

The Link

Passing the Mantle

Remaining part of the Mission for the Glory of GOD.

Resigning, yet remaining an active part of the mission. The following is the resignation letter submitted to our Mission Link Intl. board from Dr. Rick and Candy Sadler, MLI's Founder and President Emeritus.

Dear Mission Link International Board Members:

The vision for Mission Link International began when visiting Uganda, East Africa, in the summer of 1996. A year later, a mission began to reach East Africa for Jesus Christ and other countries worldwide. For many years, we developed satellite ministries. The most successful satellite was in Nepal, with Janice Viren, who lived in Montana. As a result, a large orphanage and a training school for pastors were established in the West. After many years of traveling to various countries (Peru, Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, India, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, & Ukraine), it was apparent that MLI needed to concentrate/focus on East Africa. **Our main frontline ministry has been Making Disciples--Matthew 28:18-20**. Over the years, we have seen many disciples (trained), and some pastors even saved, in Uganda and Tanzania. Our **primary goal** has been to equip nationals (Africans) to reach their country for Jesus Christ.

In time, we established a widow's ministry in Africa (a widow's ministry was my DMin. Thesis). Though Ugandan widows were initially skeptical due to many illegitimate African ministries, they soon developed trust in MLI. Being afforded a 4-5 months stay in Uganda each year, caring relationships developed with widows. Consequently, there are over 80 widows supported by donors. In addition, MLI is assisting: Street-Kids, a Deaf School, Albinos, Medical Missions, Church Planting, Food Distribution, Hosting Teams, etc. MLI has also been very good to their staff by improving their standard of living (wages, houses, vehicles, medical, schooling, etc.) After speaking at an IMB/SBC Conference in Brackenhurst, Kenya (2002), MLI began linking with ministries in Kenya—presently Nairobi and Eldoret.

No one person can take credit for any ministry. It has been the work of God utilizing His people. MLI's Board has been the impetus and backbone of all we have accomplished over the years. I am very grateful for a Board that has contributed and sacrificed their time, energy, and resources. Working with a dedicated, sacrificial, and godly team has been a tremendous privilege.

Candy (my extraordinary/dedicated/sacrificial partner in ministry) and I have enjoyed serving on the Board of MLI for many years. Though our love for Mission LINK is ginormous, it must continue and live/thrive after our eternal transfer (Heaven). Therefore, with excitement and great emotions, we tender our resignation as of December 31st, 2022, to make room for Todd and Dana Childers.

Candice Sadler – Resigning as Director and Acting Secretary of the Board

Richard Sadler – Resigning as CEO and President of MLI

The ministry baton is being handed over to Todd Childers, who has proven to be extremely capable of moving MLI forward to new heights and goals. Working with Todd during the transitional time has been a great pleasure. Already, he has improved several aspects of the mission. In addition, Dana, Todd's wife, will be working with the books and directing the widow's ministry. I am delighted and grateful that God has brought Todd and Dana Childers to care for all the ministries of MLI.

I tentatively plan to stay involved and work as a consultant for the next couple of years. Plus, I hope to develop, with our MLI teaching staff, a companion booklet(s) to complement the massive 10-volume Bible curriculum presently used in our village classes. It will be at least two years in development. Also, I will assist Todd and MLI staff with the earth-bag houses when and where needed. All of this will enable me to work behind the scenes and still be active in missions.

Candy and I thank you—our directors, volunteer teams, and donors for the sacrifices made for the ministry. MLI has indeed been a joint effort. I am confident you will support our new Executive Director as much as you have supported me. **To God be the GLORY!**

Gratefully and Prayerfully Submitted: Dec. 8, 2022
(At Mission Link's annual board meeting)



Rick and Candy

The Directors of Mission Link International are very grateful for all the prayers and support provided in 2022. We look forward to advancing the kingdom of GOD in 2023 by helping biblically-based ministries and churches in East Africa share the gospel of Christ in their communities.



Pictured, Top Left to Right:

Jeff Dalton, CPA - Treasurer; Wendell Drumheller, Pres.; Jackie Carver, V.P.; Todd Childers, Exec. Dir; **Bottom Left to Right:** Garry Rund, Glassell Williamson, Sec., Jim Masloff, MD - Medical Dir.; Charlie Kardos (Not pictured: Jack Sadler)

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



Name: FLORENCE NAMUGERE is 58 and has 3 grandchildren.
Husband deceased: Her husband died in 2018 from throat cancer.
Testimony: Thankful for God's salvation and her provisions through Mission Link.
Challenges: Rents land for farming and her house lacks windows and doors.

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

LAST CALL: UGANDA FEB. 3-17, 2023

Evangelism & Encouragement trip. The cost is \$3,000. We have a team of 8, yet there is still room for you. Call Todd 540-871-0517

Sign-Ups Needed to reach Team Minimum of 8 for **KENYA Trip: JUNE 2-16, 2023**

Goal is to provide Medical Clinics, feeding widows & children while sharing the gospel of Christ. Sign-Up by Feb. 1, 2023 with \$100 non-refundable deposit. Costs is \$3,500 / person. For more information visit:

www.missionlink.org/missiontrips



Christmas Feeding for Widows

Praise the Lord for helping us reach our Goal of \$3,000 from Sep-Dec to Feed our Widows. Pictured Above, Top Left & Right: Widows of Itukulu praising the LORD as they received their blessings of food, soap, and gifts that were set out for them. Bottom pic: Widows of Mafubira celebrating the LORD and His provisions in meeting their needs just before Christmas.

2023 is off to a Great Start. Praise the LORD!

Thanks to all that donated in 2022. You provided Hope to many.

- **MLI CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTERS:** As our #1 objective in East Africa, we are obeying our Lord's command in making disciples that make disciples. Funds are needed to purchase training **books** and provide **meals** for our students during their weeks of study. **ANY AMOUNT IS APPRECIATED.**
- **WIDOWS SUPPORT FUND:** MLI is constantly caring for a growing number of widows in Uganda. We would like to say **THANKS** to many of you that have given to help us bless all widows in need.
- **WIDOW EARTH-BAG HOME PROJECT:** This unique project is for providing a home to a widow in need that owns land or is provided. The cost is set at **\$4,500** per build.
- **MEDICAL FUND:** Our Medical Fund helped several Ugandans during December. One was pastor Waswa's wife, who survived a cobra bite. **Praise the LORD** for His mercy and those that gave towards this very important fund. **ANY AMOUNT IS APPRECIATED** as we are contacted daily from multiple sources to help many during their time of suffering and illness.
- **MISSION TRIP ASSISTANCE:** MLI plans to conduct two trips in 2023, Uganda in Feb and Kenya in June. Any donations given to this area helps to offset the costs of future trips due to rising fuel prices globally. This fund allows MLI to offer scholarships for those needing help to "GO On Mission" and to witness GOD at work in Africa.
- **STREET KID FUND:** Many in the USA cannot imagine children (7-8 yrs old) living on the street. However, in many third world countries this is normal. MLI has helped opened its heart and put several Street kids through school. This fund also allows us to do many other things to show GOD's Love to those who are considered the "least of these."
- **DEAF SCHOOL:** Walls still need some plastering, ceilings installed, and we are still working on bringing power and a decent road to the school.
- **MISSION LINK STAFF:** Our staff could use support from a church or a donor that would like to **sponsor them monthly/annually** in 2023. Here are some monthly suggestions with names of staff to benefit: **\$75/mo.** for: Philip Tenywa, National Director; Thomas Kunya, MLU Accountant; James Abalyawo, MLI Head Teacher; George Stanley, Co-teacher; Paul Akise, Co-teacher. **\$40/mo.** for: Emma Isabirye, Property Mgr.; Esther Nalugonda, Widows Director; Seera Mirembe, Cook; Sheila Awebwa, Office Receptionist.
- **GENERAL FUND APPRECIATES ANY SIZE GIFT.** This will help us to meet any of the above mentioned needs and many more that we encounter daily while advancing the kingdom of God in East Africa.