

Proclamation Task News Update
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Family

Isabel joined the Uganda Christian University; she is studying Law. We get to see her over the weekends when she joins us for church and returns to school on Sunday evenings. We can tell that a newly-introduced thinking (a legal mind) is discernible in her speaking and general interaction. She already speaks like an attorney and enjoys what she is discovering in the justice system through history. Isaac has greatly enjoyed being at Heritage International School, now involved in music, soccer on the school team. His grades have also improved greatly and he appreciates having returned to continue his education in Uganda. Isaiah is doing well at Makerere College School in senior two, with his continued love for classical music and other classics as well as global current affairs. In her grade one and wholly loving to study, Abigail goes to Bethel Christian Academy where she has made good friends among her peers and teachers. Abigail and Isaiah are also involved in Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)



Grace sustains a busy schedule with BSF on Mondays (group leaders' homiletics), Wednesdays (BS Class) and Thursdays (for prayer), her Berea church ministry that involves apprenticing several younger women and hosting a prayer fellowship at home on Tuesdays. She is at high peak with her chicken farming of two batches of birds, some of which are already on sale. Grace has also set out to make trips and join pastors' wives in regions for Bible teaching and Shalom Effort – a project geared toward sustainable livelihood in homes, pioneered by wives and meant to release their husbands for greater focus on shepherding work.



Berea Church

As a home to Proclamation Task (PT), Berea endeavors to model in deed what PT propagates in word among the pastors through training. The church is turning six years this coming weekend, and growing in numbers steadily. The apprenticeship program has served as a wonderful base for constructive relationships and discipleship for an urban, commuting congregation such as Berea. In augmenting biblical discipleship, Berea is preparing to launch the Berea School of Ministry (BSM), to meet the training needs of the church through a full-fledge educational program next year. As a church-based training ministry, this will also serve as a helpful precursor to PT's formal training beginning July next year. With this growth, Berea needs land and facilities to allow the translation of growing numbers into viable Gospel influence. Land is available close by where the church meets for us to purchase if we can, or lease for a time (thanks to the generous owner, who is also our host). The high point ministry of the church is preaching, and it keeps pulpit ministers joyfully busy.



Proclamation Task: Our forecast

Ministry activities have been numerous, but the outcomes and prospects for each engagement is what keep up the greatest ministry thrill in us. The PT Strategic Planning Meeting of August 12-16 allowed a joint contemplation on the movement of 8 years from 2014 to 2022, beginning from the PT Institute as a base. We thought through the kind of curriculum, the instructors, the training venues and facilities, working out how we can carry out the 'training of trainers', the program to be offered, regularity and frequency as well as affiliations and accreditations.



In aligning the workers with the work and its setting, we thought through how to combine pastor-training with regional vision-casting for leaders who train. It is this flow of thought that is currently shaping our curriculum for the PT Institute as well as the Local Bible Schools established by, or affiliated to PT. In strategizing to increase the work force and broaden the scope of training church leaders we envisaged that in the next 10 years we could train, standardize and qualify 336 pastor-trainers if our maximum capacity is for some reason (to do with facilities) kept at 40.

If the PT Institute trains to standard and qualifies 8 trainers in three years (2014-2017), then make an intake of 16 trainers (2015-2018), another of 32 trainers (for 2016-2019), and again 40 trainers more for the next seven years we could have 336 pioneers of the movement, well-scattered in east and central Africa to multiply biblical preachers who are faithful spiritual leaders for Africa's church. As directors and instructors of training in various centers in Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, these would be representing more than 13,440 trainees at any one time, on a minimum of 40 trainees per center and with an exponential factor every passing year.

Just within Uganda, a steady growth from 8 qualified trainers in 2014, to 120 by 2022 in at least 24 Bible Schools, and at just 3 instructors in each, reaching 40 trainees (in the 24 centers) would qualify 960 pastors per year with an all-time exponential increment. The vision is great, the work is very promising and our God is with us (2 Chron. 13:12) to make victory our end by accomplishing his salvation agenda and granting us this wonderful privilege of being his instruments. Since June we have crossed borders training events in Kenya and Malawi, as well as within Uganda – in Kampala, Kyangwali, Iganga, Bugiri, and Kisoro. Through these events, we have met and trained 360 leaders.

PT Facility Construction

The next phase in preparing a facility for PT work was roofing. This work is currently going on and progressing well. It will be completed in the next three weeks, and we thank God that all the funds for this phase are available. Next will be shutters, plastering and floor work whose costs will be made known to all who continue to share graciously in this work. Due to the urgency and necessity of the PT facility, we will continue to prioritize construction if and when the funds become available.



Ghana 2013

Just about two of us came from Uganda and had an opportunity to be among the 500 delegates from all continents, gathering at the Pentecost Convention Center in Accra under the theme: *"Discipling All Peoples in Our Generation"* from Sept 25-28, 2013. Looking at the fast-expanding church on the continent of Africa, the consultation was focused on the "mission beyond evangelism" in order to seek ways of translating the numerical strength of Christianity into a spiritual influence or force for socio-cultural transformation.



Africa is predicted to grow from 15% of the world's population to 30% by the end of the century. Even more significant is that half of the world's evangelicals will be African by 2100. Given this and other related forecasts, the purpose of Ghana 2013 was to look at how the Gospel can impact every sphere of society in a nation - from government, to education, to economics, to arts and culture, taking us to the next level of discipleship (teaching them to

obey everything Jesus commanded) in our mandate as a church. Two major outcomes of this consultation are: The Ghana 2013 Challenge (our working document) and the formation of Africa Missions Association (AfMA) which will be serving as a forum to support joint research efforts and outcomes from agencies, which are relevant for the Christian mission on the continent.

Closing the year: Nov – Dec 2013

Other engagements on the horizon include: preaching at teaching engagements at St. Francis Chapel Makerere University (Nov 3 and 10), training leaders of Lugogo Baptist church (Nov 16); training pastors and their wives in the eastern areas of Bugisu and Teso (Nov 18 – 22); PT, Berea, ACFAR and Word of Life Board meetings and retreats, in the context of a sustained focus on the preaching ministry and growth of Berea Church. The numerous invitations to train pastors in various regions require a significant augmentation on our general fund budget, which we keep as a matter of prayer before our God. Thank you so much for standing with us in this vital work.

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