

Our Ministry Vision

Our God-given Vision is to bring salvation, hope, healing and restoration to God's people through worship, prayer, fellowship, the preaching and teaching of God's Word. Individuals will be built up in the faith to fulfill their God-given purpose as effective witnesses for Christ in their homes, communities and throughout the world.

The Lord has called us to be bearers of the Light of Jesus. We must lift up His name, declare His Word and demonstrate His love to the lost, broken, impoverished and wounded. See Isaiah 58:6-12; Isaiah 60:1-5; Habakkuk 1:5; Habakkuk 2:14; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Philippians 2:13-15.

Our Mission

And God said, "Look at the nations and watch and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5 NIV

Our Mission is to establish a Spirit-filled, Kingdom-minded, Bible teaching, Christian church (Matthew 24:14; John 4:23-24):

- To worship God (Matthew 4:10; John 4:19-24; Romans 12:1-2)
- To care for, build up and equip believers as matured witnesses for Christ. (John 15; Ephesians 4:1-32; 2 Timothy 2:1-2)
- To impact individuals and families through holistic ministry to transform the community (Isaiah 58:6-12; Luke 4:18-19; James 1:27)
- To empower and release believers to evangelize the world (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Acts 1:8)

Method of Church Planting

Agape Global Missions, which is a para-church mission organization that is registered as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Uganda

and is governed by a Ugandan board of directors serves as the direct covering of our newly established church through our missions department. Agape Global Missions currently gives direct oversight to our newly planted church "Agape Christian Church International," which is the first church and hub for branch churches to be planted in the future. A sub-committee from the Agape Board of Directors called Missions and Church Growth is responsible for overseeing the details of church planting.

Our History – Our Beginnings

Agape Christian Church International came forth through a home Bible fellowship that began first in the home of one of its current members in September, 2008, and later that year moved into the home of Apostle Linda Marcell in Kansanga, which is also the headquarters of Agape Global Missions. Some of our first members lived in Bukasa and they mobilized others from the Bukasa area to attend.

As the church continued to meet at Agape Global Missions, we saw the need to start a literacy and vocational school program to meet the needs of our members who were totally illiterate and without any skills for gainful employment. By faith, we started the vocational school training with 10 women all from the Bukasa community who walked every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from Bukasa to Kansanga to attend the school. Through these women, other men and women from Bukasa began to attend our Sunday services in Kansanga. We also started our Sunday school for children that is currently serving up to 30 or more children each Sunday and all of them come from the Bukasa community.

By the end of 2009, we started a home Bible fellowship in the home of one of the vocational school students who lived in Bukasa. Every Tuesday afternoon our leadership team travels to the Bible fellowship to minister the Word of God and now the fellowship has grown with an attendance of an average of 10 adults or more and up to 30 children attending. We have

seen an overwhelming number of children respond to the gospel message and being an influence within their communities that has drawn even their parents and others to our ministry. As we respond to the call of God to the Bukasa community, we seek to establish our church to bring hope, healing and restoration that will build strong families that will bring transformation to the community.

What We Believe

- ▶ The Scriptures. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of faith and conduct. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21).
- ▶ The Godhead. God has revealed Himself as a triune Being, being manifested in three personalities as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (I John 5:7 Matt. 28:19).
- ▶ Man, Sin and Redemption. Man is a created being, made in the image and likeness of God. Through Adam's disobedience, sin came into the world and now man's only hope of redemption from sin is through the shed blood of Christ, the Son of God. (Rom. 5:14; 3:23; Luke 24:47).
- ▶ Eternal Life and The New Birth. Man's first step toward salvation is godly sorrow that works repentance. The New Birth is necessary to all men, and when experienced, produces eternal life. (II Cor. 7:10; I John 5:12; John 3:3-5).
- ▶ The Church. The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in Heaven. (Eph. 1:22; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:14; I Thess. 5:23; I Peter 2:24).

About Our Senior Pastor



Apostle Linda F. Marcell, Ph.D. is an ordained minister of the gospel and foreign missionary from California, USA. She has served as a missionary the last ten years in such countries as India, South Korea, China, Thailand, Mexico, Argentina, Sweden and numerous countries in Africa, before establishing her ministry in Uganda six years ago. Apostle Marcell is the founder of Agape Global Missions, which is a mission organization based in California in the U.S. and is also a registered NGO in Uganda.

A church planter and Christian psychologist, Apostle Linda Marcell has entered into a new dimension of ministry as one of the end-time Apostles that God is raising up around the world. She is recognized internationally as an anointed woman of God, who is committed to releasing the apostolic dimension within the hearts of the saints, equipping and calling them to go forth as victorious believers sent out to be bearers of the light of Jesus Christ. She ministers with great passion and inspiration fulfilling her apostolic mandate to reach out and bless the nations with the gospel of the kingdom of God.

Apostle Marcell holds a Ph.D. in Christian Psychology from Jacksonville Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida, a Master in Education from Freed-Hardeman University in Tennessee, a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and English from Lane College in Tennessee. She has earned diplomas in Theology and Christian Education from the American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, and has studied missions in the School of Missions at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

Apostle Marcell has three adult children and five grand-children who reside in Tennessee.



**CHRISTIAN CHURCH
INTERNATIONAL**

**AGAPE CHRISTIAN
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*"Bringing Hope, Healing and Restoration to
Build Strong Families to Transform Communities"*

**Currently Meeting at
Ssebo Green - Bukasa Muyenga**

Services Held:

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00am
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 5:00pm

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▶ **The Mission of the Church.** The church has a two-fold purpose to nurture and disciple new believers (John 21:15-17; Ephesians 4:11-12; Matthew 11:28-29) and worldwide evangelization which means empowering and releasing believers to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8).

▶ **Sanctification.** The Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the doctrine of Sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace. (Hebrews 12:14; I Thess. 5:23; I Peter 2:24).

▶ **Healing and Deliverance.** There is healing and deliverance given to us through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 53:4-5; Luke 4:18; James 5:14-15).

▶ **Resurrection of the Just and the Return of our Lord.** When Jesus returns, the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. (Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:16-17).

▶ **Hell and Eternal Retribution.** The one who physically dies in his sins without receiving Christ as his personal Savior, is hopelessly and eternally lost. The devil and his angels, and anyone whose name is not found written in the Book of Life, shall be confined to everlasting punishment in the Lake of Fire which burns with brimstone. (Rev. 19:20; 20:10-15).

We invite you to come and worship with us!