



Blessings in the Going

Trust and Obey.

Growing up in the country brought with it unique memories. One was the excitement that came whenever there was an occasion to travel away from home. It did not matter if it was simply to the nearest town. However, the farther the trip created the greater level of excitement. What is it that stirs within us when we have an opportunity to go somewhere new? Could it be that the Lord placed in our nature a sense of adventure to explore the unknown? Maybe it has something to do with the mandate our Creator issued from the beginning for man to **"Go"** wherever He leads. Let's explore this more by visiting God's word.

In the creation record of Genesis, chapters 1 through 3, we can see that the Lord was very involved in the lives and activities of Adam and Eve. Adam was tasked with working and keeping the Garden of Eden while also exercising dominion over all living things that move on the earth (Gen. 1:28, 2:15). Sadly, the Fall occurs in chapter 3. However, we see how intimate the relationship was between the Lord, Adam, and Eve. Our Lord is walking in the garden during the cool of the day to spend time with those created in His image (Gen. 3:8). Without spending much time on the matters involving the Fall, we should take note that the Lord put Adam and Eve outside of the garden (Gen. 3:23). This trend of sinful behavior causing separation between a Holy God and humanity continues throughout history, as recorded in the scriptures. However, the Lord already had a remedy planned out from the beginning through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Next, our journey in the Bible takes us to a man named Abram. The Lord instructed Abram to **"Get out of your country, to a land that I will show you"** (Gen. 12:1). Abram was not given details or a timeline about this adventure with God. The blessings promised from his obedience to following the Lord's leading are tremendous. **"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."** (Gen. 12:2-3). God changed Abram's name to Abraham for becoming a father of many nations, which is a result of grace and his faith-walk with God (Gen. 17:5). About a thousand years later, God's people found themselves in slavery. The Lord sent Moses to deliver them from their bondage in Egypt. Moses is finally granted the release of the children of Israel but then led them into the wilderness (Exod. 12:31). This trend of vague instructions from the Lord continues as God desired for them to trust fully in Him for all things by following His presence

both day and night (Exod. 13:21). Many miraculous things occurred among the children of Israel in the wilderness as they continued **"Going"** wherever the Lord led.

In the New Testament, there were ten lepers that called out to the Lord Jesus to have mercy on them (Luke 17:13). Jesus merely gave a simple order for them, **"Go, show yourselves to the priests"** (v.14). Please read that verse and see for yourselves when the miracle of healing took place. It states, **"as they went they were cleansed."** So likewise, the Lord directs Philip to **"Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."** There Philip encountered an Ethiopian eunuch and was able to introduce him to the Lord Jesus Christ and he was saved (Acts 8:26-38). Many believe that much of Africa and the world were saved through this Spirit-led encounter.

I can personally testify to the Lord's faithfulness. Especially during times in my life when I had to only rely on Him, trust, and obey. For example, in 2000, I struggled to provide for my family as an insurance agent. After an evening of crying out to the Lord, I woke up the following day and prepared as if I had an appointment with a client. I had no detailed itinerary but had this strong urge (pulling) to drive east. I even started questioning my sanity after attempting to explain it to my wife. Nevertheless, I set out eastbound and determined I may see the Atlantic Ocean if nothing else. I traveled about 60 miles and realized I did not have money for fuel, so I stopped at a previous client's office. At this moment, the Lord showed up, and I realized I needed to trust and obey. No sooner than walking into that client's office, he told me of a dream he had the night before of needing more coverage than I had issued in the previous 12 months. I felt great joy, not simply because of the provision but because God loves and cares about a sinner like me (Psa. 8:4). Glory to the Lord, for He is faithful even when we are not.

We should know that we cannot make or even persuade the Lord to pour out blessings. My hope is to point out the innumerable benefits that follow our obedience to the Lord.

Todd

PS. Mission Link has a scheduled Uganda Mission Trip for Feb. 3-17, 2023. If you have ever considered **Going** to serve in Africa, there's still time to sign up. If you have any questions or need more information, call the number at the top of this page or email todd@missionlink.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



- ◆ Please Update Your Records with Our Newest Mailing Address above.
- ◆ Praise the Lord for the **SIX** Widows Sponsored during September!
- ◆ MissionLink.org is being updated. Our Widows ministry has benefited from the simplified adoption process on their page: missionlink.org/widowsministry
- ◆ A new feeding campaign has begun to help those suffering from hunger due to the increasing cost of basic food items. This project has its own unique page on our website: www.missionlink.org/feeding

(For more about helping with the Feeding Project, please see information below)

A Sampling of Mission Link Projects and Needs

- **WIDOW'S HOUSE PROJECT:** MLI's newest project of building a widow an earth-bag home is finally complete (see picture below/right). The home's latrine is completed and located in back of the house in the picture. We have learned valuable lessons from building our first prototype and will need approximately **\$4,500** for each earth-bag home project moving forward, to include a latrine. We remain hopeful prices of materials do not continue to rise as they have this year.
- **MEDICAL FUND:** Thanks to donors who have given to this fund. However, much more is "always" needed. **ANY AMOUNT** will be much appreciated.
- **SCHOOL FEES:** Many Africans are stressed to raise funds for school fees. **ANY AMOUNT**
- **DEAF SCHOOL:** – **ANY AMOUNT** still needed to complete the school (plaster walls, install ceilings, wiring and road work to the school.)
- **MANY NEEDS MET LAST MONTH – Sampling:** Mission Link was able to complete the first earth-bag home for one of our dear widows; medical support to various individuals, including a widow; school fees support for many; feeding students at our remote MLI's Christian Study Center school in Kitgum.
- **MLI GENERAL FUND APPRECIATES ANY SIZE GIFT TO HELP WITH MANY NEEDS**
The total needs encountered daily in our ministry areas are numerous. Every donation towards our General Fund provides MLI the flexibility to minister to individuals during their time of need, eliminating delays.

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EARTH BAG HOMES

Many African widows live in homes made of mud and sticks. Living in damp harsh conditions is depressing and unhealthy. Mission Link has completed our first widow's home made with polyurethane feed bags filled with dirt. Pictured right is a recent picture of the home with the new metal sheet roof. MLI looks forward in building at least 2 (maybe 3) more homes in 2023. Please pray and consider supporting us in this effort to bless qualified* widows with a new home.

*Although, we would love to provide a home for every widow, we have to follow certain rules to protect the widow and MLI. Widows, or their family, must own land to allow us to build on it before we can consider building a home.

UGANDA MISSION TRIP - FEB. 3-17, 2023:

The team is coming together. You are needed & welcome to sign-up. The cost is \$3,000. Our first team meeting is scheduled for Oct 25, 2022 at 6:30pm at MLI's Bedford, VA location.

If you have any questions, email Todd Childers at: todd@missionlink.org or call: 540-871-0517

LEADERSHIP TRIP: Rick, Todd, and Jackie Carver are headed to Uganda Sept. 29 through Oct. 14, 2022. After 6 days in Uganda, they will visit Kenya to spend time with Pastors Anthony Ndambuki in Eldoret and then Euticals Wambua in Nairobi. Prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Thirty (\$30) a month brings great happiness & needed provisions for our African widows in Uganda

Name: **KEVIN BYAMUNDO** is 86 and has 5 grandchildren.

Husband deceased: Her husband died in 2000 from high blood pressure.

Testimony: Thankful for God's protection, provisions of food, soap, & prayers through Mission Link.

Challenges: Her house lacks windows, sickness, school fees for grandchildren while meeting basic needs.



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- ✓ CHILDREN
- ✓ HOMELESS



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Mission Link Feeding Project

A campaign to raise funds has begun to help with this ongoing problem in East Africa. Very few Ugandans own land to benefit from a garden in providing for their families. The poorest countries of the world suffer the greatest during uncertain times. Consider helping us meet our Goal of **\$3,000** to use solely for supplying food to those in need for the remainder of 2023. The more raised equates to more people we can help. You can donate online at: missionlink.org/feeding or mail in with the designation, "Feeding."

"For I was hungry and you gave me food" - Matthew 25:35a