



JANUARY 2021 UPDATE

The STAT Training & Future Plans

The recent training went very well as a ground for sustained apprenticeship among rural church leaders. In this “short term apprenticeship in ministry” we introduce and follow up a biblical understanding of spiritual birth, growth and maturity, keep track of our trainees’ spiritual growth goals and assess how their transformation is impacting local church work while on mission.

These trainees will return for guidance on “short term experience in ministry”. This STEM engagement fits well with STAT, based on a mentored field ministry. We expect to remain engaged with such trainees through a deliberate follow up, until they are able to visibly reproduce themselves through training others to share their Gospel work.

Also, this set up (considered as informal training) is what gives us candidates for both our non-formal and formal training programs to enable us multiply instructors. We currently have two online classes going, with one in-person classes ended just two weeks ago.

Graduation and Commissioning

On March 6, 2021, we are planning commission those who have completed the 15-week Perspectives Course on world Christian Movement. The Kyambogo Class of 2019 into 2020 could not graduate due the disruption by the pandemic. Since then we have had two more classes – one physically meeting and the other one on line. Additionally, some 18 trainees will be done with their Bibliology Course and we are planning to commission all these on this same day.

The Construction update

God has provided for us immensely. The Dining is complete, the Kitchen is awaiting Gas and Electricity connection. We just signed agreement with TOTAL Officials / Experts who are preparing to install LPG. We are only delayed by the recent electricity connection policy <https://www.umeme.co.ug/stories/981> since Government withdrew subsidies. <https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/business/technology/power-connection-fees-spike-as-govt-withdraws-subsidies-3224438>

The Wall fence is under construction; the grounds are being paved (and gladly, the pavers are made on site, thus saving 25 percent of the construction funds than if we had bought the already made pieces). We have done some railing on the stairs and continue to do that on others. We have completed all painting of all the structures on site.

Also, in consultation with the Board Members, we embarked on putting up a structure as our IT Center. It will hold a recording studio where our teachings can be recorded and then broad cast to online students. We are only praying for more residency in form of a dormitory. Our trainees are still crowded in to class rooms, may our benevolent God open flood gates like he has always done, so that we may have more residence. The duplex is serving to full capacity, with four ladies on one side and four gentlemen in the other – who mainly comprise of staff and ministry interns.

Partnerships

We have more partners seeking to join hearts and hands with us in training Gospel workers worldwide. Yesterday we hosted a team from Africa Bible Ministry, a young ministry which avails Bibles to Christians who do not have. On Monday we will have the regional leaders of Arica Inland Mission visit us at the Center for partnership development. Through Africa Missions Association (in which I serve as the General Secretary) and World Link University (for which I serve as the Deputy Chancellor, Academic Affairs) we have more partnerships potentially. Prospects of extending our training to Japan are ripening through these contacts.