

Quarterly Ministry Report of PT

April – June 2007

The period under review was characterized by working close to home without the usual frequent travels to the regions for workshops, seminars and conferences. This was so because:

1. There was no easy transport facilitation. Our vehicle had not been in good enough condition to handle long and tedious journeys. It is currently under its final stages of repair.
2. Grace's pregnancy required special presence from me (her husband) as a necessary and fitting support. Baby Abigail was finally born on June 12th to the complete joy of the family.
3. In preparing the ground for future operation, it was still beneficial to engage in partnership ministry ventures at there Kampala base. In this “**7-10 years**” phase of the PT ministry, we are seeking a broader inclusion through constructive involvement in evangelical initiatives and partnerships that will put PT at the service of a wider constituency in the unfinished task of Gospel proclamation.
4. My preparation for the UK trip (June-July 2007) meant that I was to keep close to correspondence, pursue visa, air ticket and do some ministry promotional publications (DVDs, brochures etc). For these and other reasons, I kept close to home.

Organic Aspects of the ministry

Just to recap concerning ground preparation for PT's future operation, the current involvements are determinant. In these involvements, the PT Chairman and I, the national director, have brought the organization's mind and practice to bear on various ministry agendas as PT representatives. Again, PT's growth towards self-sustenance requires that we introduce the vision, announce the work and show forth the benefits of our engagement to as many like-minded people as possible. And PT is achieving the needed appreciation and approval in this regard at the right pace (I believe). The following are some of the evangelical facets in which PT has served in this way to a considerable measure.

UEMA

The Uganda Evangelical Missionary Agency is the first arm of the church in Uganda established to train Ugandans for cross-cultural mission work. Among other faithful members, Mr. Peter Asimwe and I are in the lead for this work just as we are for PT where he serves as our Board Chairman. The training agenda for effectiveness in local church ministry that is PT's vision is congruent with empowering the church for the unfinished task through arms like UEMA. I have been involved in training potential candidates in the 10-week program, as well as in helping to organize the UEMA Annual Missions Conference which was a great success.

KEST

Again in its training agenda, PT is helping in Kampala Evangelical School of Theology, a setting that enhances organic flow in joint ventures. I have so far taught two courses at KEST. Dr. Reuben Musiime, our PT Vice Chair also happens to help with a course or two at KEST. Sustaining a good school link for those who serve in PT helps keep us intellectually refreshed and disciplined as enduring students of God's word not just at the giving end (at PT) but at the receiving end (at KEST). I also participated in the KEST Bible Exposition Conference which was attended by about 150 church leaders in Jinja, which was a great success. Memorable at KEST in recent times, we held the first ever graduation ceremony and commissioned trained ministers for various engagements in Uganda's evangelical church.

Word of Life (WOL) Pastors' Forum

In this quarter, I have helped organize a Pastors' Refresher Forum at the request of Word of Life. Again, this is a partnership that ought to be nurtured for future collaborations and support. Though I

was not available to help in the instruction of the pastors (due to Grace's recent situation), I did the ground work in selecting the suitable pastors for this particular forum and drew the schedule, using the gained experience in the last seven years of organizing, to help WOL serve among pastors. From their report, the three-day forum that involved instruction and consultation went really well.

IBS Ministry

Since 1998, I have been involved in the ministry of International Bible Society's effort to bring its unique contribution to Uganda's evangelical church. IBS translates the Bible in local languages, publishes and distributes it along with other Christian literature. I served IBS as Board Chair from 1990 until 2004 when I went for further studies in USA. I am back on the Board now, continuing the work. In this fresh outlook, PT is exploring ways in which these two ministries which are Bible-based at their core, can reach local Bible teachers and preachers in Uganda's regions. This exploration is congruent to PT's ministry in resourcing pastors with Bibles and Christian literature, as well as helping local churches open and stock local libraries in our training effort.

BUU training

PT began within Uganda's Baptist circles in 1999. Due to relational difficulties, the vision was to be nurtured outside the Baptist Union structure, though the most reached and trained pastors continue to come from the Baptist community. With a change in BUU leadership and fresh vision to train pastors, the BUU President (Pastor Michael Okwakol) requested a partnership proposal from PT which he has now presented to his national executive committee in bid to benefit from the on-going work of PT in a mutual appreciation and support. He even hinted on the fact that if PT could handle this work well as it has in the past, then BUU should instead direct the pastor-training resources to PT in effect. We look forward to how things unfold there, but there is great potential in terms of local support to work among Baptists. We hope that as PT crosses denominations to train pastors, concerned churches will raise support to have their leaders equipped in the same manner, thereby harnessing local support towards self-sustenance.

AEE Effort for Christian Apologetics

Our involvement in KEST has opened more ways through which we can counter the shallow gospel which has besieged our nation, with a focus on material wealth and health as validation for righteous standing before God. The African Evangelistic Enterprise (AEE) has requested our input into a wonderful agenda to bring together church leaders over the issue of this counterfeit gospel. In this way, PT will bring its contribution of our 7-year experience and a vast network of pastors to enrich the church in Uganda.

Island Bible School – Buvuma

PT is also helping to establish an enduring administration and management for this Bible School in Buvuma islands where I (Julius) went to teach some months back. There is great potential in getting involved with this center in order to reach and train the several local church leaders who are in a "cut-off" situation, out there in the lake. Having visited and worked there, PT is convinced that our involvement amounts to a great deal in Kingdom terms.

PT's has an on-going involvement and participation in national affairs, with Julius' contribution to the national guidance for policy formulation on religion and religious expression in Uganda. Again, we consider this as a great opportunity to influence national policy on morality and good governance, under guarded by Kingdom values within the Judeo-Christian ethic.

Administrative Aspects of the Ministry

This quarter has seen the most consistent financial provision so far. It looks like with time, we are improving well in using the set systems and we are happy about that. Of the \$5775 needed per quarter, \$4500 was made available with \$2000 designated for car repairs.

Highlights of Progress

We believe that this investment of effort in our effort pays off well in future as we seek to present PT work and achievements to the Ugandan community. We realize that it helps for young organization with a great vision needs to build its own CV among those who will benefit from its ministry. So, while it may look like we are here and there, seemingly spreading thin, we are gaining the necessary contacts, building credibility, testing our capacity among other efforts and proving our uniqueness in bringing the unique contribution to church growth. We are also resisting the narrow-mindedness which is common among Kingdom servants – unable to appreciate or acknowledge the efforts of other brethren for possible cooperation. It is not unity at all costs but a joint effort with like-minded workers who can receive from PT as well as make the needed in-put into PT. The involvement of this quarter can be seen as such, though it is indeed on-going and assessed on that fact.

- **Transport Facilitation**

The vehicle was repaired just before I made my trip to UK where I am at the moment. So, since the repair, it has not yet been put to its rightful use for regional trips as yet. We extend appreciation to all who helped in this effort so as to keep us running and mobile in ministry. We believe that the repairs made to this vehicle will take us for another three years.

Our next Quarter is July-September and much awaits us following my trip from UK where I am spending the whole of July. And besides the informal correspondence, the next official report will come during the first week of October.

Report by Julius Twongyeirwe.

Thank you for being part of this important ministry.