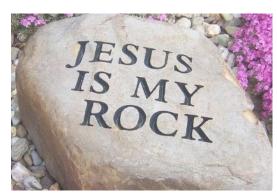


MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

The Unshakable Foundation

In the last month, the church has experienced a great shaking, from the assassination of Charlie Kirk to losing church leaders, as Voddie Baucham, Jr. Nevertheless, we have also witnessed what seems to be a revival of those professing Jesus Christ as Lord, as many researched and learned that Charlie Kirk was a strong voice in using his Turning Point USA platform to lead many young people to Jesus Christ as Lord.

In turbulent times, we need to be anchored in Truth. To construct a life that can withstand the inevitable storms, one must build on a firm foundation. The Christian faith offers Jesus Christ as this unwavering bedrock, a truth powerfully illustrated in scripture. The parable of the wise and foolish builders in Matthew 7:24-28 and the severe warning in Hebrews 12:25-29 both drive home the critical importance of a life rooted in Christ. A firm foundation in Christ is not merely a belief system but an active, **obedient relationship** that prepares believers for the unshakable kingdom of God, ensuring their security both now and in eternity.



In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount with a stark comparison between two men constructing their homes. One builds on the rock, while the other builds on sand. When the storms come—the rain, floods, and winds—the house on the rock stands firm, while the one on the sand collapses completely. Jesus explicitly identifies the rock with "everyone who hears these words of mine and does them," and the sand with those who hear but do not act. The parable is a powerful metaphor for the Christian life. The storms represent life's challenges—trials, temptations, and tribulations that test a person's faith and character. A life built on the solid rock of Christ's teachings—hearing and obeying His word—is equipped to endure these storms. This foundation is not just about mental assent to Christian principles; it is about active, daily application of His wisdom to our decisions, relationships, and priorities. In contrast, a life built on "sand"—on fleeting worldly values, personal desires, or a superficial faith without obedience—is destined for a great fall.

The urgency of this message is intensified by the solemn warning in Hebrews 12:25-29, which contrasts the terrifying majesty of Mount Sinai with the glorious, yet serious, reality of Mount Zion. The passage warns believers not to "refuse him who is speaking". Just as the Israelites trembled at the voice of God on Sinai, so believers must pay careful attention to the voice of Christ, a voice that speaks from heaven. The writer explains that the shaking of the earth, a sign of God's power, was a prelude to a greater, final shaking. "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens," God says. This refers to a future cosmic event when all that is temporary and created will be shaken and removed, leaving only what is permanent and eternal.

This passage directly relates to the concept of a firm foundation in Christ. The unshakable things that will remain are those rooted in the eternal reality of God's kingdom, which believers receive through Christ. "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken," the author concludes, "let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Hebrews 12:28). A foundation in Christ is not just for surviving personal troubles; it is preparation for the final judgment when everything else is removed. This unshakable kingdom is the ultimate security, and it is received through faith in Christ. The response to this truth, according to Hebrews, is a life of "reverence and awe," not because of fear, but because of the holiness of God, who is described as a "consuming fire". This profound respect for God is the posture of a person whose foundation is rightly placed.

The synergy between these two passages is clear. Matthew 7 provides a practical, earthly illustration, showing how obedience to Christ's teachings ensures stability in the face of life's daily tempests. Hebrews 12 elevates this understanding to a cosmic scale, reminding believers that this stability is a reflection of a deeper, eternal reality. The challenges of this life—the rain, floods, and winds—are temporary tremors compared to the ultimate shaking of all things. A life built on Christ, the solid rock, is not only secure in the present but also prepared for eternity, receiving an unshakeable kingdom. This security frees believers from chasing after the fleeting and temporary foundations of the world—wealth, fame, or human approval—and allows them to focus on what truly matters.

In essence, having a firm foundation in Christ means more than intellectual acknowledgment of His divinity. It is a posture of obedient submission to His words and a recognition of His ultimate authority. It is the wisdom of the builder in Matthew 7 who not only hears but does, and the reverence of the worshiper in Hebrews 12 who has received an unshakeable kingdom. By clinging to Christ, the <u>chief cornerstone</u>, believers can face any storm—whether personal or spiritual—with confidence, knowing their security is not in their own strength but in the steadfastness of their Savior. **Praise the LORD!** Jesus tells us we will have difficult times, even persecution, but to stay focused on Him and not the storms.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NKJV)

Let us keep our eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus, our Solid Rock, because all other ground is sinking sand.

Todd Childers, Director



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 signed-up, 4 seats remaining, which means there's room for You!)

SignUps Closing: Oct. 20th, 2025

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

Updates / Prayer Requests

- Praise the Lord. ALL the widows from our website have been sponsored! We will soon enter another Ugandan village to see how many widows there need help. Pray.
- The Uganda Government has requested us to build a security fence around our Deaf School. The budget to complete will be \$4,000. Pray for this need.
- Pray for more churches to partner with us.
 If your pastor would be open to having coffee with MLI's Director, let Todd know.
- → September's mission in Uganda and Kenya was a huge success for His glory!



Above, Todd and Pastor Anthony bless the class moving up to P7.

Right, Jowali's smile speaks volumes as we witnessed a miracle in him now without pain! PTL!



Hallelujah Corner - Shining the Light of Christ









Mission Link hosted Christ Life Ministries (CLM) in Uganda from Sept. 4-9, 2025, including Stephen Vaughan (CLM Operations Director). The Four days of Conferences held on the importance of Prayer in the life of a believer, resulted in numerous testimonies and praises to Jesus for how the Lord moved in the hearts and minds of all who attended (as on display in far right photo). We praise the Lord Jesus for the 80-90 pastors and hundreds of church leaders/members who were encouraged and drawn closer in their relationship with Jesus through the Sweet Time of Communion we all experienced, through Prayer.

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 helps us care for the sick (like Jowali above) that lack the means to 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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