



MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

## A Rekindled LOVE for the LORD in 2026

**A**s I awakened this frigid December morning, I went to stoke the remaining hot coals in our wood stove to create more heat. However, simply stirring around through the ashes to uncover hot embers will not produce the desired outcome. In fact, at that point, there was no longer a flame, only a few hot coals. I had to add some fuel, a mixture of newspaper and cardboard, to those hot spots and then top it off with some dry wood before the flames ignited and started spreading throughout the stove. Fires eventually die out once they have burned up all their fuel or starved of oxygen. The process of rekindling the fire within the stove is similar to how believers must continuously feed their spiritual fire, not in a legalistic or religious formula, but by any means that keeps us close to GOD. This includes: devotion/meditation time in the Holy Scriptures, fasting, praying, singing, worshipping (individually and corporately), etc.



The Apostle Paul gave these instructions to young Timothy:

1 Timothy 4:14-16 (NKJV) “Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”

Imagine: as Children of GOD, we are called to keep fanning the flames so others will witness our lives of faith and can then “hear” the gospel and have the opportunity to be saved.

### First, The Transformational Change: Rebirth (Born-Again)

The gospel of Jesus Christ calls every believer to a radical transformation—to become entirely new people who exhibit godly behaviors and live wholly for the Lord. This profound change is not a mere improvement of our old selves but a complete renewal, rooted in the sacrificial love of Christ and empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit. As Paul declares in Galatians 2:20: “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” This verse captures the essence of the Christian life: our old self dies with Christ on the cross, and we rise to live not for ourselves, but through His life within us.

The Apostle Paul echoed this truth in 2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” The moment we place our faith in Jesus, the old patterns of sin, selfishness, and separation from God pass away. We are reborn with a new nature, oriented toward righteousness and holiness. This new life manifests in godly behaviors—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—as the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). No longer driven by fleshly desires, we pursue what pleases the Lord, reflecting His character in our thoughts, words, and actions.

We live this way because Christ “loved me and gave himself for me.” His death was not abstract; it was personal, substituting Himself for our sins so we could be reconciled to God. In response, we surrender our lives totally to Him, living not for personal ambition or worldly approval, but for His glory. This total devotion means allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us daily. When Christ lives in us through the Spirit, obedience to God’s will flows naturally. It is no longer a burdensome duty but a joyful response to His indwelling presence. The Spirit convicts, guides, and empowers us, making godly living the organic outgrowth of our union with Christ, rather than forced effort.

In essence, the call to become new and renewed people is for all believers. Over time, flames tend to die down as we starve them by quenching the Spirit of God through neglecting quality time with JESUS. Nevertheless, there is Good News. All is not lost. Return to Him and commit your life to drawing closer starting today. Through faith, we die to self and rise with Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live fully for the One who gave everything for us. This transformed life honors His sacrifice and displays the beauty of the gospel to the world. Let us echo the words of John the Baptist, “He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30)

I pray for each of you to have a BLESSED New Year in 2026 and that Christ would be magnified in our lives for His glory.

Todd Childers, Director

**RESCUE A WIDOW**

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

**Namulwa Aisha**

Personal: 71 yrs old with 5 grandchildren  
Testimony: Praised God for salvation and life with grandkids.

Challenges: Needs surgery for hernia, mouth wounds and 1 grand has epilepsy.

Learn about this princess and others at: [www.missionlink.org/widows](http://www.missionlink.org/widows)

**God's Glory in 2025**

- Two Successful Team Mission Trips +1,986 medically treated, +220 received reading glasses, over 1,100 youth heard the gospel, many receiving new clothes & all fed.
- Primary School Equipped with 10 New Computers in Jinja, Uganda.
- Eight Bible Conferences held to train pastors and all who attended in remote villages.
- Widow homes/latrines repaired, caring for basic needs with record sponsorship in 2025.
- Six Mission Link Christian Study Center training classes conducted throughout Uganda, training +60 pastors with seminary-style curriculum.
- ALL GLORY GOES TO THE LORD JESUS!**

**UPCOMING TEAM TRIPS**

**UGANDA:** Feb 6 - 18, 2026

Focus: **Sharing the Gospel of Christ** through Evangelism, Medical Clinics, Bible Conferences, Youth Activities, and Widow ministry.

Funds Needed: **\$2,500** for Medical Supplies, Professional MDs and meals for 5 days of Clinics.

More details can be found on our website: [www.missionlink.org/mission-trips](http://www.missionlink.org/mission-trips)

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

**EXPERIENCE MISSION** work in Africa and benefit from 27 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.

**Updates / Testimonies / Prayer Requests**

- Our Dollar for Dollar Match Fundraiser was successful and we reached our \$2,000 goal and is now matched by a generous kingdom donor. Construction on the security fence should begin mid-January. Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
- Our 149 Mission Link widows celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus together on Dec 24th. It was reported that the newest 40+ widows of Idome village were elated by how well the LORD is caring for all the widows through donors like YOU. Learn more and meet several widows on our website ([missionlink.org/widows](http://missionlink.org/widows)) who are praying for the LORD to send a sponsor that can help during their vulnerable time of affliction.
- PRAYER REQUESTS:**  
-Upcoming Uganda Presidential Elections to be held on Jan. 15th, 2026. Opposing political parties are already being silenced by use of force against any demonstrations or gatherings. Pray all will be Peaceful and for God's will to be done.  
-Pray for our budget needs to be met as most nonprofits, like MLI, experienced a decrease in giving for 2-3 years straight. Our needs are methodically chosen to primarily sharing the gospel through educating pastors, caring for widows, and the staff needed to fulfill the Great Commission.

**UGANDAN WIDOWS PRAISING GOD**

Please donate to help Mission Link keep sharing God's love in Africa

**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 **multiple schools** 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.

**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:** 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 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.

**KENYA - BUDGET 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.

**PASTOR EUTICAULS WAMBUA:** Pastor Euticauls oversees several schools, has planted numerous churches, and pastors Baptist Chapel church in Nairobi. Our brother is working on planting more churches within Kenya. Any gifts of support would help tremendously and be appreciated.

**PERRY JAYNE GIRLS CENTRE:** This High School for girls was established in Euticauls' home area of Kithyoko, Kenya in 2019 and is rated among the top 3 in academics. Pastor is seeking partners to help fund the school's monthly operating budget to provide these girls an education. Learn more at: [missionlink.org/kenya](http://missionlink.org/kenya)

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Please consider sending in your best Kingdom building gift for 2026.

