



MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

Perspective Matters

Our USA team returned home from Uganda on February 15th. During our time on mission, I noticed a pattern for how each of us experience things differently. Much of this can be attributed to our past experiences in ministry, missions, or simply by the number of years we have spent on this earth. All of our past experiences we have gone through molds us and in many ways equips us for how we handle the next similar event. This becomes really obvious to anyone that leaves the comforts of home in the USA and sets foot into a third-world country like Uganda. Not only is it obvious with Americans, it really is noticeable when we enter a village or island to where children born in the last 1-2 years have never seen a Caucasian person. Many children in Uganda that have experienced whites before usually begin shouting, "Mzungu Mzungu." After being there many years now, I have been taught by wise Ugandans that this is grammatically incorrect as they are shouting "White, White..." over and over. I once had an interpreter that stopped the children and used this as a teachable moment. He explained how this was disrespectful and not a proper way to greet a visitor by shouting their race or color. Yet, they were only reacting based on how their perspective had been shaped from past experiences, or lack thereof. The same applies to our behaviors when our flesh is in charge and we have not totally surrendered to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Having a biblical perspective is to see things in the light of how the Lord receives honor and glory.

This reminds me how our Lord Jesus left the comfort of heaven and all His glory to come to earth (John 1:14) and experience everything we will ever go through for the purpose of providing us salvation through Himself as the **Way, Truth, and Life** (John 14:6). The bible says in Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV) "**For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.**" This fact alone removes all our excuses by thinking that God is so holy that he cannot understand what we are going through. Not only does the Lord understand, **He sympathizes!** His requirement for us is to come to Him in faith and to trust Him for all our days. Our Lord is the One who is working in and through His children to produce fruit for His glory (Mat. 13:23; John 15:4; Phil. 2:13). This is why the Apostle Paul explains how, through Christ, **we might become the righteousness of God** here on earth (2 Cor. 5:21). It is Jesus (the Vine) who is producing the fruit through all who are obedient to follow Him (the branches), as He said, "**By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit proving to be My disciples.**" (John 15:8). How is your perspective on the important things of life and eternity?

It is something glorious to witness the Lord at work bringing forth fruit while we are "On Mission" in Africa. I have many stories but here I will share an excerpt from one of our young men's testimony that I trust will be an encouragement to you.

Todd Childers, CEO

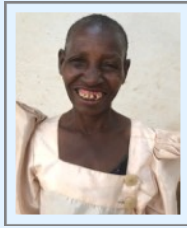
"My name is Zakry. I am a 17-year-old homeschooled senior from Virginia. I had the privilege of attending the latest mission trip to Uganda, Africa, with my family. My parents, my two siblings, and I were blessed with funding. When the opportunity was brought to my attention, I took it jokingly. I thought that this trip would be all about fun. I thought that we would be playing with little kids, helping repair houses, and eating exotic foods. But... when we got there, everything changed. On the first day, Todd, the director, placed me in the evangelism tent to help share the gospel with people who hadn't heard it. I did not want to at first, but after a couple of hours, I felt a conviction that I was being selfish and rude to Todd and the people that we were there to serve. My attitude made the evangelism tent progress very slow, as I would push the person to someone else each time. When I set aside my fears and actually shared the gospel with someone, it felt like the Holy Spirit was sitting on my shoulder and telling me each word to say. **It is the closest I have ever felt to God.**

On Tuesday, we went to a deaf school outside of Jinja. Paul Wandera is the administrator of the deaf school and a pastor of a local church. While serving in the evangelism area, with no one else present except my interpreter and me, a woman leaving the medical clinic came to us. We sat with her and walked her through the EvangeCube and the plan of salvation. She was the first person I had the privilege to lead to Christ, and through God's grace, she was not the last. It provided a dual confidence that I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me. Such an exciting day!

I had an amazing time on this trip to Uganda, Africa. The people were the best part. I will definitely return next year if it's the Lord's will. I encourage everyone to go on a mission trip to a third-world country. It is life-changing, and you will never be the same."

Zakry Overstreet

Just Thirty (\$30) a month brings hope & provisions for a widow in need.



Introducing:
AIDAH MPAYENDA
63 yrs old with four (4) grandchildren.

Testimony: Thanks God for providing in all circumstances, and mostly for eternal life.
Challenges: Lacks food, too weak to work a garden.

More widows are available on our website.
www.missionlink.org/widows

Join Us "On Mission"

- UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS -

KENYA: June 6-18, 2024

Focus will be on presenting the gospel through Youth activities (VBS-style) in several schools, one-on-one witnessing, including minor maintenance work. If interested, **Contact** us today:
(540) 339-7890 or todd@missionlink.org

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **UGANDA:** Our Feb. 2-15 Mission Trip was a HUGE Success. The team of 15 was able to minister to the sick, poor, and hungry. Thank you to all who prayed and donated to help us in sharing God's love and message of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.
- **KENYA: UPDATE !!** Upon returning from Uganda there has been interest in our Mission Trip June 6-18, 2024. Currently we have 7 raising funds to GO! We are praying that more will JOIN before we make travel arrangements. Cost is \$3,300 + Visa fee & any required immunizations. **Our goal is 10 people.** If you are prompted by the Holy Spirit to GO, please reach out to Todd soon. (See our Mission Trip webpage for more details)

HALLELUJAH CORNER

- ✓ Many souls were saved, the sick were treated, hungry were fed, and glassed given to help many people read during our time in Uganda.
- ✓ 4 of our Widows in Uganda were sponsored during our time with them!
- ✓ All 27 unsponsored widows were blessed by anonymous donors by receiving support that provided all with soap, hygiene items, sewing kits, gloves, etc.
- ✓ The first of our Widow's Homes to be renovated was completed! Our next is in progress.
- ✓ LET US PRAISE THE LORD TOGETHER FOR HE HAS DONE ALL OF THIS AND MORE!



ATTENTION: CHURCHES, PASTORS, YOUTH GROUPS

EXPERIENCE MISSION work in Africa, and benefit from Mission Link's decades of experience. *Contact our office* to begin planning a **SPECIAL TRIP** for your church or group. Invite one of our Mission Link directors to come share with your church or group about missions in Africa.



BUDGET NEEDS AND CURRENT PROJECTS

UGANDA

MLU CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTERS: Our **#1 objective** is to make disciples that make disciples. Donations help us to continue this work. We currently have 3 separate schools with students enrolled at different locations across Uganda for the purpose of training new pastors/church leaders to help multiply the Kingdom of God in their villages, nation, and world.

MEDICAL FUND: Gifts to this fund helps us care for the sick that lack the means to seek medical attention.

MISSION TRIP FUND: The testimony of Zak proves that mission trips impact lives, both in Africa and the hearts of those who GO. Donations to this Fund HELPS us to provide scholarships for those who are willing to GO On Mission for the Lord. This also covers multiple trips for our Director to attend MLU school graduations and other necessary duties.

DEAF SCHOOL: Administrative expenses, supplies, feeding the students, etc. This school enables deaf students to learn skills that gives them purpose as "Children of God." ❤️

GENERAL FUND APPRECIATES GIFTS of ANY SIZE, which helps us meet the many needs of ministry work in both Uganda and Kenya.

KENYA

SOUTHVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: This Primary school located in Eldoret has just over 100 children to educate with a biblical worldview. This school needs monthly support for teaching staff and to help with feeding 100+ children.

PASTOR ANTHONY HOME: Our desire is to raise \$12,000 to help build this man of God a home for his family. Anthony pastors Calvary Community Church in Eldoret and administrator of Southville Christian Primary school. This pastor lives in a wood framed structure with iron sheets. Over the years, he has chosen to forego renovating his home to grow the church and school. **Any amount** to this project will surely impact the kingdom of God in Kenya.

PASTOR EUTICAULS WAMBUA: Pastor Euticauls in Nairobi manages 3 Christian Schools, pastors Baptist Chapel church, and regularly feeds thousands of Kenyans suffering from the drought conditions in Southern Kenya. Consider helping this servant of God with the many areas of ministry.



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