

PT Center Construction Update
October – December 2014

During the October – December phase, we had anticipated allocating the financial resources that was made available in proportionate amounts along the urgency toward utilization of the facilities, and at that time we were looking at:

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| 1. Completing the fencing for security, | 5. Fittings for toilet and bathrooms, |
| 2. Landscaping around the block for easy mobility, | 6. A dining area shade |
| 3. Getting the water to flow, | 7. Some chairs, desks and mattresses for a start and, |
| 4. Connecting to the electricity main line grid, | 8. Working on the floor and ceilings of (at least) two rooms, |

We have not been able to accomplish all these or in the measure we would have desired. But so far, we are satisfied with the way resources are being allocated and what has been done towards making the PT Facility usable by end of February 2015. We are convinced that complete or incomplete, we will start to use the PT Facility at that time. Construction and facility improvement can always go on while ministry is also handled in a cheaper way – which has always been our yearning.

1. Fencing and security

We have worked on the fencing to secure land and eventually to make safe our facilities to about 80%. Unfenced property stands a risk of encroachment in Uganda. From three sides of the four that mark our 10-acre property, we have had encroachment from neighbors who extend into our land with a view to eventually enlarge theirs.



North-East Corner



Eastern portion: the excavation had gone beyond the boundary into our land. This has now been stopped.

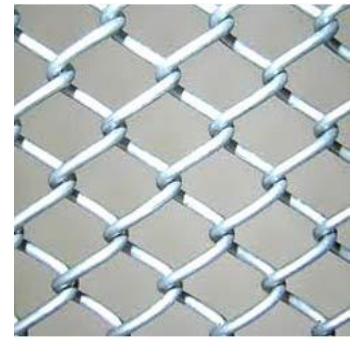


Western wall



The encroachment here had also rendered our land extremely uneven. Especially the earth-retainer on the western wall to preserve our property, and to re-make even our portion cost us a large portion of funds.

We realized it had become urgent and necessary to give attention to this, and by all means our land is now safe. We still need to pass a chain link wire fence that looks like this (to the right):



Then all trespassing will cease and development on the land will continue as a secured property. If the encroachment on our land had not been dealt with in this way, by putting up two retainer walls where neighbors had excavated, and concrete poles where they extended into our land, we would lose more than one acre in that process.

2. Landscaping

For possible access and easy mobility, earth moving equipment was hired to do the preliminary landscape. For now, those accessing to use the building have a better entry and improved mobility around it.



3. Getting water to flow

Providing water for the PT Center has remained a priority and we glad to see that the water tank stand is now complete, able to hold to tanks of 25,000 liters each.



This means that at any one moment, The PT Center will have about 50,000 liters of water to supply every need at any rate. We plan to use one tank for reserving water pumped from the bore hole, while the other will be used for rain water harvesting.



We have a large roof that give us clean rain water at no further cost.

The tanks we plan to purchase look like this (to the right):
Besides the two large ones we will need two slightly smaller ones for immediate storage from the roof. Then we will be transferring the water (pumping) to the reserve tank.



We thought carefully about the cost of this structure and calculated the stones, the cement, the labor and metal that would fill it to stability, and realized that at the same cost we could increase the wall thickness and fortify it with iron bars, so that it can serve a better (housing) purpose. As it is now, the water stand will serve as my initial office (Principal, The PT Institute) and storage for all water equipment including keeping the water pump secure.

4. Electricity



Besides getting water to flow, the other one of the greatest challenges we had envisaged was to connect to the main grid for electricity supply. We now have power extended into our premises and close enough to the main building. Once the final accessories are added and the wiring technician gets the certificate, we will be connected.

The main building is looped professionally with the toilet and bathrooms.

5. Fittings for toilet and bathrooms

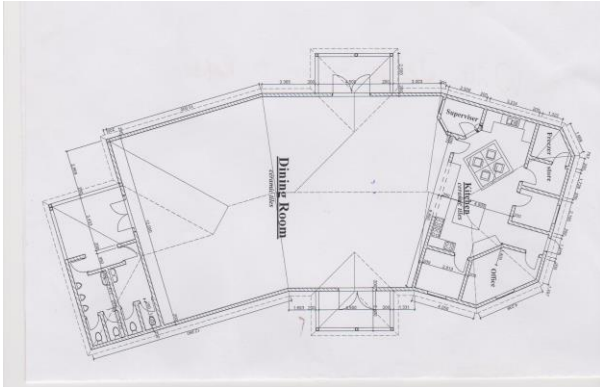


While we have focused on laying waste pipes and general structural work (septic tank, man holes and soak pit) we have not spared enough resources to procure accessories for toilets and bathrooms – toilet seats, sinks and taps.

6. A dining area shade

We had desired to lay a foundation of a structure and provide it with a roof to begin with (since would not have all the funds needed to complete the structure), so that it serves us as a shade under which participants can have meals.

Given a foundationally good plan, we would raise the walls in future when more funds become available, to make a real dining hall. We have been able to think through the architectural plan but due to limited resources that are directed to the urgent and determinant aspects for use of the facility, we have not been able to carry this preliminary plan through.



7. The Septic Tank



The septic tank was completed and few other manholes constructed



8. The Access Road

Since we acquired the land, we have always made our way to PT property by going round through our neighbor's temporary path. Now we have a road that was mapped out according to the physical plan of the PT Center for the future.





The junction on which the entrance gate to the PT Center will be built (left) is about mid-way along the boundary to the West of our property.

This road is about one kilometer from the main road, and some boundary-marking poles can be seen before the entrance uphill. Upon entrance into our property, the road meanders through one half of a kilometer to bring access to future structural developments and ends on top of the hill where the main building is located.

9. Main Building

We have not been able to make further improvements on the main building other than making sure that all plastering both for the main building and the toilet / bathroom was completed. We had hoped to do some work on the floor and / or ceiling but we have not been able to do that.



We have some funds remaining and we are holding them for initial chairs and beds that can be used by up to 16 individuals at the start.

Our building will be used whether in its current state or an improved one (God willing) as long as we get connected for power and water. We will start to use these premises rather than rent anywhere else.



Foreseen Ministry Activities at the Center

At this center we will strategize and work to realize that pastors are developed as equipped church leaders for healthy mission-minded local churches that send. Through a prepared curriculum, we are concretizing a pastor-training program that covers Pastoral Theology (God's mind on the under-shepherd), Pastoral Preaching (Bible exposition), Pastoral Life (the man's spirituality), Pastoral Leadership (Influencing for godly change), Pastoral Care (the man's relational priorities), and Family Life Ministry in order to strengthen the church in Africa. This activity of the PT Institute will be the corner stone bustle at the PT Center. We have also spread outreach tentacles to students and the working class with the Gospel – to evangelize, disciple and incorporate them into Gospel mission by their calling or through their support.

Strategic Ministry Diversification

The main objectives for diversifying are two-fold:

1. Indigenization of the ministry through reaching other social sectors beyond the local church, for a broader and visible societal transformation that will be evident through the church's outlook in society.
2. Building a ministry support base of "PT Associates" that will own and support the work towards self-sustenance in the coming years.

The PT- Pastoral Training – to train ministering pastors and develop more trainers through established centers (Local Bible Schools) to bring training closer to the local church and keep the training program ongoing through an established curriculum and trained instructors.

Reaching men who are already in pastoral ministry is indeed a direct way to uplift the church and ready it for mission since what is learned by the pastor through training is immediately applied in his ministry context for quick results. While this is a worthwhile agenda, the fact that PT meets a serving pastor who joined ministry years earlier - without adequate training, without spiritual accountability in ordination and

commissioning - seems like an enduring "crisis ministry" that simply responds to past inaccuracies. In other words coming in to teach a ministering individual how to minister finds the individual and ministry in a crisis mode that calls for much undoing and de-learning, shifting thinking and gaining a new understanding with

corresponding work ethics. That is still worthwhile, but parenting grown-ups who are in "the evening of their lives" is an extremely slow process in light of a life time. This is why we are seeking to include some (through the Student Initiative) who are in the "late morning of their lives" time, to shape them ahead of the Gospel task they must face.



This is the overall church-based and church-focused endeavor that gives context and cause to all other PT's ministry facets. While keeping abreast with training pastors who are already in ministry, PT has diversified into university and college to bring Gospel influence on upcoming change agents of society before they join the workforce or enter the market place for vocation.

The PT-Shalom Effort – a facet coordinated by Mrs. Grace Twongyeirwe to reach women with Bible teaching and enhancing training through pastors’ wives by encouraging women to reach and nurture fellow women in Christ. Encouraging sustainable livelihood within and through homes of pastors by the hands and hearts of their wives is the main bridge and contact point for this woman-to-woman effort. Grace continue to rear chicken, while applying the profits to initiate projects among homes of pastors, one at a time. Ministering women will be trained at the PT Center through a curriculum which is already prepared as part of the PT Institute.



Shalom Effort: Grace’s core engagement



Grace takes care of chicken

The PT-Student Initiative – is a ministry facet to tertiary institutions (universities and colleges) to teach the Bible and train Christian students’ fraternity to handle the Gospel message in their setting. Through collaborative efforts among Christian student networkers, this phase in life presents a better opportunity to think about life’s call in light of Gospel ministry, in the face of personal aspirations and ambitions. In a matter of years, the relationships established with PT as students carries forward when they enter the work force, making it possible for a sustained involvement as sponsors to the work by their lives or possessions or both. This effort is being coordinated by Mr. Allan Mugenyi who is jointly facilitated by PT and Berea Church. Bible workshops for Christian students and their leaders will be held at the PT Center. PT is currently involved in five universities around the city of Kampala.



Allan teaching the Bible to University Students



Julius shares the Gospel with students

The PT-Literature & Publishing – to gather and avail Christian literature through Bookstores, organize literature in Library settings, production of literature by encouraging Christians to write and publishing books as well as sharing life-in-Christ through Christian magazines. Through PT, a number of Bibles have been distributed, several libraries established in local Bible Schools, many pastors now with personal libraries and books shared. With the PT-Literature & Publishing facet of this ministry, a better mode of operation will be in place to ensure that the writing, the publishing, the distribution, the reading and applying the acquired knowledge is a consistent process.

It is hoped that this endeavor will also generate income to be self-sustaining, and perhaps support other facets that may not directly be generating financial resources.

As PT launches and Institute, books become a necessary deal. We are in prayerful talks to see if this effort will be coordinated by Mr. William Mukisa, a church member at Berea. William and his wife Topi are already running a stationary shop and it has always been their desire to see how such a document center can propagate the Gospel.



Church leaders using locally-produced literature during one of preaching seminars



Pastors admire sets of study books (short commentaries) in preparation to share them for personal use

The PT-Workplace Ministry

We recognize that not all Christians are called to “fulltime ministry,” but all are called to minister fulltime. Helping Christians in the business enterprise to embrace their vocations as redemptive mission enhances strategic initiatives for the Gospel and teaches biblical stewardship.

There are upcoming opportunities for PT to reach professional workers in the public arena with a goal to teach the Bible, nurture disciples in the market place and enhance responsible church-membership in their local churches. We often lead devotions in company or organizational settings where we are invited. We are occasionally invited to “bring God’s mind” on a particular socio-cultural or economic issue, which we take back to the Bible, allowing us to handle it as a Bible exposition. This has proved to be a wonderful evangelistic tool, for non-Christians to hear God address them in a pertinent issue. It has also helped many to place confidence in the Bible’s sufficiency and authority as they hear (sometimes for their first time) God outline life’s design and purpose in a sinful and broken world, for which the Father sent the Son to redeem through his reconciling, atoning death on the cross.

Many times it has been a one-off invitation to a particular setting, but the most consistent is our weekly Bible teaching for the staff of Planet Systems, a computer and IT company. Planet Systems is a modern Information Technology (IT) ‘products and services’ company, focusing on building and supporting networked enterprise systems for commercial and not-for-profit organizations.

In this way PT is making disciples of individuals who are primarily brought together for business enterprise, training these professionals to reach fellow workers for Christ in the market place. Through these and other relationships, PT will take on a more indigenous outlook, drawing its work force and other resources from such engagements.

As we come to the end of this year (2014), the PT Center facility and the foreseen work which will take place there remain deep in our thoughts, imaginations and aspirations. These we bring to God in prayer and ask you to keep us with you – hand in hand and heart to heart - in prayer as we enter 2015, a year that we think will mark a new phase in the work of PT after 14 years of operation. We also wish you a wonderful time during this Christmas season and a prosperous New Year 2015.