

The Link

A Celebration of a Life in Christian Service!

The Board met to celebrate the many years Glassell Williamson served God through MLI

My time with Mission Link International was so awesome! I am thankful that God led me to spend many years with MLI and the marvelous people connected to them. I will not try to name names, but I will just say, "Thank you to ALL!" All those associated with Mission Link are so very dear to me. It was such a tremendous blessing traveling to Uganda and Kenya with mission-minded believers. Ever since I was a young woman, I had a passion to be involved in the Great Commission. Through MLI, God gave me the chance to fulfill my heart's desire. The church I grew up in had a Woman's Missionary Union (W.M.U.), where we studied missionaries and the countries they served. I was in awe of their stories and thought how great it would be to be a missionary. However, I never dreamt it would be something I could ever do. The impossible became possible through MLI. I am so grateful that God gave me that opportunity through Mission Link International to travel with many mission-minded friends to serve in East Africa. Each one of you is so so special to me. I will never forget our time together. I am still involved helping Rick and Candy with office duties when needed, which helps me stay in touch with the mission. Nevertheless, Ray and I are doing fine.

*I Love you all!
Glassell*



In August, the Board of Directors met at Red Lobster to celebrate Glassell's many years of dedicated service.

PASSIONATE CHRISTIANS DO NOT REALLY RETIRE

I have witnessed many Christians who "retire" from the work world only to spend the remaining years "relaxing." Interestingly, I do not see the concept of retirement in the scriptures. Being able to leave the "rat race" should give us more time to focus on the things of God. Glassell Williamson is such a person. Glassell has given over 16 years of her life to missions. In early 2003, she retired from corporate life only to begin a journey that would require her to work full-time once again (8:30 to 5:00, five days a week and occasional weekends). Glassell answered the call to take on the responsibility of running the MLI office. Without question, her role over the years has been the **unseen strength behind Mission Link.**

In giving her life to the calling of full-time missions, she sacrificed income, hours and her "relaxation" to roll up her sleeves to do the work of ministry. Very sincerely, I could not have spent the many months each year on the mission field without this woman of God—a great blessing to MLI and to my life. Glassell—You are loved and appreciated by all those involved in MLI. To God be the GLORY!!

Rick

Unseen Strength behind Mission Link International!



FLASHBACK of RECENT ACTIVITIES



Pr. Paul Wandera

○ Pastor Paul Wandera, a close friend of MLI, had an opportunity in September to preach on Sundays at 1 PM over the airways (radio). MLI financed this prime time for \$125 for four Sundays. The positive result of the first Sunday was evident when people called Pastor to register their decision for Christ. Please consider financing another month costing \$125. Also, MLI financed food items for 35 police officers in Buwenge Town through Pr. Paul.

○ Assistance was given to Pastor Willy of Jinja Hill Baptist for his daughter's medical issues. Also, Pr. Willy was given funds to plant 200 banana plants to help him be self-supporting.

○ Funds were provided to Flavia to help many Albinos with food and sunscreen lotion. Funding has been provided for six months

providing her with support to the end of the year.

○ **FINALLY!** We now have new GOODYEAR TIRES for our 1997 van!! When Pr. Philip took the Van to Kampala for tires, the technician discovered a wheel alignment was necessary; but in doing so, they also had to replace all the bushings. The same brand of tire was no longer available, so we stepped up one level in quality moving from off brand (Chinese) to a more reliable tire. Most of the tire expense was raised by wonderful donors of MLI and the alignment/bushing expenses were taken from the general fund. Pr. Philip will sell the old tires to purchase a truckload of broken bricks to place on the muddy entrance to his home.



○ Pastor George Stanley was assisted with the purchase of land. Recently, Pastor George was blessed with a wonderful bride. He needed some assistance to purchase land for his future home. George teaches in the Mission Link Christian Study Center. We hope to return to a full schedule beginning 2022. Presently, MLI has Pastor Training School in operation in Kamuli and Namulesa.

○ MLI assisted street kids with food, rent and upkeep. Also, our resident street kid Abraham (living on campus & pictured below) is cared for and learning to cook in Mary's Kitchen.

○ The DEAF SCHOOL continues to make progress. The internal plastering of walls and installing ceilings in the girls/boy's dormitories and teacher's living quarters have been accomplished by our engineer. As we negotiate with residents and the government, we hope to place a suitable road into the compound to allow vehicles and trucks to pass in the rainy season. Once this is completed, a well driller will install a well providing clean water for the school. It has been reported that the government will allow schools to reopen in January 2022.



Abraham—The Cook

○ Medical bills are an issue for many who are sick. MLI has assisted a number of people: Pr. Timothy's ongoing cancer treatment and transportation, Pastor Stephen of MLI church plant (located in Lake Victoria on Yuwe Island), Pastor Waswa of Kadomala, Esther's (liver issue), Pr. Willy's daughter, Mill Guard, several widows, etc.

○ Also, food distribution to a number of people has been accomplished. It has been challenging

for Ugandans to feed their families during the Covid lockdown.

○ Though too many to list, MLI has helped a blind man (Grace) with his needs and those who knock at our door asking for assistance. At times, the needs are overwhelming.

○ Two Mission Link schools are up and running. One is in Kamuli and the other is in Namulesa. Funding is given each month to feed the students at each of these sites. A third location will begin sometime in January or February.



Albinos and Flavia

UGANDA TRIP - FEBRUARY 4 -18, 2022

The FEB trip is ON! We have potentially 9 to 10 on board or praying about the trip. Now is the time to sign up. We have scholarship funds for each person. Please lock in with a non-refundable \$100 deposit. Though there are few extra hoops to go through, it promises to be another exciting, growing time. Please connect with Pastor Todd for further details and instructions. Email: Pr Todd musumbatodd@gmail.com or Rick thelinkoffice@gmail.com for information.



Rick's trips is Sept. 30th thru Nov. 1st. Please pray that much can be accomplished and that God will be glorified in all that is done. PTL!

NOTICE: Again, **October** is a continuation of MLI's cell phone collection. Please ask your family, friends, Bible study group and church (Pastor) to donate old cell phones ("**especially**" old iPhones) to Mission Link. Also needed are laptops, tablets, electronic keyboard, and cameras. Thank you for helping!



Thirty (\$30) a month brings great happiness & needed provisions for our African widows in Uganda!



Name: Edith Nabirye was born Oct. 8th, 1957. She raised 5 children (3 deceased), and 6 grandchildren stay with her. **Husband Deceased:** Her husband died of intestinal failure after an operation in 1992. **Testimony:** Edith is thankful to God for her mud thatched roof house. She is also thankful for the care and support through Mission Link (food, beans, soap, etc). Edith is born again (2009) and fellowships at Itukulu Baptist Church. **Challenges:** Edith lacks basic needs in her home & education fees for grandchildren. She would like a small plot to enable her to farm.

Bright Spot!

Praise the Lord for His gentle mercies! The government has indicated that **schools** will fully open in January 2022. All **churches** are now open as of Sept. 26th

"SAMPLING" OF NEEDS:

- ✦ Private School Assistance: All private schools will have to register. We are not yet sure of the cost, but some feel certain there will be a charge. We have several schools linked to MLI that we may need to assist. ALSO: The milling projects now needs \$230 to finalize power company's install.
- ✦ **LOCKDOWN ASSISTANCE:** Uganda's lockdown is oppressive. Many continue to need funds for food, rent, medical assistance, etc.
- ✦ **Emergency medical fund:** Additional funds needed—A major increase in medical issues.
- ✦ **THE GENERAL FUND:** THANK YOU FOR HELPING MLI THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND!