



MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

Guarding our Hearts

The heart of man is one of the most important places in all of Scripture. It is the center of our thoughts, desires, emotions, motives, and decisions. Yet the Bible gives us a serious warning: **we cannot simply trust our hearts to lead us in the right direction.** Proverbs 4:23 says, "*Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.*" What happens within our hearts eventually shapes how we live our lives.

Our problem is that our natural heart tends to follow our emotions and self-interest rather than the will of God. Jeremiah 17:9 declares, "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?*" Our feelings can convince us that something is right simply because it feels right. Our desires can pull us toward what benefits us rather than what honors God. That is why Jeremiah 17:10 immediately reminds us that the LORD searches the heart and tests the mind. **God sees what we cannot always see within ourselves.** First Chronicles 28:9 likewise tells us that *the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought.*



We see the devastating consequences of mankind following its own heart in the days before the Flood. Genesis 6:5-6 tells us that "*every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually,*" and that the LORD was grieved that He had made man. Humanity had allowed its heart to become so dominated by sin, selfishness, and rebellion that God's judgment came upon the earth through the Flood. The story is a sobering reminder that **when the heart of man becomes its own authority, destruction eventually follows.**

But there is **Good News!** God does not merely tell us to guard our hearts—He offers us a better place for our hearts to dwell. We are called to make the LORD Himself our greatest love. Deuteronomy 6:5 says, "*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*" The answer to a deceitful heart is not simply trying harder to follow our emotions or become better people. **The answer is to turn our hearts toward God and allow Him to transform us from within.**

David understood this after his great failure. In Psalm 51:10 he cried, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*" He understood that he needed more than outward correction—he needed God to change his heart. And Psalm 51:17 reminds us that "*a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*" When we sincerely turn to God, He does not cast us away. He welcomes the humble heart that recognizes its need for Him.

Even more amazing is the promise Jesus gave to those who love Him and keep His Word. In John 14:17, Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit who would dwell with and be in His followers. Then in John 14:23 He declared, "*If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.*" **Think about that promise:** the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Holy Spirit** desire to make their home within those who love and obey God's Word.

The heart that cannot safely trust itself can become the very place where God chooses to dwell. Therefore, we must guard our hearts—not by following every emotion or desire, but by surrendering them to the LORD. When God is our greatest love, His Word becomes our guide, His Spirit becomes our helper, and His presence becomes our strength. **The heart is too important to leave under our own control. Give it fully to God, for when the LORD dwells in the heart, He is able to bring wisdom, direction, peace, and strength to every issue of life.**

Todd Childers, Director



ATTENTION: CHURCHES, PASTORS, YOUTH GROUPS

EXPERIENCE MISSION work in Africa and benefit from 28 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.



Southville Christian School Classroom Project - Eldoret, Kenya



In 2023, we raised \$12,000 through donors like you to help Southville Christian Primary School in Eldoret, Kenya, build two classrooms for grades P5 and P6. The Kenya Ministry of Education is pressuring Pastor Anthony Ndambuki to provide classrooms through 8th Grade (P-8). Because building-supply costs are rising, our goal is to raise \$14,000 to **build classrooms for P7 and P8 students**. Pastor Anthony promoted this need in May, and to date, people have given \$1,300 toward the overall goal needed. The roof and support beams are in place, leaving us with a **\$12,700 need** to finish the project. **Give today** to stand with these students, their teachers, and Calvary Community Church as they follow Christ and serve their community.

RESCUE A WIDOW

Only **\$40 a month** gives hope and lifts a widow and dependents from poverty.

Magoba, Elizabeth



Personal: 60 yrs old with 2 grandchildren

Testimony: Thankful for God for the gift of life no matter the challenges.

Challenges: Surgery needed, no appetite, swollen feet, and children school fees.

Visit missionlink.org/widows to learn more and meet other widows praying for assistance.



Dear MLI family,

I want to thank each of you who have given sacrificially to support my trip to Uganda. I look forward to spending time with the MLI Staff and visiting some of our established growing ministries. Please keep us in your prayers.

Gratefully,
Dr. Rick Sadler

MISSION TRIPS

Uganda: Sep 29-Oct 15, 2027

Purpose: Todd and Rick Sadler are going to encourage and love on the widows, Deaf School students, MLU staff, and many others. Rick will also see the Masloff Medical Center in action.

Uganda: Feb. 12-25, 2027

Trip Cost: \$3,400 (*give to support our Volunteers*)
 Activities: Medical, Construction, Youth VBS, Evangelism, & Dedication of the Masloff Medical Center.

Pray for our team of **over 20 volunteers** to point many to the Lord Jesus. Donations to our Missions Fund brings glory to God in numerous ways.

UGANDA - SUPPORT NEEDS

MLU CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTERS: Our **#1 objective** is to **make disciples that make disciples**. Help equip pastors and church leaders with biblical teaching and practical ministry training so they can faithfully shepherd their churches and reach their communities to expand the Kingdom of God.

MEDICAL FUND: Gifts to this fund help us in caring for the sick that lack the means to receive medical attention.

WIDOW SUPPORT FUND: This fund helps us care for many unexpected needs, ie. bedding, emergency medical & transport, burials, etc. Any SUPPORT you give will be a tremendous blessing.

DEAF SCHOOL: Learn more about our Christian School for the Deaf on our website. Donations are needed for our Operating budget, teacher salaries, food, etc. This school equips deaf students to learn skills that gives them purpose as "Children of God."

GENERAL FUND Appreciates GIFTS of ANY SIZE, which enables us meet the many needs of ministry work in East Africa. MLI helps numerous churches, pastors, missionaries in Uganda and Kenya to "SHINE" the Light of Christ.

KENYA - SUPPORT NEEDS

SOUTHVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: This Primary school managed by Pastor Anthony Ndambuki in Eldoret has 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.

Classroom Project: The primary school is lacking 7th and 8th grade classrooms to allow the children to graduate from Southville and move directly into Secondary (High School). We are seeking donors willing to help us build 2 Classrooms for only **\$12,700 USD**.

PASTOR EUTICAULS WAMBUA: Pastor Euticals oversees several schools, has planted numerous churches, and pastors Baptist Chapel church in Nairobi. Our brother is working on planting more churches in Kenya. Any gifts of support would help tremendously and be appreciated. His ministry website can be accessed through ours.

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Together, we can do much for God's Kingdom in 2026.

