

### MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

# The Mission of the Church

hanks be to God, who gives us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57) On April 20th, 2025, the church globally celebrated the most significant event in all of history, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As the apostle Paul noted in his letter to the church in Corinth, "if Christ is not risen, then our faith is futile, and we are still dead in our sins" (v. 17). However, there is empirical evidence of Jesus' life, burial, and resurrection outside of those found recorded in the Bible. The writings of Josephus, a Jewish historian, and Tacitus, a Roman historian, are just a couple of sources anyone can research to find their accounts of Jesus. It should come as no surprise why unbelievers would no longer want these historical records mentioned or studied by our younger generations. For those people who have placed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and have just participated in the celebration of His glorious resurrection, what now?



'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Matthew 9:37 (NKJV)

All who are a part of the family of God, through faith in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, must answer this question. Sadly, for many who have joined churches or fellowships, the truth is that their faith is more in their ability to keep the faith rather than placing all their hopes and desires in the One who paid for all of us through the shedding of His precious blood (Mat. 26:28; 1 Pet. 1:18-19). While it is TRUE:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

However, many people STOP there, and their faith becomes stunted from not applying the next verse to their lives, which states: "For we are His workmanship, <u>created</u> in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that <u>we should walk in them</u>." Ephesians 2:10

This does not contradict Paul's declaration of salvation by grace through faith. It is simply a statement of what will occur in the lives of those who are truly surrendered to allowing Christ, through the Holy Spirit, to live and guide them through life. Many question, "What works did God prepare for us to carry out?"

After the Lord Jesus had risen from the grave, it was recorded several times that He appeared to His disciples and taught them certain things. In those accounts, we can find clear and precise instructions the Lord Jesus gives of what His followers (disciples) are to be doing. Here are a few:

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, Lalso send you." John 20:21

Jesus is sending us where and to do what exactly?

"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. Matthew 28:19-20

How can we do this in our strength? We cannot and our Father equips us with His power.

"But you shall receive <u>power</u> when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

These scriptures are part of "The Great Commission" and cannot be separated, but should be linked together and followed as "The Mission of the Church."

The only question left is for us (the church) to answer, "Will we obey and carry out our Lord's commands?" We are trying to be obedient to the Lord's calling. We also understand that not everyone can "GO" on international mission trips. However, each of us can impact the lives of others in many other ways. We can pray for each other, offer a helping hand to a neighbor (who is anyone in need), and fund others in their kingdom work efforts. We want to thank each of you for partnering with us for so many years. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

Todd Childers, CEO



## **ADOPT A WIDOW**

Just \$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

PRAISE the LORD for an Open Door to our MLI Christian Bible Study Classes. Pastor Ben Wanzama has been a faithful servant of Jesus for +20 years and now as a teacher of pastors with MLI in Mbale, Uganda.





## **UPCOMING TRIP**

**UGANDA:** May 19 - Jun 10, 2025

Focus: Pastors Todd Childers and Jackie Carver will be in Uganda to attend Graduation ceremonies for those who have completed our 1 year Bible School. Please pray for our time there and for all our evangelism efforts to magnify the name of Jesus.

www.missionlink.org/mission-trips

# Hallelujah Corner - Mission Updates







(Left): The Water Well Pump in Itukulu had broken but was repaired by MLI in April. PTL!

(Right): Jinja Hill Baptist Primary school, home to over 400 students, desperately needs a new Building. Budget: \$8,000







# 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 <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. (See Pics above)

**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, ie. bedding needs, emergency 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 <u>ANY SIZE</u>, 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.

## **EXECUTE** 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 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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