



MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

One Body (One Church), Many Members

Today there are many different opinions of what makes up the church of God. No, I am not referring to any one of the denominations. Rather, I am speaking of what makes up the entirety of God's family here on earth. While some hold to certain dogmatic beliefs, believing that only a select minority or group will inherit the kingdom of God, I have found that our Creator God has totally and completely opened His great invitation up to ALL who will come to Him for salvation. However, there is a requirement to acknowledge and submit to the Lordship of His Only Son, Jesus Christ. **"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."** (Acts 4:12-NKJV) As record in the Gospel of John, Jesus even made this claim. Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."** (John 14:6)

Now that we've covered that basis for becoming part of the family of God, I would like to turn our attention to an issue with the Body, known as the Church. The Apostle Paul targeted this issue in several of his letters to the churches. He taught about the specific gifts that make up the body of Christ and how all are equally important. **"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."** (Rom. 12:4-5) However, to the church in Corinth, Paul addresses how the body of Christ is similar to that of the human body. **"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many."** (1 Cor. 12:12-14) The next several verses go on to explain how each member cannot exist separated from the others. In fact, all members need each other to be a healthy and productive body, working together to accomplish much for the kingdom of our Lord and God.

Furthermore, the verse towards the end of that church anatomy lesson gets overlooked or passed over without considering how it negatively affects the church and causes us to lose respect from unbelievers in the world today. Are you ready for it? Here it is:

➔ **"And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."** (1 Corinthians 12:26)

Not that the church lives or operates to gain the respect of the lost but I, personally, cannot count how many times I have heard unbelievers point out all the missed opportunities for the church (US) to show genuine compassion that reflects the love, grace, and mercy, of our Heavenly Father. There are many forgotten members of the body of Christ that are suffering greatly. Meanwhile, there are churches in the USA that have adopted (knowingly or unknowingly) beliefs that we must help those within their local communities or only in the USA. While local missions is a "must", we should not overlook that we have Christian brothers and sisters globally that can be helped tremendously with a fraction of what is wasted here in the USA. I read the other day how California is missing receipts for approximately \$20 Billion of the \$24 Billion they spent to help with the states homelessness problem. I know the Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills, or even a billion hills, still I wonder what great work in advancing the gospel could be done with just a fraction of all the funds wasted through corruption.

In light of this, I am blessed the Lord saw fit to call me to Mission Link International. There is much to do with educating pastors and church leaders to give them a firm biblical foundation. We have widows that need support and several that are homeless, yet we are being led to move into a third village that has over 100 widows in need. The Lord often reminds me that He is the One that is working and through our obedience allows us to be a part of His kingdom growth by loving the suffering, while pointing them to the Lord Jesus. Your support is so appreciated.

Please pray for the persecuted church and those suffering globally.

Todd Childers, CEO

ADOPT A WIDOW

Just Forty (\$40) a month will lift a widow from extreme poverty and give Hope.



NAMUSOKE FRANCIS

Personal: 71 yrs old with one grandchild.
Testimony: Praises God for life and support she receives from MLI's widow family.
Challenges: General body pains that is paralyzing at times.

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

UPCOMING MISSION TRIP

UGANDA: Feb. 7-20, 2025

Focus: Medical, Youth, Widows, and other ministries all while sharing the gospel of Christ. We have 20 Signed UP. PTL!

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

MINISTRY REPORT - SHOUTS OF PRAISE!

BEFORE



AFTER



Thanks to all who gave to support this home build for Pastor Anthony Ndambuki in Eldoret, Kenya. To see where the Lord has brought him is truly an amazing testimony to his perseverance as an obedient servant.

BEFORE



ONGOING...



Above, is our recent Widow Home project for KEVINA. Her hut was in danger of collapsing. Like so many stories, but GOD moved in the hearts of people and this dear widow will soon move into her new earthly home, as she awaits the day for her eternal one in heaven. PTL!



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 as many new pastors/church leaders as possible 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: As mentioned on the front, we being led to add 100 more widows into our care. Any SUPPORT you could give to help would be a 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 at perryjaynehighschool.com

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