

# The Link

## MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER



### The IMPORTANCE of being GROUNDED

----- Todd Childers, Executive Director

Let us define the word, "grounded," so that we can discover the magnitude of its importance. Using a mixture from Oxford and Webster, the adjective *grounded* means: mentally and emotionally stable; sensible and realistic. Of course there are other definitions, but let us stick to this oldest of those available.

For those who have been around for more than 30 years, we have witnessed many culture-shifting trends come and go as if they were carried in with the wind. Prominent people of influence who once took a particular stance on issues of morality have changed to not only accept the complete opposite view but are actively promoting it. God's word, the bible, has much to say about people that are forever changing and unstable in their minds. This interpretation is not to degrade being open-minded to change, learn, or gain a new perspective on matters of importance. Consider the pictured cedar tree of Lebanon above as an example of the support needed to withstand the elements, not to mention from other living creatures. Massive trees that do not have deep, vigorous root systems are the first to topple over during storms. The same is true with each of us. Our Creator made us as spiritual beings, in His image, to have a constant relationship with Him (*Gen. 1:27*). A fish out of water cannot live very long. Likewise, humans separated from our Lord will perish (*John 3:36*).

We **CAN** stand firm against false teachers that twist scriptures to deceive all who are unstable in their minds (*2 Pet. 3:14-18*). **First**, we need to know we are Saved (*1 John 5:12-13*). **Second**, we must remain steadfast in the scriptures that cleanses and draws us closer to Jesus (*Eph. 5:26*). May we be vigilant, walking by faith, and found standing on the Solid Rock of Christ our Lord. The refrain from the old hymn, Solid Rock, becomes a reality, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand, all other ground is sinking sand." Having the Spirit of Christ in our hearts is the only way to understand the fullness of God's love for us and others (*Eph. 3:17-19*).

*My prayer is for You to be Rooted & Grounded in God's love, through Christ.*

### Latest News and Announcements

#### 2nd Widow Home Complete!



I recently shared a video on our FaceBook page of our dear sister RUTH NAMUKASA, 80 years old, dancing & rejoicing unto the Lord. "The LORD has done great things for us, And we are glad." (Psalms 126:3)



After breaking ground on March 8th, painting the plastered walls is all that remains. Praise the LORD for generous donors to help the homeless widows of Uganda. The Lord is worthy of all the glory!

Please pray about supporting our James 1:27 ministry. Learn more on back page.

**Come Join Us "On Mission"**

**- UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS -**

 **KENYA:** June 1-14, 2023  
5 Days of Medical Clinics, feeding the hungry while sharing the gospel of Christ. We have a team of 8 "Going!" Please pray for Jesus to be magnified greatly.

 **UGANDA:** Feb. 1-15, 2024  
Planning is underway for a **Medical & Home Building** Mission trip. If interested, contact Todd Childers so you will be included in future email announcements. Medical & Labor Volunteers Needed. 😊

**UPDATE** in the following ministry areas:

- ❑ **Mission Trip Funds for Kenya** (*Praise God for donations totaling \$5,000*)  
We praise the Lord for the eight people signed up to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Kenya. So far, we've received \$2,500 to help purchase medicines and \$2,500 to assist with a mass feeding in areas of extreme drought. All donations will help save lives.
- ❑ Pray for Todd as he leaves May 31 to welcome the team from Iowa on June 2. He'll return June 19 after spending quality time with our beloved Pastor Anthony in Eldoret.

**Please Rejoice with us and continue in Prayer for Jesus to be magnified by our efforts.**  
May the Lord bring relief to Kenya as many are suffering due to lack of rain.

Just Thirty (\$30) a month brings hope & provisions for a widow in need.



Introducing:  
**SHIDAH NANGOBI**  
60 yrs old with 3 grandchildren to look after.  
Husband: Died from malaria.  
Testimony: Thanks God for Life and hopes to be adopted through Mission Link.  
Challenges: Pain in legs, sick grandchildren, has to walk far for water.

See more widows available on our website




Pray for our trip to KENYA as we set out to minister to the sick and feed the hungry.






Top 2 Pics: from Pastor Euticauls' mass feeding in Kenya at end of 2022.  
Bottom, Left to Right: Pr. Anthony Ndambuki (Kenya) with children in his church's Primary School; Pastor Stephen's son (Uganda) needing medical help from infected foot; Widow Nulu (Uganda) praising the gift of a fresh water line provided by her donor; QRC code that directs any mobile phone to our website.

A Sampling of "Praises" for Needs Met and Ongoing Projects

- **MLI CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTERS:** As our #1 objective in East Africa, we are obeying our Lord's command in making disciples that make disciples. THANKS to a donor for helping us with books and meals for our students during their weeks of study. **PRAISE THE LORD.**
- **WIDOWS SUPPORT FUND:** MLI is constantly caring for a growing number of widows in Uganda. We would like ask for you to consider joining our James 1:27 projects in caring for widows in their time of need. Your generosity is appreciated and needed. Visit our Widows Ministry page on our website to see the complete list of widows available.
- **WIDOW HOME PROJECT:** This unique project is for providing a home to a widow in need that owns land or is provided. The cost per build is **\$4,500.** **PTL for the completion of our second Widow's Home.** (*See above and front*)
- **MEDICAL FUND:** Pastor Timothy Sentongo, Basana Baptist, thanks everyone that gave to help with his medical bills from his surgery to remove more tumors last month. We have also helped Teacher James, Pastors Wasawa, Stephen, their families, and many more over the last several weeks. Please consider donating to help us care for the sick.
- **MISSION TRIP ASSISTANCE:** Our next trip to Kenya scheduled in June will be more costly than Uganda. Will you consider helping with our costs to perform much needed medical clinics in a region that has suffered from famine and drought over the last year? (*See above*)
- **DEAF SCHOOL:** Ongoing administrative expenses to pay teachers, feed deaf students, and many other needs of managing a school in Uganda. To witness the students (deaf and others with disabilities) learning actual skills to help them in life is Amazing. **PRAISE the LORD!** One of the two needed sewing machines was purchased through donations. Only **\$125** is needed to help enable the students to make and sell crafts for income for the school.
- **SPECIAL NEED:** The church in Budondo pastored by Paul Akise (one of our MLI Teachers), needs to move its location due to renting space from a school. Some of the materials for the structure can be reused. However, much of the timber and iron sheets will need to be purchased to put up the place of worship not far from their current location. Pastor Paul has submitted a budget of \$1,000. A Donor has committed to pay **HALF** if we can raise the other \$500 in May. This is a chance to practically **DOUBLE** your giving. Your \$100 becomes \$200! **AMAZING!**
- **GENERAL FUND APPRECIATES GIFTS** of ANY SIZE, which helps us meet the many needs of ministry work in Africa.