

# THE MESSENGER

*Bringing Hope, Healing and Restoration to East Africa*

**Dear Kingdom Partners!**



As we come to the close of another year of ministry in Uganda, we are in awe of what God continues to do through us! In January of this year, the Lord spoke these profound words to me, *"This is the year of manifestations of promises and being repositioned to be transitioned into a greater level of ministry."* I heard the words, but I had no idea of what God truly meant! I know that we all have those unforgettable moments and even years that stand out in our minds that will forever be memorable to us. Well, this is truly one of those years for me.

I will never forget Cape Town 2010 and having the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization that was held on October 16-25, 2010. With over 4,000 invited participants from 197 nations, the Congress uniquely brought evangelicals together for a common purpose as we deliberated on how to bear witness to Jesus Christ and all His teaching in every region and every sphere of society.

The Congress theme was, "God in Christ reconciling the world to himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). The Congress began each morning with inductive Bible study on the book of Ephesians lead by pastor-theologians from around the world. It was such a wonderful experience to have table groups and sitting with the same people each day learning from one another and studying the word of God together.

It was an awesome experience to serve on the Lausanne Committee for Care and Counsel as Mission as our committee also shared four dialogue sessions during the Congress. We heard reports from around the world concerning the persecuted Church and the suffering. I attended various workshops or multiplexes on different

topics and attended three meetings with the African-American delegation as we strategized about how to mobilize the African church for world evangelization.

For sure, I believe that the third Lausanne Congress ignited something within all of those who participated, and I believe that it will have a long-term effect that will have lasting results in taking us to the next level of finishing the task of world evangelization. I want to thank each of you again for your prayers and financial support. The Lausanne Congress gave each participant many helpful resources such as videos, handouts and booklets that can be used to ignite the fire around the globe. When I am in your area, I will be happy to come and share a presentation with you, your church, or organization. God is on the move and it is time that we move in a greater way with Him to fulfill the Great Commission!

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men"

Happy holidays!

**Dr. Linda Marcell, Founder/CEO**  
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*Pictures of our table group during the Lausanne Congress*

# Church Planting News

**Agape Christian Church International Moves from House Church to New Facility**



*Pastor Marcell ministering in house church*

After worshipping as a house church since 2008, in August the Lord blessed us to move into a hall within the Bukasa community. We are currently renting a place that has a seating capacity of close to five hundred.

On the first Sunday in September, Bishop Nathaniel Bond and his team from the Jackson, Tennessee area came to Uganda and were a part of the dedication services of our new worship facility. Bishop Bond officiated the dedication service and the consecration and installation of me as Apostle and Senior Pastor of the church. The day was special for us and there were many in attendance to celebrate this great day with us.



*Worship services in new facility*

Our church vision is to bring hope, healing and restoration to build strong families to transform communities through holistic ministry. Since relocating to our new place of worship in the Bukasa community, souls continue to be saved. We continue to preach the gospel, baptize new believers and disciple them. Glory to God!

We offer a baptism class for new converts before we take them to the water. We want to make sure that everyone understands the purpose of the ordinance and why they must be baptized. Our children's church has now grown to 68 children every Sunday. However, there have been as many as 92 children in attendance.

## Holistic Ministry among the Urban Poor

Many of our people live in the Bukasa slums, and are illiterate or have very little education. Every two weeks we seek to visit at least 5 families in their homes. The home visitations serve as a means for us to get to know our people up close and personal. We seek to know where they live and the challenges they are facing. Home visitations have also been a great evangelism tool to reach the lost and unchurched as well.

As we extend our hands to our families, their neighbors, friends and other families come to hear the word of God as we pray, sing and share with them. Many have come to Christ through our home visitations. Glory to God!

During each home visit, we also take bags of food and other necessities to bless the families.



# God is on the Move: Our Church in Action

*"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:19-20*



## Special Project:

Most of the children that attend our church come from impoverished homes where the parents are not able to pay school fees for them to attend school. Therefore a student sponsorship program has been established to give these children a chance to get an education. Project Chance Uganda is our ministry to children and youth through Agape Global Missions.

The ministry designs projects to build hope and a future for the thousands of orphaned, disadvantaged and vulnerable

children in Uganda. We currently have over 60 children that we are seeking to sponsor with school fees to attend school next year. The school fees will cover each child's tuition, school uniform, scholastic materials and administrative cost. Please help us by sponsoring a child today!

For more information contact us. Help us to rescue the next generation! Children deserve a **CHANCE!**



*Children needing sponsorship*



# Training Indigenous Pastors in IMF School of Ministry



*Pictured above are Dr. Linda Marcell and Dr. Leara Lee teaching in the school of ministry.*

As the Director of the School of Ministry of International Ministers Fellowship Uganda National Chapter, we have heard the cry of the many pastors in Uganda who are in need of training. There is a great need for both formal and informal training for pastors and church leaders. So many pastors in Uganda have responded to the call of God to preach the gospel, but have not been properly trained to fulfill the call. Many are spiritual orphans not having the benefits of spiritual parenting and mentorship. Because of the extreme levels of poverty many are not able to attend Bible schools to receive formal training, and there are many who don't even own a Bible. The situation is that many have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge and therefore, many cultic churches have sprung up all over the nation. This plight has caused the gospel to be watered down and mixed with such things as

1. Traditional African beliefs, ancestral worship and witchcraft which some Christian ministers continue to practice.
2. Ministers have little knowledge of the Word of God, therefore often teach and preach what they have heard others say and do, and have not studied for themselves.
3. Unbalanced teachings concerning the "prosperity gospel" have caused many Christian ministers to derail in ministry.
4. Lack of Christian stewardship among ministers and no accountability promotes ungodly living among leaders.

Upon the request of the executive committee of International Ministers Fellowship in Uganda, I developed four modules in ministerial training that would offer practical training in:

- Personal and Spiritual Development
- Bible Study and Interpretation of Scripture
- Practical Skills and Applications in Ministry
- Mentorship: Raising up 2nd and 3rd Generation Leaders

The school of ministry has served 38 pastors in the Makindye District of Kampala. These pastors have already completed all the modules with final exams in each module, and will receive a certificate in ministerial training.

This training seeks to expose pastors to basic ministerial training, and to encourage them to pursue more training that will enhance their spiritual growth and equip them even more to be effective in ministry.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**1. Please join us in praying for the nation of Uganda as elections will be held in February 2011. Pray for peaceful elections.**

**2. Pray for the ongoing work of our ministry, the health and wellbeing of all our staff, and the release of needed resources to do the work of ministry**



**3. Pray for open doors for building relationships and ministry to Muslims and other unreached groups.**

**4. Pray for the spiritual awakening of the Church and that there will be a greater passion aroused among us for world evangelization.**

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