

The Link

Missionaries to Uganda

It is very dangerous to take a short-term mission trip to East Africa with Mission Link International!



Richard/Prossi Kasanka and Kids Bryan/Wendy Frady and Kids

It is very dangerous to be a MLI volunteer to East Africa. I am not referring to being bitten by a malaria carrying mosquito or attacked by a lion or robbed by unscrupulous Africans. What I am referring to is much more dangerous than all of the above. In past trips, we have had volunteers that have answered the call to be a missionary. The danger is that a volunteer may catch the missionary virus that causes one to abandon most of their earthly possessions and comforts of the USA and move to a foreign land. In 1996, I caught the missionary disease. Africa and Africans captured my heart and hence, Mission Link International was birthed.

Several years ago, Bryan and Wendy Frady caught the missionary fever and now reside in Kampala, Uganda with the International Mission Board of Southern Baptist.

Bryan & Wendy Frady state: *Wendy and I first met Rick and the MLI family in the fall of 2010 when we were considering going on the annual MLI trip to Uganda. I had never considered an international mission trip, BUT Wendy said she felt the Holy Spirit pushing her to go. I eventually felt led to go and we went on the scheduled trip in February 2011. This trip was catalytic for us AND our lives have been forever changed! The trip was planned with an intentionality and Gospel focused. Wendy served on the medical team and I served on*

the evangelism team. This trip reshaped our worldview and gave us a heart for missions, so much that our family is now serving full-time as missionaries in Uganda, Africa! Rick and the MLI team have decades of experience taking teams to Uganda and showing these teams the beautiful country and wonderful people of Uganda. Also, the various facets of MLI's ministry will find an outlet(s) for you to be able to use your God given talents to serve Him!

We still have a few openings on the team for February 2-15, 2019 to Uganda, East Africa. Please email or call our office for more details. Just maybe you will sense the call to be a missionary in East Africa.

Rick

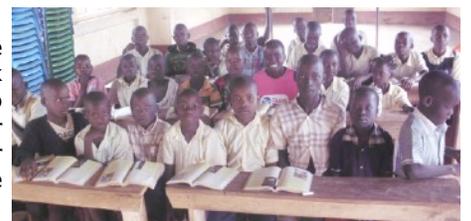


Mzee John Byalutabalo
Our Loss-Heavens Gain

MLI has lost a very dear friend but heaven has gained a wonderful saint. I had tremendous respect & love for this man of God. He cared for me as if I was his son. He also was one of the most trusted Africans I have ever known. To say that I will miss JOHN is an understatement. In his closing years his health continued to grow worse. MLI's general fund covered his medical/transportation needs, & at times even the medical concerns of his wife. John was extremely grateful that MLI helped fund the rebuilding of his home.

MLI has lost a dear friend and partner in ministry. About six (6) years ago, he accepted the Lord. His life visibly changed and he became a faithful member of Mission Link Christian Church. Yet as I grieve our lose I am very confident I will see him again. "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25-26 CSB. In the midst of tears, we celebrate with John as he stands before the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords giving thanks for God's wonderful mercy and grace!

The Deaf School in Kamuli is making a huge difference with almost forty (40) kids. Your gifts enable the school to pay very modest salaries to the teachers, food for the children and rent for the girls & boys quarters. I wish you could witness the dirty, dark and gloomy place they sleep; it would break your heart. I am so grateful for those who have given to assist this very important ministry. A sincere thanks goes out to Pastor Herbert and to the administrator Elizabeth and teachers. They are paid very little. For example the administrator makes about \$40 a month and teachers less than \$30. One day we hope to purchase land and build a proper boarding school. Thank you!



News Brief

Staff Teachers Salary Needs: **Paul Akise**, though a gift towards his salary has been given, he is still needing a monthly donor for his salary of **\$90**. Julius Lusinda, our teacher in Tanzania also needs **\$90** a month as well; **HOWEVER, any amount monthly** will really help. **Note:** Julius has started a 2nd pastor's school in Tanzania. Our teachers are discipling pastors/leaders in obedience to Matthew 28:18ff. **This is FRONTLINE MINISTRY.**

Street Kids Fund: Thank you for the funds given to help street kids. Zach has chosen not to go to adult school. In fact, he was not honest with us about his attendance. The balance of his school funds will go to help other street kids. Understand, living most of one's life on the street molds a kid into a fighting survivor. It take time and patience to work with street kids. Moses, who has had several opportunities to go to primary school is now learning mechanics. He has had a difficult time though, but he has recently returned to try again. Keep giving and MLI will keep trying to help.

Esther (MLI's Widow's Director) now has the roofing system finished. We are now ready to receive funds for the next phase of construction.



Pastor Philip, MLI's Director for Uganda, desires to complete his home. Present need is about **\$430** for outside plastering (sorry...the inside is finished—the cement/labor is for outside).

Julius, MLI Teacher of Tanzania: (One of His Classes Pictured Left) We presently need 13 Swahili Bibles at \$12 per Bible or \$156 for our school in Tanzania. Consider donating one or more Bibles. Thank you!

The Deaf School: Mission Link is the MAIN source of funding. There are appx. 38-40 children benefiting from this school. Pastor Herbert and staff are very grateful for MLI's assistance. We are very very GRATEFUL for funds that have supported school operations.

Rick's Trip Needs: Three (3) months apt rent in Uganda (rather than paying for hotel) is only **\$410 (3 x \$137)**; One (1) month Cell/Data—**\$83**; Power/Water—**\$65**. **Very little is needed to keep rick alive on the mission field** LOL!

Pastor Euticals Wambua and the Kenya Computer Lab Funding for 2019: Pastor Euticals has been LINKED with MLI for over 16 years. He is very grateful for all who have given to his ministry since he has been in the USA. **Note:** He will be at First Baptist Church October 14th. The computer lab asked for \$3000 and over **\$8,200** has been given to finish the building and supply the equipment! If health permits, MLI's Vice President, Wendell Drumheller will direct a team in 2019 to install the computer equipment. PTL!

Pastor Wasawa's House: We need to complete this project needing **\$585** to finish enclosing his house, plaster walls and put cement on the floor. The floor of his home is cow dung. Also, Pastor and his large family (8 kids) have very little furnishings.

Motorcycle for MLI's Teacher: **REALLY REALLY REALLY NEEDED!** Transportation is such a critical need for our staff. I would love to be able to update Pr. James' m-cycle. The amount needed is **\$1200 - \$1500** (m-cycle, helmet, gas tank cover and insurance). We may be able to reduce the price by **\$300** by selling the old m-cycle.

GENERAL FUND—Our lifeline: This fund keeps everything moving forward in the USA and in East Africa. Your contributions not only keeps the ministry operational, but helps sustain many of the projects. Thank you for believing in and trusting MLI with your mission dollars.

PRAISE GOD FOR FAITHFUL FRIENDS!

- **GIVEN! JoAnne—Chickens:** JoAnne lives on Buvuma Island and a **\$180** has been given to help her start her chicken project!
- **GIVEN! \$325** for Kadomola MLI church plant —completes this project.
- **GIVEN!** Mzee John's funeral expenses covered by donors! Thank you
- **GIVEN!** Computer Lab gift over the top! **\$8200** plus
- **MLI Office Pearisburg: VOLUNTEER HELP GIVEN BUT:** Remodeling has begun by gracious volunteer believers who are employed by Virginia Tech in Christiansburg. **However, building materials are needed such as piping, wiring, flooring, lumber, etc. Any size gift is welcomed (& needed).**
- **Pastor Anthony Ndambuki:** Laptop computer needed for Anthony. We can take the computer with the team in February. Used or new would be appreciated. Thank you!
- Temporary funding for **Sheila**, MLI's receptionist, was given by a donor **BUT** she still needs permanent support of **\$50** per month.
- **Woman's Pads:** Churches/Groups/individuals to make washable pads for young women and widows for February Team.
- **Medical Fund:** Monies have been given toward the medical fund but the medical needs is never-ending. Thank you for your support
- **GENERAL FUND (GF):** Thank you for your contribution to this important fund. This keeps the ministry flowing and going!



Cell Phones: We need phones! We are able to use some phones in Uganda and the rest are sent to a recycling center. Please ask your family, friends and church to collect cell phones especially

those with SIM cards. Also, if you have laptops, electronic keyboards or Christian books, we have a home for them as well. This is a simple way to assist MLI. GBU!

Evangelistic/Church Planting Trip Feb. 2-15, 2019:

Our team is locked in, but we have kept 2 tickets for late comers. If you are still interested in joining the team in February, you have 7 weeks to decide. Please email Rick if interested or if you have questions about the trip: thelinkoffice@gmail.com.

Rick will be in Uganda/Kenya Sept. 26 thru Oct. 25. Please be in much prayer for him and his family.

Pearisburg Construction Team: We will need specialized assistance with our new building. If interested, please email Rick.

Special Prayer:

Candy has knee replacement surgery on November 5th. **Heather** is having colon surgery in December.

FEB TEAM UGANDA: Pray for a special anointing for the Uganda team.

Also: Pray for Wendell Drumheller, VP of Mission Link. He has severe case of gout and is suffering.



Bring Happiness to an African Widow for only **\$30** a Month! **Will you prayerfully consider adopting this dear widow?** She desperately needs a loving family.

Tereza Namukasa: Tereza is 61 years old and has three (3) children she is caring for in her simple mud home. Her husband died accidentally when he fell back in 2015. Tereza thanks God for keeping her alive. She is grateful to God for the MLI piggery project and the care MLI offers to her. Tereza fellowships with Itukulu Baptist Church, a church built by MLI back in 1997. Tereza's challenges are: Sickness and daily basic needs. One of her biggest concerns is taking care of her grand orphans which is becoming a major challenge.