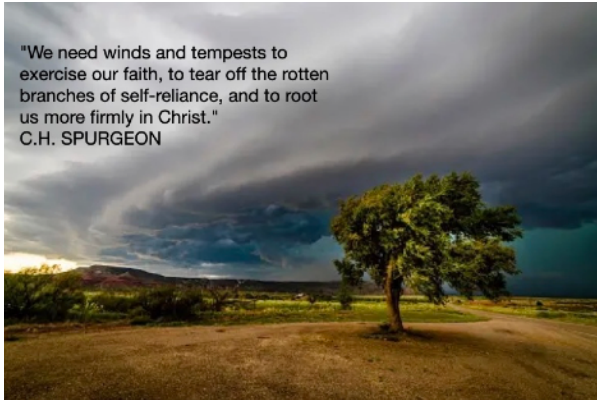




## MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER



"We need winds and tempests to exercise our faith, to tear off the rotten branches of self-reliance, and to root us more firmly in Christ."  
C.H. SPURGEON

## Peace in the Storm

### *Where is your shelter?*

Though the world appears to be falling apart, the goal remains the same. To preach the gospel to all creation, made after the image of God, to be reconciled to our Creator and Lord (Mark 16:15; 2 Cor. 5:18-20). It may seem easy to become absorbed by all the breaking news that targets our emotions. However, let us remain calm by allowing the Bible and the Holy Spirit of God to bring peace amid the storm.

The Lord Jesus never placed any circumstantial stipulations upon our obedience to His commandments. The only conditional statement made by the Lord Jesus in connection with His commandments helps to

differentiate between those who say they love Him and those who show their love for Him. As recorded in the Fourteenth Chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus spoke *several* conditional statements regarding those who love Him. It would do us good to recall a few of them here:

John 14:15-17 (NKJV) **"If you love Me, keep My commandments.** 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

John 14:21 **"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.** And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered and said to him, **"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. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me."

It is imperative to know that in all of scripture, The Lord never repeats Himself by accident, and all should take heed at the times He does. Nevertheless, Jesus knew being obedient would not be easy, and that is why He explained the Holy Spirit was being sent as a **"Comforter, Helper, Teacher, etc."** He then stated, **"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."** (John 14:27) Jesus taught His disciples great truths that most of them lived out after the Holy Spirit indwelt them after Pentecost. Several of their letters to the churches included the importance of applying faith that brings about obedience to the Lord.

Our mission teams often travel by boat to visit the islands of Lake Victoria in Uganda. The Lord has been gracious to us with mostly good weather. However, we have experienced rough waves, wind, and heavy rains from a storm. Life is like being at sea. Some days, we may live through calm and peaceful seas, and other days, we focus on the waves caused by a storm around us. The situation today may seem as it did to Jesus' disciples on that day, when in the evening, they were crossing the Sea of Galilee, and a great tempest (windstorm) arose, causing the waves to rise and enter the boat. Panicked, the disciples found the Lord Jesus in the rear of the ship, asleep on a pillow, and awoke Him to beg for His help. Jesus merely rose and rebuked the wind and waves by commanding them to **"Be still!"** He then asked them, **"Where was their faith?"** (Mark 4:35-41). We, too, need to be reminded often that our only trust should be in Jesus continually, who is our salvation and refuge (Psa. 62:8). This brings peace during the toughest storms.

We at Mission LINK have been called to "GO" and do our part of fulfilling the Great Commission. Our call happens to be in Uganda, Kenya, and wherever else the Lord opens for us a door. Thank you for supporting us in remaining focused on King Jesus, heaven, and sharing the ONLY redeeming message of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

Todd Childers

**Join Us "On Mission"**  
**- UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS -**

**UGANDA:** Feb. 2-15, 2024  
 Our team of 16 has answered the call and willing to "GO" and share Christ. Focus: Medical & Discipleship training. More information is on our website.

**KENYA:** June 6-18, 2024  
 Focus will be on Medical with a priority on presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ for salvation to all. Planning still underway. For more info: Call Todd (540) 871-0517 or Email: todd@missionlink.org



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



Introducing: **JESSICA NAIWUMBWE**  
 74 yrs old with two grandchildren.

**Testimony:** Thanks God for saving her from alcoholism and provided eternal life.  
**Challenges:** Lacks food, suffers from being too weak to work in the fields.  
*More widows are available on our website.*  
[www.missionlink.org/widows](http://www.missionlink.org/widows)

**Progress in East Africa because of YOUR generous support.**  
**Mission Link Christian Study Center Schools - Training Disciples**

During our recent trip to Uganda we conducted two Graduations. *Pictured Left:* 30-Sep-2023, Graduating Class of twelve in Kiige. *Pictured Right:* 3-Oct-2023, Graduating Class of twelve in Agago.




*Pictured Left:* After years of faithful service as our Mission Link Uganda Staff Cook, Peace, is finally realizing a house being built for her and family. It has reached the beam level and the roof, doors, windows, interior and exterior plastering is all that remains. \$1,000 will help greatly to keep moving to complete.

**GOAL Reached for Southville Christian Primary School Project in Kenya! (See below)**




**ATTENTION: CHURCHES, PASTORS, YOUTH GROUPS**

If you would like to experience mission work in Uganda or Kenya, and benefit from Mission Link's +24 years of experience, *contact our office* to learn if we could assist in planning a special trip for your group. One leader of a group of 10 or more will have their trip covered by Mission Link!

**Needs and Ongoing Projects**

**MLI CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTERS:** Our #1 objective is to make disciples that make disciples. Donations to MLI helps us to continue this work.

**MEDICAL FUND:** Gifts to this fund helps us care for the sick that lack the means to seek medical attention.

**MISSION TRIP ASSISTANCE:** Our Missions Fund could use a boost to help some on our upcoming Uganda Team that are willing to "Go", but lack funds. Please consider giving towards our Uganda Mission efforts. It will make an everlasting impact.

**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 Africa.

**SPECIAL PROJECT - UPDATE!**

**ELDORET, KENYA:** Southville Christian Primary School needs two additional classrooms. Funds Needed: \$12,000

**PRAISE THE LORD!**

**Our GOAL of \$12,000 USD has been reached because of YOU, our donors!**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

**If no delays, to Complete in December.**

As a result, more children in the Eldoret, Kenya area will gain a quality "Christian" education and current students moving up from grade P-4 can remain with Southville Christian School through P-6. Pastor Anthony extends his love and appreciation for such generosity moved by God. Remember, "nothing is impossible with God." *Luke 1:37*



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