



MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

## Lights in the Darkness

**W**hile many people are aware of the darkness in the spiritual sense, today there remains a great number that are simply unaware of the dangers from living apart from the Light of Christ. Darkness itself is generally understood as the absence of light. Not having any substance, force or even energy, but is considered as the complete absence of those elements or items. However, we know that Light will always prevail as it causes all darkness to flee from the moment light appears.

To a world lost in moral and spiritual gloom, the Bible presents a profound vision of believers as "lights in the darkness". The Scriptures reveal Jesus as the ultimate source of all light, who then commissions his followers to reflect his radiance to a "crooked and twisted generation". This calling, rooted in his divine nature and empowered by his indwelling Spirit, is not merely an option but a central aspect of Christian identity and witness.

The source of light: [The Lord Jesus Christ](#)

The biblical concept of light begins in Genesis, where God creates light to overcome the original darkness (Genesis 1:3). In the creation account, our universal sources of light were not created until the fourth day (Gen. 1:16). In the Gospel of John, this divine power is personified in Jesus Christ, the eternal "Word" of God.

John 1:3–5: "**All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it**". This passage asserts that Jesus is the creative force behind all existence and the origin of both life and spiritual light. The darkness of sin, ignorance, and death cannot overcome his illuminating power.

John 8:12: Later in his ministry, Jesus declares, "**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life**." This statement is a claim to divinity and an invitation to humanity. Following Jesus reorients one's life from spiritual blindness to guidance by Christ. This "light of life" is an inner transformation that provides moral clarity and purpose.

The reflection of light: A transformed life

With Jesus as the primary source, believers are called to be secondary lights—reflecting his glory in a world still shrouded in darkness.

Matthew 5:14-16: "**You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**" Jesus informs us that others will see as we reflect His glorious light by how we love and serve others.

Philippians 2:14–16: "**Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life**". This passage is the blueprint for how believers are to be lights. Witness is not just in words, but in daily conduct.

The source of this illumination is "the word of life". By holding fast to the truth of the gospel, believers are equipped to navigate a morally corrupt world and show others the way to Christ.

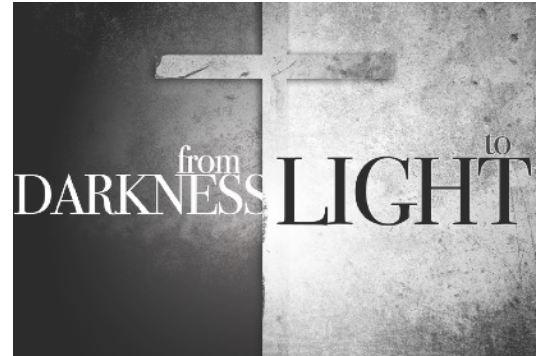
This biblical perspective has significant implications for Christian living.

**A contrast to the world:** The Christian life is defined by a separation from the "unfruitful deeds of darkness". How believers treat each other, handle adversity, and express hope contrasts with the surrounding culture. Actions either brighten the darkness or blend in with the shadows.

**An eternal hope:** The call to shine as lights is tied to the promise of Jesus' return. In Philippians 2:16, Paul links the faithful witness of the Philippians to the "day of Christ," when his work will be vindicated. This hope reminds believers that their efforts are not in vain, for the light they reflect points to a final victory over darkness.

In conclusion, the biblical perspective of being a light in the darkness is a divine commission rooted in Jesus, the Light of the World. This identity is expressed through moral purity, joy, and peace, which contrasts with the world's ways. By holding fast to the gospel, believers become beacons, offering hope and guiding others toward the ultimate source of light and life. My prayer is that we will all shine the Light of Christ so others will see Him and not us, as He alone can give eternal salvation.

Todd Childers, CEO



**ADOPT A WIDOW**

Only \$40 a month gives hope and lifts a widow and dependents from poverty.

**NAMUSOKE FRANCIS**

Personal: 72 yrs old with one grandchild.  
 Testimony: Praises God for life and thankful for family of widows through Mission Link.  
 Challenges: Paralyzing body pains.

Learn about this princess and others at:  
[www.missionlink.org/widows](http://www.missionlink.org/widows)  
*James 1:27*

**Updates / Prayer Requests**

- Praise the Lord. Since last month, 3 of our widows lost their sponsors, but GOD gave us 3 new sponsors! We remain with only 4 on our website.
- The Uganda Government has requested us to build a security fence around our Deaf School. The budget to complete will be \$4,000. Pray for this need.
- Pray for more churches to partner with us.
- Todd will be in Uganda with Christ Life Ministries pastors Sep 2-10 and then in Kenya Sep 10-15 to visit with Pastor Anthony & family. Prayers appreciated

**UPCOMING TEAM TRIPS**

**UGANDA:** Feb 6 - 18, 2026

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Focus: *Sharing the Gospel of Christ* through Evangelism, Medical Clinics, Bible Conferences, Youth Activities, and Widow ministry. Feb trip deposits are due. (12 onboard, 7 seats available)  
 Cost: \$3,400 (*scholarships available*)

More details can be found on our website:  
[www.missionlink.org/mission-trips](http://www.missionlink.org/mission-trips)

**Hallelujah Corner - Shining the Light of Christ**

Through our ministry to the islands of Lake Victoria, our MLU staff baptized 13 new believers and now members of God's family. Praise the Lord!

UPDATE: (Jowali)  
 Thanks to our donors for meeting the needs of this 9yr old boy, Jowali, suffering from Sickle Cell. He is now improving from receiving needed medicine.



(Fake Pic) but Real Story!  
 MLU's head-teacher was delayed for hours after a passenger bus encountered an elephant in Northern Uganda. All are safe.

**ATTENTION: CHURCHES, PASTORS, YOUTH GROUPS**

**EXPERIENCE MISSION** work in Africa and benefit from 26 years of leading conferences, evangelism, and medical teams. *Contact our office* to begin planning a **SPECIAL TRIP** for your church or group. Our Mission Link directors are willing to come and share with your church or group.

**UGANDA - BUDGET NEEDS**

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

**MEDICAL FUND:** Gifts to this fund helps us care for the sick (like Jowali above) that lack the means to medical attention.

**WIDOW SUPPORT FUND:** This fund helps us care for unsponsored widows, along with unplanned expenses, ie. bedding needs, emergency transport, burials, etc. Any **SUPPORT** you give will be a tremendous blessing.

**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 and Kenya to "SHINE" the Light of Christ in their communities through acts of love.

**KENYA - BUDGET NEEDS**

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

**PASTOR EUTICAULS WAMBUA:** Pastor Euticauls oversees several schools, has planted numerous churches, and pastors Baptist Chapel church in Nairobi. Our brother is on very expensive heart medications and any support is appreciated.

**PERRY JAYNE GIRLS CENTRE:** This High School for girls was established in Euticauls' home area of Kithyoko, Kenya in 2019 and is rated among the top 3 in academics. Pastor is seeking partners to help fund the school's monthly operating budget to provide these girls an education. Learn more at: [missionlink.org/kenya](http://missionlink.org/kenya)

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