

#### MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

## Are You Bound for the Promised Land?

hen asking people today whether they are going to heaven when they leave this world, most will say, with uncertainty, "they hope so," or proclaim with confidence that they will. However, when asked how they can know for sure, most will tell you about the many great things they have done or how faithful they are to attending church services. The problem is that the LORD does not care at all about any of our good works; it is solely by His grace and mercy that we even get to hear about the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and called to believe and receive salvation. It is our duty to inform everyone, even the long-term church goers, that Salvation is the gift of GOD, based solely on His goodness and grace. Otherwise, it would be all about us, comparing our works to others, when the Lord positioned all of us evenly within His family as brothers and sisters. Let me place the text here to clarify:



Ephesians 2:4-9 (ESV) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Therefore, those who are "in Christ" have been granted eternal life, not when we take our last breath on earth, but instantaneously the moment we placed our hope & trust in Jesus as LORD and chose to follow Him by taking up our cross. All who have been born again become citizens of the kingdom of GOD once the Holy Spirit of God indwells us, and the regeneration process begins transforming us into more like Christ. God's word can back these things:

John 3:3 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

John 14:23 "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"

Now, many will ask, "What about those who turn their backs or leave the faith?" Will they also enter the Promised Land (heaven)? These are great questions for those who are genuinely seeking answers. Without getting into the weeds of denominational differences, let's remain faithful to God's word without interjecting emotions or traditions of men. With that said, I'd like to point to the illustration our Lord Jesus gave us of the "Prodigal Son" in the 15th chapter of Luke's Gospel. There we will read about one of father's two sons who chose to leave his father's house, property, and all the benefits that came from abiding with his father. That son took what the father gave him, lost it all, and soon found himself in great need (v.13). Yet, the son's pride led him to become a servant on a pig farm. Not until he found himself desiring to eat with the pigs did he realize he had made a grave mistake in leaving his father, who provided everything he could ever need or desire (vs.15-17). After preparing his forgiveness speech, he returned to his father's house (vs.18-19). However, the father never stopped desiring for his son to return because God's word tells us that while the son was still a long distance, the father spotted him and ran to welcome him home (v.20). You see, our Father never stops desiring for all of us to return home, no matter what we have done or how dirty we have become. [Read 2 Peter 3:9]

My hope is that YOU know you will also cross over into the Promised Land and live with our Lord Jesus forever. It is never too late to turn around and be greeted with open arms by our heavenly Father.

Todd Childers, Director





Above, a few of the widows in Idome praising the Lord for answering their prayers. Visit our widow's page to see more: missionlink.org/widows

### **Updates / Prayer Requests**

- During the last month we entered the village of Idome and onboarded more widows for our Widows Ministry to bless, as in James 1:27. Pray the Lord moves His children to sponsor.
- → We are holding a Dollar for Dollar Match Fundraiser (see below right). We have received a \$2,000 matching gift to add to our efforts to raise the other \$2,000 needed to build a required security fence around our Deaf School, for security and their protection. Total budget need is \$4,000. Pray for this need to be met.

#### **UPCOMING TEAM TRIP**

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

Focus: Sharing the Gospel of Christ through Evangelism, Medical Clinics, Bible Conferences, Youth Activities, and Widow ministry.

> 15 onboard, PTL!

Pray for the LORD to be magnified.

More details can be found on our website: www.missionlink.org/mission-trips

# **End of Year Fundraising PUSH**



**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 <u>multiple schools</u> 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.

**MEDICAL FUND:** Gifts to this fund help us in caring for the sick that lack the means to receive medical attention.

**WIDOW SUPPORT FUND**: This fund helps us care for many unexpected needs, ie. bedding, emergency medical & transport, burials, etc. Any <u>SUPPORT</u> 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 almost 200 students and focuses on educating with a biblical worldview. This school needs monthly support for teaching staff, feeding all the children, and basic school supplies.

**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

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