



MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

New Year, Same Sweet Message

Happy belated New Year to all of you. Please forgive the delay in sending out this newsletter. Dana and I have been out of the country since Christmas until New Year's Eve. During our time in Asia, the Lord has shown me that He is still at work despite extreme oppression. Now that we have entered into this year of our Lord, 2025, it would be wise for us to regain our focus on our kingdom purpose and the message He has commanded us to share.

Many writing courses teach against publishing anything negative or content that may cause others to lose faith in our spiritual maturity. However, there should be a level of honesty so that people realize we are all on the same faith journey of walking daily with Jesus, pleasing Him alone. **"Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him."** (2 Corinthians 5:9). We all struggle and that is why the Lord often tells us to encourage one another.



As millions around the world attempt to focus on living out New Year's resolutions that may be good or bad for them, as Christians, we should set our minds on Christ and heavenly things. **"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."** (Col. 3:1-4). The Apostle Paul further explained that doing so enables us (*because of His Spirit within*) to put to death our fleshly desires, which brings about God's wrath and discipline (Col. 2:6). While our focus switches to how "we" can be better Christians by taking on the New Man or Woman the Lord calls us to be, it is often overlooked of **"why"** God regenerates us into His children. Yes, our Father allows us to become **"Born-Again"** to gain eternal salvation, but that is just the beginning of our spiritual journey. We have become brand new to be obedient servants in passing on the same sweet message of the gospel for others to hear, see, believe, and be eternally saved. Of course, this happens because of God's power working through obedient children (Phil. 2:13; Heb. 13:21).

All Christians (not only pastors, evangelists, missionaries, etc.) are called to obey the Great Commission, which states, **"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."** Amen." (Mat. 28:19-20)

The Apostle Paul was unwavering in his boldness when sharing the gospel, no matter who was in attendance. Let us seek such boldness by knowing how precious His grace is to have saved sinners like us. Therefore, we can share with others out of compassion for their souls.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" (Rom. 1:16-17)

The Bible tells us that, **"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."** How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, **"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"** (Rom. 10:13-15 ESV)

The English Standard Version is used above to show that Paul was referring to someone to preach/share that Sweet, Powerful Gospel message wherever He sends us. May we walk closer with Jesus throughout 2025 and *obediently* allow our conversations to show His great love to all we encounter.

Todd Childers, CEO

Accomplishments in 2024

To God be the Glory, Great Things He has done.

- ✓ Two Successful Mission Trips. Uganda's Feb. team of 14 members and then Kenya's June team of 8 members.
- ✓ Five Medical Clinics treated over 1,100 patients in remote areas of Uganda.
- ✓ Over 700 households in Kenya were provided food after losing their homes due to extreme flooding in late Spring.
- ✓ Many souls were saved during each visit to Uganda and Kenya through evangelism efforts and the preaching/teaching of the gospel.
- ✓ Hundreds of Youth were fed and given new clothes by MLI's VBS outreach.
- ✓ Twenty Pastors/Church leaders successfully graduated from two of our MLI Christian Study Schools. Five Schools are continuously ongoing.
- ✓ Five homes were built/restored to help our sweet widows we serve.
- ✓ A record of 14 widows were sponsored during the year. Praise the Lord!



There were many other areas where your donations impacted lives for the Kingdom of God. Please know that we could not do any of this without Your Prayers and support.

Thank You for partnering with us and supporting the work the Lord has called us to.



ADOPT A WIDOW

Just \$40 a month will give hope and lift a widow from extreme poverty.

BABIREKERE BETTY

Personal: 61 yrs old with one grandchild.

Testimony: Thanks God for salvation and the support she receives through MLI.

Challenges: Difficult meeting basic needs with school fees for grandchild.

Learn about Betty and other widows at:
www.missionlink.org/widows

UPCOMING MISSION TRIP

UGANDA: Feb. 7-20, 2025

Focus: Medical, Youth, Widows, and other ministries for sharing the gospel of Christ. Praise the Lord for the 18 who answered the call!

> We still need to raise **\$1,000** to purchase medicines & supplies for our five medical camps. Could your church help out?

Learn more on our website.
www.missionlink.org/mission-trips



ATTENTION: CHURCHES, PASTORS, YOUTH GROUPS

EXPERIENCE MISSION work in Africa and benefit from 25 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.

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

WIDOW SUPPORT FUND: This fund helps us care for unsponsored widows, along with unplanned expenses, i.e. 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 to educate with a biblical worldview. This school needs monthly support for teaching staff and to help with feeding 100+ children.

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

PERRY JAYNE GIRLS CENTRE: This High School was established in Euticauls' home district of Kithyoko, Kenya in 2019 and is rated among the top 3 in academics, preparing young girls for college or entering the work force. The school lacks funding and could use any support you can provide. Learn more on our website: missionlink.org/kenya

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