

Proclamation Task

July – Oct 2018 Ministry Update / Overview

Following a wonderful reunion with friends and rest during our (Julius and Grace's) trip to USA, it has been a marathon in ministry – beginning where we had stopped in June, only with greater urgency.

We are doing well as a family. Grace has resumed teaching the Bible to women on the BSF platform, while caring for us at home and handling her chicken project with 300 birds. Isabel sat for the Bar Course entry exam and passed well, so she is set to continue her study. Isaac is in session in his third year at Daystar and hopefully completing his degree program next year. Isaiah was admitted at Uganda Christian University to do Bachelors of Law and he has started on this four-year journey. Abigail is taller and beautiful. In grade six, she has followed her siblings well in music. We love to hear her voice during our worship service where participates in music. And I (Julius) am trying to give attention to all aspects of our life in ministry, alert enough to testify of God's abounding grace.



We have made a number of ministry trips, especially to western eastern Uganda. And we are set to make many more by the end of the year, since many doors have opened for us to share the Gospel, train Gospel workers and evangelize communities. On top of our agenda is work on the modalities for formal training and preparing documentation for partnership with instructors from Western Seminary who may make trips to render us support with advanced training.

We are also working on the first Uganda Missions Journal to help Gospel workers in providing information, predicting trends, harnessing strategies and encouraging collaboration in finishing the Gospel task. We are right in the middle of this year's Reformation Commemoration activities which afford the greatest opportunity to share the Gospel, building on history. We get to explain to multitudes how to get threaded in God's story of being blessed to be a blessing.

Our Reformation heritage

Modern Reformation will be fuelled by men and women who are confident that their true citizenship is in the kingdom of God. This is the confidence with which we can take bold stances for the Gospel, even in the most difficult environments. Just like the Reformers of years ago, we must orient our lives to heaven, aware that our citizenship in the kingdom of God is foundational to a faithful proclamation of His Word in a world hostile to his purposes.

Reformation is God's Legacy for His People

For us today, Reformation is a legacy to equip ourselves as knowledgeable proclaimers and defenders of biblical truth, to stand under God's authoritative and efficacious Word, to marvel at the grace of God, the wisdom of God, to cultivate our faith, to trust in Christ alone and to seek the glory of God alone.

Reformation and revival will not occur without the preaching of sound doctrine, as we contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints (Jude 3). Doctrine is indispensable in writing confessions and in building our selves in our most holy faith, and keeping ourselves pure in God's love (Jude 20).

Reformation Activities

SEPT	7 th - 9 th Students Conference 12 th - 15 th LivingStone Univ. Mbale	18 th - 21 st Mbarara 22 nd Mbarara Refor. Breakfast 28 th - 29 th Ndejje University
OCTOBER	1 st - 7 th Makerere Univ. Business Sch 8 th - 13 th Makerere University 13 th Women's Reformation Seminar 15 th - 21 st Kyambogo University 20 th Lugogo Baptist Symposium 22 nd - 27 th Uganda Christian Univ. 22 nd - 29 th Uganda Inst. of Information & Communication Technology (UCTI) 29 th Professionals Refor. Dinner	6 th - Public Lecture Makerere 20 th Public Lecture Kyambogo 23 rd - Public Lecture MUBS 27 th Reformation Breakfast 28 th Reformation Sunday (in churches) 31 st Oct - 2 nd Nov. The Uganda Theological Initiative (UTI)

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The PROTESTANT Reformation COMMEMORATION 2018

We commemorate the Protestant Reformation this year, considering how doctrine is foundational for anyone who claims to be 'Christian', and how preaching must be authentic in order to expound Christian doctrine.

Many people question the place for biblical theology and doctrine in Christian faith and living. And others wonder how any one can love and serve God rightly without such a doctrinal foundation, since faith is built on content.

"Our Protestant Heritage: Preaching then and Now"

It cannot be Christianity if it lacks the preaching of sound doctrine.

We have planned from September till early November, to hold general breakfast meetings, dinners for business and professional workers, urban women, week-long Bible-teaching in seven universities (Kampala, Mbarara, Mbale and Ndejje) student conferences, public lectures, symposia and a theological think-tank.



Berea Church is growing in numbers and getting more organized for in-reach ministry as well as outreach. Our entire workforce in PT are also active ministers in Berea. Isaiah participates mainly by playing drums, and he has come up well in this.

The congregation is receptive to expository preaching and many are getting enrolled in our weekly Sunday School hour.



I count it a great privilege to shepherd this wonderful congregation under Christ, our Great Shepherd. Studying God's Word for weekly preaching and teaching has greatly edified me personally. And seeing several young preachers sharing the pulpit with me is so fulfilling for me.



Everywhere, God has opened doors for his Word to be preached and heard. He has opened the hearts of our people through a window of healthy skepticism. Recently in Mbarara, we witnessed a number of young people turn to Christ during a crusade, once their objections about the Christian faith were cleared.



One of the greatest opportunities in recent times, is preaching God's Word on Radio. Our partners in ministry in Ankole Diocese launched Revival Radio, where I am expected to remain among key Bible teachers. We thank God for this.

During one of our trips in western Uganda a few weeks ago, we combined participation in a Missions weekend program and the wedding of one of our staff, Mr. Silver Nizeyimana, who married Scovia in a colorful ceremony.



We were there as the PT / Berea Church team to witness and share in the joyous moment of Silver and Scovia.



As a climax of the missions weekend, I was so glad to bring God's word to hundreds of students at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) where about 18 turned their hearts to faith in Christ.



We have interacted with young people long enough to be able to engage them with the Good News of Jesus Christ, and for that we are truly grateful to God.



By end of August, Grace (my wife) and Rebecca (PT Staff) set out to Busembatia to train women. They had about 50 ministering ladies in a great time of opening the Bible to hear God's voice. Rebecca is preparing a more elaborate report about the benefits and build ups in regard to such a rural trip, which we will get to you soon.

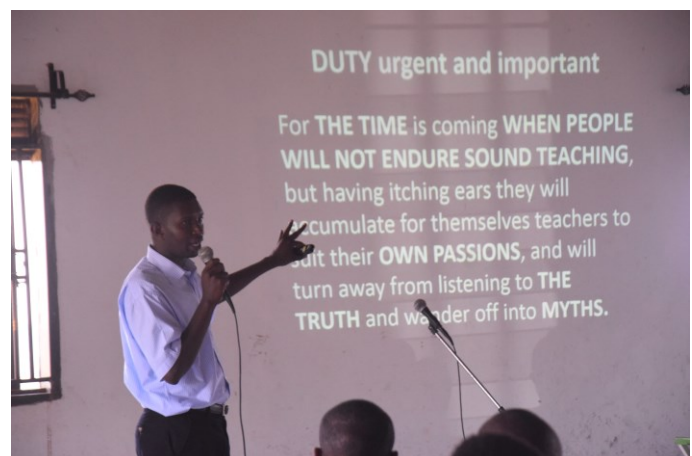
One of the thrilling open door for our Bible work is Makerere University Business School where we are closely running training programs through the Chaplaincy of St. James' Church. We had an opportunity to train the Chaplain Rev. Aaron Batte and his wife, and now they have given our ministry a wonderful placement in the university. We are forming preaching groups, training students missionaries, facilitating family life ministry and among others.



Traditionally, the first in our annual Reformation Commemoration activities is a students' conference. About 62 students came for a weekend (Sept. 7th – 9th) to participate in this well-planned event. I personally could not be present at the PT Center as I had another ministry engagement 300 miles to the west, but we have developed a wonderful team to share our growing work.

In this picture (to the left), Dr. Dennis Kilama is handling a session at the PT Center. Dennis is the PT Board Chair, Deputy Chancellor at Africa Renewal University and pastor at Lugogo Baptist Church.

An in this picture, Mr. Grace Noowe is handling another session (2 Timothy 4). Grace is Human Resource Manager for Divine Care Ministries and a member of Berea Church, with whom I share the pulpit.



During the students' conference, break-out groups are a crucial component in learning, and they encourage discussion, but also give unique contact for friendships and ongoing fellowship.



In this picture (to the left), Rev. Eng. Emmanuel Mwesigwa is handling another session during the just concluded Students' Conference at the PT Center. Emmanuel is PT Board Deputy Chair and Chaplain of St. Kakumba Chapel of Kyambogo University where we have open doors to serve together with him

In the picture to the right are a team of PT volunteers who are building the ministry with us. They worked hard to host university students over the weekend – preparing meals, ensuring safety, doing registration, dormitory arrangement and the entire learning exercise.



And for short time last week, we got to be Isaac who had traveled from Nairobi on Tuesday a head of a mission team he was leading across the border, to minister in Uganda. A group of 14 young men and women who are musicians had ministry at Uganda Christian University, but visited our home on Thursday and gave us an opportunity to encourage them in mission.



We are so thankful to God for the way Isaac is maturing in the things of God. He is very active at the University in Bible Study, music, chapel and others. We were thrilled to see him make arrangements, do the planning and actually lead a team on mission here. They had a wonderful ministry in the university and they are now back in Kenya and in class.



Our ministry team has progressively expanded and for that we are thankful to God. Boaz, who is our Missions Integration point man, is seen here doing what he loves most – mobilizing students for short term missions at Makerere University. He has come up as committed teacher of the Bible, a trainer of Gospel workers, a coordinator with a unique relational touch. He coordinates the Perspectives Course which is pioneered and still handled by our office.

The Perspectives Course has been well embraced, as it renders believers a comprehensive view of life on mission. In the picture on the right, Stanley Shifu is teaching the Perspectives Class at All Saints Church where we have 50 registered students. Stanley, with his wife Charity are members with us at Berea Church and we share pulpit with him. They are from Cameroon.





Mobilizing Gospel workers in Uganda requires training in which pertinent cultural, traditional and spiritual issues are seen to be handled scripturally.

Many are gaining confidence in the Bible as sufficient for life and godliness, and are seen to submit themselves under its divine authority.

I had a privilege of teaching the Bible to 200 plus youth who gathered from Baptist Churches all over Uganda, during the Baptist Students' Conference. These young people are ready for discipleship and we pray for more workers to raise many more among them.



Within the last one month, PT has enlisted four more staff and a number of volunteers who come serve occasionally. In the picture to the left are two of our new staff: Ms. Nancy Amviko – coming in as PT Literature Resource Manager, and Ms. Joy Mukisa – coming in as Students' Ministry Coordination assistant, to give support to Silver.

Jimmy Abwango – PT Facilities Development Manager
Sharon Nafuna – Perspectives Course Assistant

Nancy is a passionate Bible student and teacher, with a background experience in Christian student leadership. She is a great addition to our work force.





Joy has proved to be good in correspondence and coordination. She was a key student leaders during her university days. She was able to handle the arrangements towards the recently concluded Students' Conference while Silver was busy and away for his wedding. We are glad to have Joy in the office. Seated behind and beside her is George Sebyaala, who is a faithful volunteer with PT.

Another staff is Mr. Jimmy Abwango who we took in as the PT Facilities Development Manager. Jimmy is a member of Berea and a construction worker. He is faithful and skillful in handling work at the PT Center.



To the left is Ms. Sharon Nafuna who has come in recently as our Perspectives Course Assistant.

And this morning soon after our early morning staff devotion, they stepped out, got down a jack fruit from tree in front of our office, which was ready for eating, and shared it among themselves. It is great to have these young an upcoming companions in Gospel work.



CONSTRUCTION



As of June – July, construction of the first residential facility at the PT Center had been built up to the wall-plate and ready for the roof.

During August, purchases of timber and other accessories for roofing were made, contractors entered agreement with us and the major work of framework began.



The phase of roofing is now complete – we thank God for this provision. The ongoing work is currently inside, od plastering the walls.



Grace is currently taking care of 300 young chicks. They will be ready for sale in December. This project is helpful in bringing in some profit that she uses to uplift rural women who are wives of ministering men. The domestic support now stretches to helping some of their children keep in school, as that is so crucial in every home.



As our work continues to grow, we ask all our friends and partners to heighten involvement through prayer and other support.

We are taking on more staff, not knowing whether we will be able to provide for them, but seeing that the work is real and demanding such steps. Join us in praying for resources.

With a staff of 14 members involved in various activities throughout the week, one vehicle which 22 years has proved so limited in meeting our transport needs. Please pray for some motor cycles for student workers and at least two newer better vehicles for the work that is evidently expanding. We are beginning a training prom in Mbarara, over 350 kilometers south west of Kampala in February 2019. We will need private means to grow a regional training center here.





With more people showing interest wherever we go, in taking a formal training program with the PT Institute, please pray that our dining and kitchen may find financial resources to complete this facility.

Please join us in committing to God the busy schedule to teaching, speaking, training and working through various means to make God known and worshipped. Pray too, for resources to handle all the ministry opportunities that come to us by way of invitation. Pray that God may strengthen us according to the ministry demand we sense.

We share with you our calendar here below:

SEPTEMBER

7th - 9th Students Conference, PT Center (this was successfully completed)

We travel tomorrow morning to Mbale (about 260 kilometers east, or five hours away) and handle the first speaking engagement by 12:30 pm at UCU. On the team is Boaz, Rebecca, Henry and I.

12th - 15th		Livingstone Univ. Mbale / Uganda Christian University
Friday	Sep 14th	Pastor training, Mbale / Return from Mbale
Saturday	Sep 15th	PT Institute planning meeting
Sunday	Sep 16th	Preaching and ministering – Berea Church
Tuesday	Sep 18th	Travel to Mbarara
Wednesday	Sep 19th	Bishop Stuart University (BSU)/Mbarara Univ. of Science & Tech (MUST)
Thursday	Sep 20th	BSU / MUST
Friday	Sep 21st	Professionals Dinner - Mbarara
Saturday	Sep 22nd	Return from Mbarara
Friday	Sep 28th	Travel to Ndejje University, Luwero for ministry
Saturday	Sep 29th	Return from Ndejje

OCTOBER

Monday	Oct 1st	Reformation activities – Makerere University Business School (MUBS)
Saturday	Oct 6th	Public Lecture – Makerere University
Monday	Oct 8th	Reformation activities begin – Makerere University - Kampala
Saturday	Oct 13th	Women's Reformation Seminar – Eureka Hotel
Monday	Oct 15th	Reformation activities begin – Kyambogo University
Tuesday	Oct 16 th	Preaching at UCU Mukono - Reformation Activities Begin
Saturday	Oct 20th	Public Lecture – Kyambogo University; Lugogo Baptist – Symposium
Sunday	Oct 21st	Preaching at Uganda Christian University
Tuesday	Oct 23rd	Public Lecture – MUBS
Thursday	Oct 25th	Professionals & Business – Reformation Dinner
Saturday	Oct 27th	Reformation Commemoration - Eureka Hotel
Sunday	Oct 28th	Reformation Sunday in local churches
Wednesday	Oct 31st	The Uganda Theological Initiative begins
Friday	Nov 2nd	The Uganda Theological Initiative ends

THANK YOU FOR SHARING IN THIS WORK

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