



MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

The Power of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is one of the most powerful and transformative acts a person can experience and extend. At the heart of the Christian faith lies the message of forgiveness—both the forgiveness we receive from God and the forgiveness we are called to offer others. The Bible presents forgiveness not as a suggestion, but as a command rooted in love, grace, and the redemptive work of Christ.



Jesus emphasized the necessity of forgiveness in His teachings. In *Matthew 6:14–15*, He says, *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."* This highlights that our willingness to forgive directly affects our relationship with God. It is not merely an emotional act, but a spiritual obligation that demonstrates our understanding of the mercy we have received.

One of the most powerful examples of forgiveness in Scripture is Jesus on the cross. As He was being crucified, He prayed, *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."* (*Luke 23:34*). Even while enduring the most severe pain, in agony, Jesus chose forgiveness. His example shows that forgiveness is not dependent on the actions or remorse of others, but on our decision to reflect God's grace. Of course, the strength to focus on others while we ourselves are suffering comes not by us alone. This remains also an act of God by choosing obedient and willing servants to extend His mercy and grace.

Forgiveness also has liberating power. Harboring resentment and bitterness weighs down the soul. Hebrews 12:15 warns, *"See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no 'root of bitterness' springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled."* Letting go of offenses frees us to live in peace, unchained by past hurts. In fact, holding on to something someone either said or did only stirs up fruits of the flesh, including anger, that brings destruction. We learn in James 1:20, *"for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."*

The apostle Paul echoes this in *Ephesians 4:32*: *"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."* Our capacity to forgive flows from the forgiveness we have received in Christ. It reflects God's heart and brings healing—not only to relationships but to our own hearts. We are then true ambassadors for Christ as we are never more like Him than when we choose to love others through forgiveness.

In conclusion, forgiveness is a divine act that holds power to restore, renew, and release. It is both a **gift we receive** and a **grace we give**. As we embrace God's forgiveness, we are empowered to extend it, becoming agents of reconciliation in a broken world. Let's GO in Grace!

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
 James 1:27

Updates / Prayer Requests

- 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.
- Several widows have lost their sponsors and we are adding them back to the website to find them support.
- Our van purchased last year had serious mechanical issues and we had to upgrade again, costing us \$7,000. Any gifts towards our General Fund will help greatly.
- Pray for more churches to partner with us

UPCOMING TEAM TRIPS

UGANDA: Feb 6 - 18, 2026

UGANDA: June 1 - 12, 2026

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

Cost: \$3,400 (scholarships available)

More details can be found on our website:

www.missionlink.org/mission-trips

Hallelujah Corner - Blessings

The foundational cornerstones and perimeter laid for the New Kagera Mission Link Church building. (Donations needed)

Children of Faith Mission Education Center School water project is underway. Thank all who donated to provide water for this school.



Here is a picture from February when the children of this school were celebrating the opening of their first computer lab. Now the school has status.

**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 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 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

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