



MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

Overcoming the Darkness

While Solomon's words are valid, "there is nothing new under the sun, (Eccl. 1:9)," it is still true that we are living in a time like no other. There are too many current events of darkness for me to list. However, I propose that all who seek the face of God daily, living to please our Lord Jesus, are not easily shaken by anything that occurs in this world. The sovereignty of God teaches us that nothing slips through or happens without His knowledge, as the LORD is Omniscient (knowing all things at all times).

Throughout history, we can learn how mankind always strives to gain "total control" of the world. I recently went away on a family vacation (with grandkids). The kiddos wanted to see Despicable Me 4, and while I also enjoyed the time with them, I noticed the movie chose to use a 1980s song, "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" by Tears for Fears. Music is a powerful tool. Although this is not a Christian song, a message can be gained of how those without Christ are truly hopeless. One of the verses states, "Help me make the most of freedom and of pleasure; nothing ever lasts forever." However, those who have repented and believed in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are assured that we will abide with Him "forever." John 3:16 (NKJV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." 1 John 5:13 (NKJV) "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."

From these verses, we find a bold statement made by Jesus and a truth declared by the Apostle John that proclaims Eternal Life can be obtained but only by a genuine belief in the Lordship of Jesus as the Son of God and that we should continue believing. For those who are Born-Again, having the Holy Spirit of God abiding within, we have a guide, counselor, and helper to reveal what is true and what is not. God's Spirit keeps His children in the Light, no matter how dark this world becomes.

Millions need to learn about the Lord Jesus and how He alone can make all the difference in their lives. When we continually seek His face, His Light can shine through us. John 8:12 (NKJV) Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of life." However, when Christians complain about the same events that frustrate the lost, it only increases the darkness. Fears are born and allowed to grow in the darkness. Confusion comes from those who attempt to take control while gripped by fear. Poor decisions are made, and the results can be catastrophic. Nothing has changed in that many today are like little children who need a night light to feel safe from the darkness. The Apostle Paul was a very religious person, a pharisee even. However, he did not know Jesus as Lord until his conversion experience on his journey to Damascus. Paul shares his mission and purpose given to him by the Lord Jesus: Acts 26:17-18 (NKJV) "I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to **turn them from darkness to Light**, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."

Paul then presents the importance of the gospel to the church in Corinth in this way: 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV): "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to **give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**" Paul continued with this critical message for all churches to SHINE for Jesus.

Philippians 2:14-16 (NKJV) "Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you **shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life.**" Oh, how we need to be reminded of this today. No matter what occurs culturally, economically, or even politically, we should remain steadfast in keeping Jesus the center of our lives so His Light can shine through us.

Please pray with me for the Church, locally and globally, to Shine the Glorious Gospel Light so that many will see the Light of Christ and be drawn to eternal salvation that comes only through Jesus.

Todd Childers, CEO



ATTENTION: CHURCHES, PASTORS, YOUTH GROUPS

EXPERIENCE MISSION work in Africa, and benefit from Mission Link's 20+ years of success. *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.



ADOPT A WIDOW

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

MAGOBA NOSIATA

Personal: 86 yrs old with one grandchild.
Testimony: Thankful to God for being with her in hard situations since husband passed in 2013 from cancer.
Challenges: Depression after losing five of her children, has high blood pressure & pain.

Learn about other widows to sponsor at: www.missionlink.org/widows

HALLELUJAH CORNER - MISSION UPDATES



Pr. James Abalyawo very happy for his 4inch mattress. They have been sleeping on the ground to serve in remote villages to teach God's Word.



James and Paul, teachers of our **MLI Schools**, were stranded by broken public transport but made the best of it sending me this pic of them looking smart.



The Joy of training up pastors/ leaders within the body of Christ is a great work. Paul is teaching a class in Patongo, Uganda.

MISSION TRIPS - Get Onboard

UGANDA: Feb. 7-20, 2025

Focus: Medical, Youth, Widows, and other ministries all while sharing the gospel of Christ. Praying for 20+ volunteers.

(Medical experience not required)

Trip Cost: \$3,300

Sign-Up by 9/1/24 to get \$200 scholarship.

There's still ROOM for YOU on the team!

Learn more on our website.

Stay up-to-date on our website: www.missionlink.org/mission-trips



Glynda Carver was sharing about MLI at our local Strawberry Baptist Assoc. Missions Prayer Meeting held at Thaxton Baptist on July 17th.



Pastor Philip Tenywa is at a Gideons Intl. conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He represented Uganda among 72 nations. Pray for his safe journey home.



Seeking a Church partner in the U.S. that will help complete this latrine for Tongolo Church off Lake Victoria. Only \$350 needed to finish the job.

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 now have **5 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: Donations to this Fund HELPS us to provide scholarships for those who are willing to GO on Mission. This also helps with any unexpected needs that arise while teams are in the field.

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 East Africa. For example, MLI helps numerous churches, pastors, missionaries in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania to "SHINE" the Light of Christ in their communities through acts of love.

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: Praise the Lord for all who have prayed and donated. We look forward to sharing pics of the progress and then the completed house.

PASTOR EUTICAULS WAMBUA: Pastor Euticauls in Nairobi manages 3 schools and pastors Baptist Chapel church. Great flooding has caused much damage to crops. Please give to help **provide food and education** to many in Kenya.

ANNOUNCEMENT for Uganda Widow Sponsors
 Please mail in any letters/cards for your widow(s) no later than Sept. 20, 2024. Todd will be traveling to Uganda Oct. 1st and visiting the widows.

DONATE Online: scan the image to the right using your smartphone. Select the purpose of your gift as led by the Holy Spirit.

