

## **PROCLAMATION TASK**

### 2010 MINISTRY REPORT & EVALUATION

During 2010 we were occupied by some construction work, and made trips to several regions for pastor-training. There was also increased focus on local church ministry at Berea. Other involvements included sporadic preaching and teaching engagements, counseling, and peripheral support to co-workers. The ministry planning during the later part of the year carried a cloud of uncertainty over whether Julius' anticipated Doctor of Missiology program would take off.

#### **I. Ministry as Handled in 2010**

PT conducted 13 training seminars, 5 of which were joint efforts with like-minded partners. During these training events we reached 617 Gospel workers 194 of which were local church pastors, 370 youth leaders and 53 lay ministers including women in ministry and church planters.

In partnership with Word of Life, we held a one-day biblical leaders' training on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at Life Changing Christian Church in Ndejje Mirimu, by the shores of Lake Victoria in central Uganda. In partnership with LIFE Ministry we facilitated a clergy and lay leaders' retreat in Amudat, Karamoja from Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> in the far north-eastern part of Uganda. We conducted sporadic follow up of trainees in their ministry localities in Rukungiri from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of March. The goal was to assess the needs and challenges faced by the church in this region.

In partnership with Word of Life we held a pastor-training seminar (April 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>) and in partnership with Langham Preaching we held a Biblical Preachers' Seminar in Kisiizi (May 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>). We conducted a pastor training in Soroti (North-East Region) and used the trip as a follow-up on the Bible School Progress at Atirir (May 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>)

In partnership with Langham Preaching, we held a Bible Exposition Conference in Mbarara, South western Uganda (June 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>). PT was invited to train church leaders and lay ministers among children with Child Evangelism Fellowship on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, and as a joint effort between PT and UEMA, we trained local church members of Entebbe Pentecostal Church in initiating and doing cross cultural missions (August 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>)

We conducted a pastor-and-wives training in Kisoro (Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) and as a joint effort with Langham, we conducted a Refresher Course for local facilitators in Mbarara (19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November). We concluded these annual ministry activities by facilitating a youth leaders' training in Kisoro (Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Considered Achievements for the year 2010**

In light of the hands available for this ministry, the number of ministry activities is satisfactory. And the wide range of PT's involvement clearly shows a growing appreciation as an up-lifter of those called to Gospel work.

#### **Apparent Weaknesses or Envisaged Setbacks for the year 2010**

Besides keeping busy in such useful activities, we are also drawn back once we realize that these are routines that may not necessarily change PT's outlook or advancement to serve much better and more effectively at this time. We realize that more than such activities, a new wave that seeks to consolidate every partnership and achievement is needed, but still lacking. Good as these ministry activities may be, they are sporadic and disconnected, making a coherent evaluation difficult. And once we cannot articulate this effort as thoughtfully consistent, then we also find it cumbersome to base our adjustments, or new approaches on this engagement. This is seemingly a stagnant engagement, seen in light of other possible prospects of PT.

There is also an apparent weakness in depending on invitations and requests to minister, instead of presenting what we perceive as our own initiative, to make it the starting point.

Adjustments could always be done, but to wholly let our agenda be shaped and determined by those who call upon us to minister to them, drains PT's vision and mission of all bargaining power in what we want to achieve and what should specifically identify us. This is a weakness on our part.

### Lessons Learnt & Remedial Strategy

Somebody has said that "experience" is the only course in which exams come ahead of the lessons. We have given great thought to where we stand as a ministry during the last few months, and we are basing any new strategy on the growth and good ground gained through the years. We are looking at several options and evaluating what we have been doing, what we could do better, what we need, and what we should expect. We would not want to keep the routine unless we are convinced it is helping better than any other way that we can think of at the moment.

### A Lesson (for now)

While we have great opportunities (and sometimes the ability) to serve across a wide range of needs and requests, the lesson we learn is that we need to give priority to the bearing of our vision. This is crucial during this time, when the various ministry events have brought the necessary awareness among people about PT and allowed us to set a standard of biblical ministry among them, bringing the desire credibility to PT as an entity. We must weigh every opportunity against our vision in order to keep a clear focus, and not spread too thin to make impact.

### The Remedy (for now)

The best way to build on what PT has existed for, and accomplished during the last ten years is to turn these events and occasions of ministry into an ongoing program at all levels, including the seminars and workshops we hold everywhere. For example, we can do a fore planning to have any training event at hand prepare trainees for the next, while utilizing other trainings that have been held among a particular group of people before. Several curriculums should therefore be developed to cater for various levels of training prospects in sight – both the formal (with specific qualifications as merited through the course) and the informal (with a specific flow that builds up over time to comprehensively and affirmatively meet the original cause of training in finality).

## II. Ministry As Planned for 2011

We have planned 14 training trips for 2011 including about four locations that will be relatively new for PT especially in Northern Uganda which is recovering from over 20 years of war.

### PT TRAINING 2011 ACTIVITY PLAN

	Dates	Training Activity	Region
1	March 4th & 5th	Kisiizi Preaching Seminar – Joint Effort with Langham Preaching at <b>Kisiizi</b> Hospital	South Western Region
2	March 25th- 27th	Local Facilitators Training – Joint Effort with Langham Preaching at UBI <b>Mbarara</b>	South Western Region
3	April 1st & 2nd	Kisiizi Preaching Seminar – Joint Effort with Langham Preaching at <b>Kisiizi</b> Hospital	South Western Region
4	May (Early)	Pastors & Local Facilitators Training for PT-Founded LBS in <b>Mbale</b>	Eastern Region
5	May 29th –Jun 3rd	Preaching Seminar – Joint Effort with Langham Preaching in <b>Arua</b>	West Nile Region
6	June (Mid)	Pastors & Local Facilitators Training for PT-Aided LBS in <b>Soroti</b>	North Eastern Region
7	June (Late)	Pastor Training – Breaking new ground in <b>Adjumani</b>	North Western Region
8	July 3rd -8th	Mbarara Level I & II – Joint Effort with Langham Preaching at UBI <b>Mbarara</b>	South Western Region
9	July 20th – 23rd	Pastors & Local Facilitators Training for PT-Supported LBS in <b>Bugiri</b>	South East Region
10	August	Pastor Training – Resuming ministry in <b>Gulu</b> and	Northern Region

		<b>Kitgum</b>	
11	September	Pastor Training – Resuming ministry in Kasese, establishing <b>Kamwenge</b>	Western Region
12	October	Pastors & Local Facilitators Training for PT-Founded LBS in <b>Kisoro</b>	South Western Region
13	15th Oct	Refresher Course – Joint Effort with Langham Preaching in <b>Arua</b>	West Nile
14	19th Nov	Refresher Mbarara – Joint Effort with Langham Preaching at UBI <b>Mbarara</b>	South Western Region

### **National Coverage Efforts**

We will be breaking new ground for ministry in places such as **Arua, Kamwenge, and Adjumani**, where PT has been invited to conduct pastor-training by the church leaders. This will be a new establishment, though it is also a follow up of those we have trained before. In **Gulu and Kitgum** (northern Uganda), PT had operated before, but gave less attention because of a slightly similar program run by people known to us. In assessment, the local leaders have requested PT to rejoin the race. So we will visit and resume the training preachers here. These trips are all important and we now pray for God's provision of resources to help us carry out each one of them as PT continues to advance God's kingdom according to our God-assigned role.

### **Cross-Border Expansion**

#### *Southern Sudan*

During my time at KEST, we trained several Sudanese church leaders who are now inviting us to help them establish the newest state in the world, by strengthening the church of Christ in that region. We have a great desire to follow up these servants of God and see this as an opportune moment to join hands with them in pioneering their new nation as faithful Christian vanguards for a godly heritage after them. Southern Sudan is the newest country in the world.

#### *Eastern DRC and Rwanda*

Almost every time PT conducts training in Kisoro area, pastors and church planters from D R Congo (a few miles to the west) and church leaders from Rwanda (another few miles to the south) join in to benefit. Relationships have been established in this region across borders, with requests to extend our work there so that more pastors can be reached. We also desire to train facilitators that can keep this work consistent through sound biblical teaching in the context of their local churches and perhaps in Bible institutions there.

This is a Francophone part of Africa where French as the language is more common than English. This also raises the great need to help these servants, given that most of the evangelical resources worldwide are written in English. This is the main reason why they cross over to join us in Uganda.

### **III. Ministry Now At Hand**

#### **Growing the Berea Ministry**

As home to PT work and as a model for the PT philosophy and ministry practice, it is important that Berea Church gains the right growth pace and the appropriate impact in the community. So there is an incisive effort given to this local church which is growing steadily. There is now need to find a larger place of meeting as a congregation. Thankfully, our host at Trinity Academy has graciously availed a plot of land that we can use as legal occupants until we find money to purchase it from him. The next step would be to raise a temporary structure to serve as our sanctuary. Please pray for the resources the church needs to resettle in this new home.

#### **PT-Aided Bible Schools**

PT Bible Schools are institutions that are coming up under the vision and some form of help from PT to advance the tested and approved approach in training Gospel workers for local church ministry. The pastors we have been training in the last 7 - 10 years are now taking the same effort in their

regions to make the training program on-going and permanent in this way. Regional leaders, working with their local churches, raise the needed resources to secure the land and to build structures. PT is guiding the pace by keeping the main facilitators in these upcoming institutions on the learning track, while training other in-coming Bible teachers in what we call Training of Trainers. Five locations are pioneering in this as PT follows five of our trainees who have proved the needed competencies to establish and lead a training institution.

### **Building on strong relationships**

The kind of help we offer includes curriculum writing, library set up by providing initial consignments of books, and supporting financially where we can. In our training philosophy, we aim at establishing, nurturing and maintaining lasting relationships that serve as the best context for co-workmanship. We build trust and confidence in each other, and operate a support system that is harmonious in expectations, roles and practice.

In carrying out the work together, we prefer on-going personal relationships to sporadic engagements. The current establishments and PT involvement depend more on the men we solidly work with than the location or its need. We follow the people that we have known to have embraced the PT approach, not the geography. This takes time and we are willing to give it in order to cement these working relations which are strengthened through follow ups in which we recognize transformation and appreciation of ministry.

The pioneering Bible School in **Bugiri** under the vision of Pastor **Bernard Monday** is still raising resources for the land. But on his own, Bernard is now able to organize and conduct pastor-training sessions in his region. The BS in **Mpigi** under the vision of **Ezekiel Ggingo** has land already but is still harnessing resources for putting up structures. Ezekiel is now able to go from location to location in his vast central region, training other pastors using the materials we have developed with him over the last seven years. The BS in **Kisoro** (Rutare) under the godly leadership of Pastor **George Mbonye** has land and a preliminary structure that now allows classes to go on with trainees from D R Congo and Rwanda. The BS in **Mbale** region at Munamba under the committed leadership of Pastor **Patrick Kunyu**, has land available, and the pastors are attempting to raise the structure. For now, training goes on in the church sanctuary. There are other upcoming efforts that follow growth of working relationships over time.

## **IV. Ministry Evaluation**

### **Local Mobilization**

Support for this work greatly depends on increasing the number of those involved both as trainers and trainees. Through the years, PT has aimed at establishing relationships as well as building the credibility. But we realize that even with the best of efforts, it is a ministry that has generally worked without a base to indentify it, to portray its ongoing out-workings, to allow public assessment and scrutiny and to give it visible presence, so as to give a definite framework for the program within the connectedness of ministry activities. Lack of such a base, coupled with the fact that we have had to do without national conferences that usually brought all leaders together, meant that PT could only continue the quiet obedience with scattered awareness among individuals in locations where we are active. Without a base, it has also been impossible to enter contractual training arrangements with local churches that happen to be PT's primary target – as individuals and institutions. Local churches would have loved to send and support members of their congregations for an ongoing program. Increased local mobilization will therefore depend on setting up facilities.

### **Expanding the Serving Hands (Partnership Base)**

Both local and foreign partners who have shown interest in joining hands with us in this work, do not seem to have a reference point for this work in Uganda – a venue that serves as a launch pad for field work as well as sustaining the training engagement. Local facilitators would need an on-going program that in turn upholds the sporadic field work. To call on them once in a while for a 3-day seminar and then nothing more long after that seems to disconnect them from both the work and those they teach. This slows their involvement and obstructs their focus on PT, however much they

may appreciate it and want to keep up with the work. A program that is contained within facilities would keep our hearts gathered together and our hands for the common effort. All instructors associated with PT are scattered and hardly include PT in their planning because of poor predictability of events.

Some foreign partners that have shown interest are aware that the work is where the pastors are, that is, in the various regions. But they try to imagine the shape of their involvement once they get to understand that the only available engagement is some 10 or 15 trips in a year, going out to meet and train pastors at various levels. Without a definite program they are left to picture how these trainees are standardized and how the same training program applies to them – a rather indefinite situation. Again, a core program would serve as a perfect hinge on which other peripheral engagements can turn, giving a good reference to the direction of training and a good pace in action.

There are numerous other opportunities that have had to pass because without a permanent training venue or even offices (until recently), indicated that we were not established well enough to receive, mobilize, standardize and retain co-workers or even resources such as books for our library. In short, we are perceived by potential partners as wonderfully active, but not structurally established enough to contain their input. This takes back to the need of facilities from which to operate a core program that defines everything else we do, and the various roles of everyone involved. Even PT Board members in Uganda who happen to be the primary instructors, would have their input enhanced with such a program in a facility.

### **Examples of Partnerships that would depend on a training base**

#### ***WLGC Extension Program***

The introduction of the MA in Inter-cultural Leadership with WLGC / IICC in Uganda is a ripe venture. Those who know about it are waiting for us, and they do not expect it in Uganda through another avenue yet. Having participated in the writing of the curriculum and enjoying the PT-IICC partnership, this joint effort would satisfy us all. During the Pastors Book-set conference about two years ago, church ministers expressed a great desire to enroll for further training that would not totally uproot them from their ministry niches, but enrich them within their contexts. Up to this day, they send emails inquiring when “this continuing education” may begin for them. This would require a non-hired, permanent training and coordination venue. The PT Center establishment remains a better option, if it became functional.

#### ***Bethlehem Bible Institute (MN), Western (OR) & Bethel (CA) Seminaries***

For these and other similar institutions to profitably come alongside PT in the agenda of equipping preaching church leaders, there would have to be an on-going training program as a rallying point, around which to plug their input. In such joint efforts, adjustments can be made in the curriculum – by its shape or specific levels of training – to maximize various efforts within the same context. In order to encourage and facilitate such partnerships, PT would require a facility. Establishing and utilizing the PT Center is still our best and cheapest option.

#### ***Langham Preaching***

I served as the Langham Preaching national coordinator until around Sept 2009. Having handed that role to Ms. Barbara Tumwiine - a godly and hardworking lady, also serving as pharmacist - I now join in that effort as one of the main facilitators. Langham Partnership has a long presence in Uganda ever since John Stott visited in 1988. The Bible Exposition conferences began some years later around 1998 and I became part of these while we set up PT. This program is an added value to the main goals PT (which keeps me active in LP), though on a narrower yet focused scope. In LP's agenda, “from text to sermon” we arrange the training to help teachers and preachers of the Bible message handle it with greater skill, as diligent students, using sound interpretation (historical grammatical and literal), bringing together biblical ideas to clothe their sermons with relevance for today's audience, clarity in delivery and faithfulness to the biblical text. We take trainees through three levels over a period of about three years. LP is a program in Uganda, and not an institution, which at the moment

has no particular hosting institution. If the PT Center had facilities and an ongoing program, it would also serve better to advance this worthy cause.

### **UEMA**

The Uganda Evangelical Mission Agency (UEMA) which is currently hosted by, and whose cause is being advanced mainly by PT, brings great value to PT in completing the Christian mandate. The effort of PT and UEMA make the training cycle of church leaders wholesome and advance a joint missiological research that is well-focused to the Great Commission. Training individuals whose long term placement is missionary in nature (itinerary shepherds), together with individuals whose calling is nurturing local churches as “resident shepherds” ties the knots of our desired Christian mandate. The resident workers harness resources to keep the itinerary workers on the field more smoothly and broadly.

With such a training in place (and the curriculum is almost ready) local churches will eagerly send members of their congregations for a steady and ongoing program that meets the needs of prospective and in-service personnel in an all-round form. We anticipate that the tuition income from this would start to slowly and permanently develop the training center and upgrading its quality with godly instructors, teaching materials, researchers and better facilities. Church involvement would also increase, putting PT at the desired level of service to other Christian institutions.

For now, we (particularly Julius, Peter, Johnson and Reuben) are often invited to hop around taking courses of both PT and UEMA in local churches and para-church organizations upon invitation because we do not have a place to conduct training, where we would invite these needy ministers to come for a program.

### **V. Ministry as Desired: Snapshots on the Way forward**

#### *Building the PT Center*

The phase at which we have come in the growth of this pastor-training agenda requires a base from which to sustain the program. With such a center, PT will gain a better footing in both deepening the decade's effort through consolidation, and stretching further to expand the impact within the remaining regions of Uganda, Southern Sudan, Eastern Congo and Rwanda. The PT Center is what would seem to resolve these issues altogether. With students enrolled, there would be a good income from their tuition and in that way, staffing would grow with the work gradually. With the center in place, we can also start to see a decreasing intensity in our hunger and yearning for foreign support.

We recognize that having no training venue has mainly determined our ministry output within the last three years. We cannot call it hindrance, but perhaps a slow development, since we cannot miss or lose what we have never had. We also acknowledge that having an office from where to operate and for which we are not paying any rent, is a great step in preserving resources for growing this work. The PT office is one of the greatest accomplishments, and laying the foundation for the PT Center the greatest step ever taken to bring permanence to the work since the ministry was launched 10 years ago. We are grateful to God for these developments.

#### *Staffing*

As PT hopes expands through invitations, we will surely need more staff and more resources. This is why we desire to have any missionaries that can put in three years or more to help us consolidate the work. Even the plans we lay on the table as shaping the year's ministry activity are determined by the availability of funds, having to cancel some trips whenever we are cash stripped. And this is why we are so grateful to those who currently sustain us, because their role is so special in enabling us do much of what we set our hearts to do. Training events are sporadic and can only bring in funds as a consultancy does. What we would need is a sustained training program with enrolled trainees that will bring an advance face to PT's 10 years effort as well as utilize PT's credibility buildup. We are still praying about a man like Peter Muriuki, but wonder whether we can be able to financially sustain him in addition to providing resources for him to actually do the work.

### *Julius' D. Miss Plans*

We are increasingly thinking that we will have to trust God and ask Peter Muriuki to return to Uganda and oversee the work of PT. Having served as a facilitator with us in PT before, and being an elder at Berea, we think he is best suited to oversee both ministry aspects more like I am currently doing, perhaps better than any newer entrant into one of these or both. If we are to get Peter back in Uganda, we would request him to see if he would join us June or July, so that we make a smooth transition as I come to USA around August to begin studies. We are in touch with him and he is willing to rejoin us, remarking that actually his sabbatical ends around this same time. One of the things Peter would greatly help us in is completing the PT curriculum which will upgrade our intermittent trainings into one whole for a program.

### *Study Books / Literature*

The literature we use to establish libraries has not come in constantly, but we received consignments from Langham Literature, from Theological Books Network, from SIM and recently from Chapel Library (through Action International in Uganda). These are all one-time literature donations, and we greatly desire to see a flow of literature in a partnership setting. For a good preparation towards a formal training program, we need to link up with partners who can help us with literature resource for both the PT Training Center as well as the regional centers which are being established.

### *Financial Resource*

In looking back, we have always planned for the ministry and drawn a budget. Sometimes the budget went on with minimal funding, or well funded but our planning necessarily remained a faith venture. We often handled ministry if there is resource or simply stared at our plan on paper if there is nothing in the coffers. But we thank God that in the last three or so years, this situation has changed from totally being unpredictable to include more sight in our planning. We have had a steady income on which to depend and plan on coming in through IICC. Thankfully, one-time gifts still come in unexpectedly to help us (especially from UK), and the steady income from our partners in USA has greatly stabilized our ministry planning with a periodical quarterly remittance. Our budget is still funded at about 30% (according to 2010) and it remains our prayer and desire that more partners may join hands and hearts with us in harnessing increased resource for this work.

We also look at the prospects of a functional PT Center facility generating local revenue to boost our income, and in the long term relieving them who have for many years kept us moving. This would necessarily wean PT from foreign donations and advance the effort using the resources of those who are directly benefiting from PT's ministry output in a local sense. This would also endear Africans to PT bringing a greater sense of ownership, and thus enhanced support and utilization of PT as a service available to many.

We thank our partners in UK – South Sheffield Evangelical Church, Koinonia, Cross Connections, Proclamation Trust and individuals who have stood with us in prayer and financial support for a long time. We also thank our partners in USA – local churches, individuals and IICC as our rallying axis. We are so thankful God for the unrelenting, supportive work of the PT-USA Board as team, who support PT and coordinate other partners in fulfilling their God-assigned part in standing with us to advance ministry. These faithful serve PT in a favorable context of IICC/Worldview, our main ministry partner in USA.

*Thank you for standing with us*