trustworthy Gospel workers, who will comprise the leadership team to carry on the vision beyond our active involvement. So, as you sustain prayer for us, please make mention of our training program for Gospel workers, trustworthy co-workers to carry the vision forward, sustained establishment of facilities and a growing platform of like-minded local partners, with who we can serve and rejoice in Christ together.



## **The PT Aspect of our Ministry**

Beyond our weekly engagements, the last major ministry activity at the PT Center was the Women's Conference in May. And there have been a few other ministry activities, initiated and conducted by our ministry partners. As the core facet of the **Proclamation Task**, the **PT Institute** will hopefully grow to anchor our wider engagement, by offering the formal qualification for non-formal trainers and ministry practitioners in local churches, school settings, market-place workers and para-church entities.



We keep in touch with a number of people who participate in our training events and we are encouraged by the ministry engagements in their localities.

We are especially encouraged to get reports that include how the women are building their homes, serving in their local churches, and living as godly examples for Christian witness.

Again, for the needed “tap root”, the direction of our training is pointed to the **Institute**, which will serve as the anchor of our wider engagement, offering the needed formal qualification for the non-formal engagement, of generally and collectively equipping the saints for the work of service as godly practitioners, to the glory of God.



We are now living in a time of rapid change at all levels and all facets of life, and on a global scale. As God would have it, and just like in every generation, Gospel opportunities are embedded in what we perceive as the overall challenges and obstacles, even amidst chaos!

There is dire need for us to turn such challenges into opportunities for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Given that the majority of Gospel workers in our context are without basic training towards ministry, our formal program will sustain and nurture their non-formal training, sufficient for both outreach, and a sustained discipleship in their various contexts.



We hold firmly that trainees ought to launch from a solid Bible base, in order to fruitfully interact with a broad base in our fast-changing world. We desire to see them addressing the pressing and relevant issues in their cultural contexts, for a direct and practical impact on an expanding scale. Since the Fall of man (Genesis 3), our “human needs” remain the Gospel channel, and understanding the contextual is a valued gambit.



In the recent past, our other partners have used the PT Center for their ministry events, including the Baptist Union of Uganda (BUU) for the Youth Conference.

As our world becomes increasingly connected, the task of relating cross-culturally and seeking to communicate the Gospel in multi-cultural contexts is increasingly pressing. Such realities mark our constant reflection, for better engagement.

The PT Center is increasingly being utilized by other partnering organizations who share in our ideals of the Gospel and its proclamation in the world. And it is our joy to realise growth over the years, to this achievement.





We continue to improve the PT Center as a comprehensive amenity for Christian service, as God builds His church among us and through us. More and more partners in Gospel ministry are making arrangements to hold their events on this site, and locally generating some income for PT.



## Construction Update

We can now affirm that it was very helpful to give attention to the perimeter wall and the main gate. This locality used to be a traditional village 20 years ago when we acquired the property. And now, there has been a rapid urbanization of this area, bustling with a large and mixed populace. It has made this area insecure, with active and jobless young men. So, the fence (though incomplete) and the gate, were timely.



Although the perimeter wall around our ten acres is not yet complete to the planned height, it has greatly improved safety of people and property within, and prohibited trespass. We have a contract with a security company which provides two men (at any one time), to keep our premises safe from intruders and break-ins. We also installed solar lights for improved security at night.

At the moment, construction is in progress at the PT Center, focused on upgrading accommodation. Following is the pictorial of the currently ongoing construction.



We are currently working on the second floor of the Triplex, in order to improve housing / accommodation on this site.



This phase of construction is perhaps the most expensive part, both by building materials and labor costs. Procurement of materials and the effort of bringing them to the right size, shape, positioning and lay-out is quite involving and precarious.



But for every step in this construction, progress is uplifting for us, as we anticipate the fruit of training activity within this facility, for years to come.



On a daily basis, we register wonderful progress, worthy of thanksgiving to God. Each phase of construction activity is a helpful reminder of our history – God’s call on our lives, rallying like-minded brothers and sisters around this cause, to equip the saints, now linking us with heavenward, with such joy and gladness of accomplishment.



The concrete slab casting started three days ago.

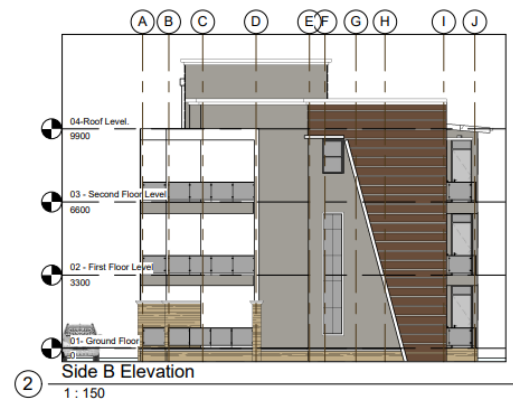
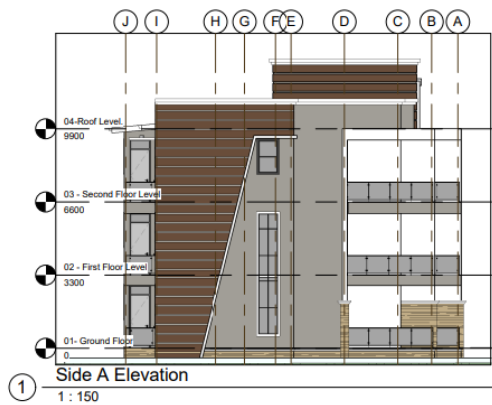


### **Our Projection for this construction**

In Christ, we visualize a completed housing structure, a wonderful accommodation for participants, a place of good rest for the servants of God who come to be equipped and refreshed for ministry tasks.



Accommodation will be the final major need at the PT Center. The class rooms are in place, the office block is usable, the dining and kitchen are spacious, and the IT building from which to facilitate online or distance learning is promising. This housing will indeed augment our residential duplex, to cater for more people.



## The Lausanne Congress



**LET THE CHURCH  
DECLARE AND  
DISPLAY CHRIST  
TOGETHER**

THE FOURTH LAUSANNE CONGRESS  
22-28 SEPTEMBER, 2024

I (Julius) was so privileged to attend (on line) the Fourth Lausanne Congress from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of September. As a registered participant, I had access to numerous aspects of the congress and it was so refreshing to join others and hear speaker after speaker calling for unity in Christ, and our forward global march as the army of God, committed, fearless and faithful to the end.



And now for us – whether at home, at church or at The PT Center – ministry activities are frequent, enjoyable and promising. Our outreach to the community around us continue to yield desirous followers of Christ, and we joyfully nurture young adults.



We are utilizing every opportunity that brings us in touch with children – in our neighborhood, in the villages, among the families and our acquaintances – we serve and share the Gospel, nurturing these young ones along journeying with Jesus Christ.



## Our Recent Trip to the US

We (Grace and I) had such a wonderful time in the US, visiting our long-time friends who have stood with us for Gospel proclamation over many years. It was wonderful to renew fellowship under their joyful hospitality, in their homes, savoring choice food, having meals out, fellowship in church and such a warm interaction. We are so grateful to God for the many loved ones, who showed such love and care for us, and for the PT-USA team who wonderfully coordinated our trip day by day, and hour by hour. We were so refreshed and greatly energized by the love and care, by the commitment and sincere fellowship.



For many years, the PT-USA team has tirelessly coordinated our fellowship-in-service among many who pray for, and support us. We are truly grateful to God for their coordination.



## On the Horizon

The year 2025 will continue to be preoccupied with effort to construct residence, as a key determinant toward a full-time study program, by making it possible for us to train Gospel workers in residence.

## Visiting partners from USA

We expect to receive visiting individuals from among our friends in USA; and perhaps others from Grace Pointe Church in the coming year.

## Berea Baptist Church: Our Local & Day-to-day Setting

The Deacons have sustained ministry since my sudden pull back in January 2023 when I suffered a stroke. And now as I improve in health, I share ministry in minimal ways, but let the Deacons plan and involve me at their discretion.

### Prayer Points

Please pray that God links us with the right **personnel**. pray for faithful workers and a succession that glorifies God, giving us great satisfaction in how God has applied our willingness to live for Him. Keep in prayer for us as we remain alive, to **apprentice** and enlist workers for PT, to take this entity forward and beyond our time.

Please, pray for worthy administration to manage the God-granted **material resources**, ordained relationships, envisioned succession, with will give further rootedness to this ministry. Pray that with this, the ministry may gloriously outlive us and increase scope and fruit for God's kingdom.

Please pray that God provides sufficient **resource** to complete the construction of this storeyed Triplex, marking a very determinant phase in the practical operation of our ministry. The far we have come now is the far we could go with the funds that were available.

