

## PT Ministry Update

### October 2025

Dear partners in Christ,

Greetings from a “politically warm” Uganda, where campaigns are in high gear for the presidential, parliamentary and local council elections. Peace is still prevailing and we look up to God for a moderate political mood throughout this exercise, which often claims lives through violence. We make mention of you in our prayers and trust that you remain in Christ, rooted well and resolved in living for Him who redeemed us.

In our journey of faith and service, we recall the past in order to grasp our present moment in Christ; and we find it spiritually enriching to look around us (in our walk) so as to look ahead clearer – yet only looking up to Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. Our devotion to Christ our Lord and commitment to His service find nothing too great for us to sacrifice for Him. As C. T. Studd (1860 – 1931) put it, ***If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.*** C. T. Studd’s life of service was also grounded by his conviction that here on earth, there is “Only one life, and it will soon be past; only what is done for Christ will last.” What a reminder!

When we truly fear the Lord, we have nothing else to fear – even when life may seem to be at stake. For indeed, Christ died and rose again to free us from the slavery which took advantage in our fear of death (Hebrews 2:15). With such a view of our lives in Christ, and for God’s service, we have nothing to lose when we totally surrender to Christ. We only have everything to gain, as God remains in us like a hand in a glove, flexibly and joyfully doing His bidding.

### OUR FAMILY AND HEALTH

As a family, we are at the threshold of grown-up boys and girls, mainly working and earning, except our youngest (Abigail) who is completing her first semester at Corban University in Salem Oregon. Isabel and Isaiah are in legal practice as lawyers, while Isaac has sought opportunities in Nairobi where he went as a student eight years ago. Luka (our grandson) is mainly with us while he attends school. He turned five in September and is in preschool, to prepare him for Grade one next year.

As it is imaginable at such a family phase, our children are slowly finding their footing in professional work, and we thank God for His hand upon each, as we can indeed testify. They have kept faith in Christ, and we sense their rightful struggles to uphold obedience and their dependence on God, against the many expected hurdles. They all remain active in church, especially as musicians. Also, Isaiah shares the pulpit with us as a preacher at Berea Baptist Church.



We have all been healthy, without common sicknesses or ailments. For such health, we are truly thankful to God. And I (Julius) am without pain or any bodily discomfort, able to handle almost all tasks that I could not manage in the last 34 months. There is also great improvement on my memory and eyesight, now able to write and read, aspects in which I was greatly dependent on Abigail and others. And while recently in Nairobi (Sept. 22 – Oct 3, 2025), I was able to make a hospital visit at Karen in order to clarify my new prescription of medicine. So, owing to the improvement, my medicine was altered and reduced.

## **THE AFRICAN MISSION (AfMA) CONFERENCE**

**(Machakos Sept. 23 – 26, 2025)**

Pastor Abraham Okurut and I had a wonderful opportunity to be in Kenya for the AfMA Conference (in Machakos) and the Perspectives Huddle (later in Nairobi). Abraham serves as a pastor in Soroti (191 miles north-east of Kampala) and an alumni of the Perspectives Course which is administered by the PT Institute. His wife, Irene is a key participant in PT's Shalom Women's Effort, serving closely with Grace.



For the AfMA event, we were 511 delegates from 40 nations, as we jointly affirmed the story of God's mission in Africa. It is a story still being actively written, with a role for each one of us,

each church and every parachurch agency. With a keen reflection on our shared history of the continent, we further affirmed the Gospel remedy and the urgency to heighten the mobilization of missionaries who will match the challenges of our times, while harnessing the unique opportunities in the same task.

In such a mission equation, training workers remains paramount within the body of Christ. The role of PT is clearer than ever before. We have a large number of trainees than we have trainers. So, multiplying teachers to apprentice every region is our high calling.

It was a multitude of representatives from all over Africa, to recall our shared background in Christ, and to foster collaboration through all possible bridges in propagating the Gospel. In looking back 12 years when we were trotting the African continent casting this vision, I was satisfied in Christ for using me founding and nurturing this Gospel front.

I am so glad to have been a founding and team member of the Executive Committee, serving as the General Secretary. Other founding members include Gabriel (from Nigeria), Enoch (from Ghana), Stephen (from Kenya)

### **The Machakos Memorandum**

*“We, the 511 leaders from 40 nations, having met in Machakos Kenya, for the Africa Missions Conference 2025, affirm together that the story of God’s mission in Africa is still being written, and each of us has a part to play”*. Recognizing the urgency of the Gospel, the challenges of our time, and the unique opportunities before us, we committed ourselves by God’s grace, to be intentional about collaborating.

We echoed a shared commitment to mobilize Africa through AfMA, to include the next generation, and more women in various mission initiatives. We resolved to heighten Gospel-attention among people living with disabilities and to partner across denominations as well as mission agencies, in increasing coverage for mission activity. We also resolved to heighten research and publishing, so as to equip others sustainable multiplication of mission endeavours, keeping in step with the growth trend of the church in Africa.



### **AfMA’s Recognition & Appreciation**



As founding General Secretary of AfMA, I felt satisfied to have joined hands with a few others in mobilizing Africa for the Great Commission.

Our brothers Gabriel Barau from Nigeria, Stephen Mbogo from Kenya and Enoch Nyadoi from Ghana (not in the picture) are other founding members.

After 12 years of formation and structuring AfMA to serve the mission purpose, we were now able to hand over leadership to a new team – with greater inclusion and widened team.





Like all others, delegates from Uganda were able to meet twice during the conference, to know each other in our ministry settings. We purposed to hold a follow-up meeting once we return to Uganda, and we successfully gathered physically and online to forge further interactions which can benefit our various mission endeavours.

For purposes of connecting, communication and collaboration, we shared with this team how out of such a need we had already formed ACEMU (A Consortium of Evangelical Missions in Uganda).

ACEMU's office is at the PT Center, while we hope for self-sustenance in future.



The Africa Missions Conference follow-up meeting in Uganda was held on Friday October 31, 2025 at Africa Evangelistic Enterprise (Uganda) Office.

Leaders acknowledge that the Christian mission has changed over the years, with collaboration leading the mode of operation.

A team of five was chosen to advance the cause of collaboration and interdependence.

## THE PERSPECTIVES HUDDLE

(Nairobi, Sep. 28 – Oct 2, 2025)

It was so refreshing to interact with Bruce Koch our long-time friend and partner in ministry. Bruce serves as the Director of Perspectives Global. He visited us in Uganda and encouraged the work some years ago.

Mobilization for the Christian mission through the Perspectives Study Program (PSP) remains a prized tool for the PT Institute.

And although this PSP was greatly affected by the lock-down, all the needed components to re-operationalise it are back in place and well positioned. So we are planning for a meeting to plan mobilization and resume training in the coming year. Gladly, the *Perspectives Reader* is already available with us and we are now regrouping as instructors, remobilizing potential students through PSP Alumni and drawing up the calendar enrol.



## LOOKING BACK, TO LOOK AHEAD

Since 2017, The PT Institute has administered the Perspectives Study Program (PSP) in Uganda. By 2022, at least 185 people had successfully completed this mission



mobilization course in Uganda. PSP is a catalytic course designed to equip the people of God for strategic participation on His redemptive plan.

This “mobilization through education” has enabled us in PT to mobilize people as leaners, link them as co-workers and keep them networked as bridges of collaboration.

As we lay the plan to re-launch comprehensively, we will be reviving the working relationships and links between within the sphere of ACEMU (as a national forum of evangelicals), PSP (as an enlightening positioner) and PT (as apprenticing workers with greater particularity).

It is within this arrangement that we will implement the commitments of *The Machakos Memorandum*. We held our initial follow up meeting on Friday October 31 as Ugandans who participated in the Africa Missions

Conference four weeks ago. And we agreed to uphold interaction through regular fellowship, focused on networking for collaboration in the Great commission.

## **ANCHORING A SELF-SUSTAINED PT INSTITUTE**

Affirming Paul's resolve in Colossians 1:28, **The Proclamation Task (PT)** was formed in 1999, to offer basic Bible knowledge and ministry skills for church planting leaders who were pastoring without prior training. Gradually, our work in time was anchored by a training tenet, with premises in a location, and a sustained upgrade each passing year.

Through the **PT-Pastor Training** we taught the Bible to equip ministering preachers and to multiply trainers for various rural communities. As we gradually embraced that "unless it begins at home, it will not happen at church", wives of pastors and other ministering women were included in our regular training effort through the **PT-Shalom Effort**. We taught the Bible to women and encouraged pastors' wives to reach and nurture fellow women in Christ. The needs of a ministering family stretched our reach to help in educating some of their children, helping them to with start-up in income-generating projects to make their burden light.

Through the **PT-Student Initiative** we reached out to tertiary institutions (universities and colleges) to teach the Bible to students, and to groom them in their formative years, as budding church for the future. And the ministry facet of **PT-Literature Resource** enabled us to gather and distribute Christian literature through Bookstores and Libraries. We encouraged Christians to write and publish widely, including articles for Christian magazines.



Affirming that all Christians are called to "fulltime ministry" including their spheres of daily influence, the **PT-Workplace Ministry** aided our apprenticeship among professional workers in various settings. We saw a good number embrace their vocations as redemptive mission.

## **WE LEARNED THROUGH TRAINING OTHERS**

Training others while learning through their challenges and remedies have remained our mode of operation. We affirm that a teacher is a constant learner, only qualified by successful apprentices. It is this transformative dynamic, that we now plan to resume, now mobilizing ourselves as God's army.

Just as we mobilized for ministry through training, we are determined to further train the already-mobilized, so that they are effective trainers of other Bible teachers in their respective contexts (2 Timothy 2:2).

For the first 15 years of PT, we mobilized through ***informal training***, as outreach with a mode of operation shaped by the needs of each locality. Informal Training is built into constant relational observation learning, exemplary adaptations and communal assessments as well as appraisal.

This encouraged our ***non-formal training*** in conferences, seminars and workshops, as participants travelled to the PT Center near Kampala. This is a deeper consideration and analysis of life in light of the biblical premise.

Evolving progressively each year, the ultimate vocation was always to attain the ***formal training*** at the level of a Master's Program, so that qualified teachers can help to multiply trainers for the local Bible schools in various regions. As expected, this is more structured and longer term engagement with assignments in a class context, aided by research.



Six years ago, the PT team in Uganda envisaged a preliminary curriculum for the PT Institute, with clearly defined teaching goals and learning objectives, beginning with the Graduate Studies Certificate (GSC).

By the year 2023 just before the COVID pandemic and lock down, we had held our first graduation of teaching cohort at MA level. And this is what we wish to advance, and hopefully achieve in the next five years.

For accommodation at the PT Institute, our eyes are constantly fixed on the Lord. We now set out to remobilize and renew the training program. We are resolved to rekindle the fire of the **PT Institute** (***formal training***), without scaling back on the mobilization effort through short-duration events (***non-formal training***) and journeying out to the grassroots for local initiatives (***informal training interactions***). And may God be with us in this determinant phase of our ministry!

## MATCHING ONWARD TO THE FINISHING LINE

As surely as God lends us breath here on earth, we carry a deep yearning to realize an operational **PT Institute**, fully established in educating Bible teachers and preachers. This remains our highest burden. And we implore the Lord, that He would

- establish through us, a legacy of biblical priorities in the message to be proclaimed,
- order the motivation that guides our ministry engagement, and
- the methods we employ to fulfil the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20).

## OUR HUMBLE APPEAL

As you pray in regard to this co-labouring with you, the crucial hallmarks are:

1. Completing the triplex for the needed residence / accommodation, and as our final step in this 22-year construction journey



We are closer to the finishing line, than when we first set out.

We are envisaging a comfortable accommodation for 72 individuals couples.

2. Bringing on board at least four full-time staff, focused on business and administration, teaching and learning, spiritual formation and community integration, inter-institutional collaboration and cooperation.
3. Enrolling MA students for residential programs. Here, we take forward the Graduate Studies Certificate (GSC) and Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (MAICS), whose syllabi and class formats are already in place.
4. Sustained joy, unwavering hope and trust in God, as He crowns our shared history with such a great sense of completion, for generations to come.

The GSC has already been tested as a worthy preparatory phase for instruction among potential candidates of the 56-credit hour MAICS.



Although the journey seems to have been slow, we rejoice that we are alive and still on course as it was set out and affirmed by the PT Board in Uganda, 15 years ago. For now, the PT Center is often hired out for use among our Christian friends, bringing in some income which matches its current standard in regard to residence in classrooms and offices.

## OUR RESOLVE IN CHRIST



We are at a more promising phase, and every step toward completion of this facility ensures a smoother transition of ministry into posterity.

As C.T. Studd said, “The light that shines farthest shines brightest nearest home.”

Charles Thomas Studd as a cricketer and missionary. As part of the Cambridge Seven, he went to China, and later was responsible for setting up the Heart of Africa Mission which became the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade (now WEC International).

C.T.’s devotion to Christ would take him and his family to India for six years. At age 52, C.T. pushed into the interior of Africa toward the Sudan to pioneer mission work for 18 years. Taking the Gospel to unreached people fueled C.T.’s tenacity for sacrifice.

C.T. died in Africa in 1931, yet his response to God’s call continues to have a Kingdom-building impact today. Men, may we also be faithful to God’s call on our lives today

May the fire of C. T.’s devotion, and many others in history, light our way; may their foot prints lead to believe Christ; and may their lives inspire us to embrace our Lord’s matching orders – for joy, and to God’s glory, Amen.

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- *The PT Institute*
- *Perspectives Study Program*
- *A Consortium of Evangelical Missions in Uganda (ACEMU,*

