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The Promise of God

A few years ago, the Lord told us that **the time had come for Northlands to go airborne**. It was part of a conversation we were having about the various winds that God was blowing through our church. One of them was the wind of change and another was a wind that would take our fragrance and enable it to be experienced by people far away. **I remember telling a roomful of Northlands leaders that we were about to go airborne. Some were skeptical, but most were excited. We prayed together to ask the Lord to make it so.**



The First Stirrings

At that time, people from the World Without Orphans global leadership team asked if they could use our buildings for some of the meetings they were having to plan their upcoming Global Forum. As two of our church members were involved, they asked if the Northlands team could minister to the group by hosting a "date with God". During that date with God, the Presence of the Lord was so tangible that after about half an hour almost everyone in the room was in tears at the beauty and the gentleness of God in that place. The World Without Orphans global team asked that same Northlands team if we would consider hosting a date with God at their Global Forum in Chang Mai, Thailand. We did so in February 2016, and again the Lord moved to minister to over 500 delegates during Sunday mornings' session at another date with God.



Our Africa Connection

Many of the African delegates at that meeting asked if I would come and minister to the African contingent of Pastors overseeing the care of orphans in their countries. A team from Northlands went to minister in early 2017.

As I was teaching on hearing God's voice, Pastor Daniel, who was one of the delegates, felt the Lord tell him to invite me to come and minister to Pastors in central Africa. **He explained that, although orphan care was a primary emphasis of many of their churches, the real need was for Pastors and church leaders to be advanced, taught, and encouraged in their roles as leaders. We agreed to go to Uganda (among other countries) to run a three day conference for Pastors.**



The first day, by the pastors request, was to be on church government, the second on the gospel of God's grace, and the third on surviving the ministry and soul tending for leaders. As these are the three favorite topics I like to minister on to leaders, we agreed. We hosted a conference in Kampala, Uganda aimed at ministers in central Africa where representatives from 7 different countries attended and a second conference in Pretoria, South Africa where delegates from 11 countries attended. Both conferences were greatly celebrated, and we were invited back to Uganda in 2018 as well as to Zambia, Burundi, and South Africa.



A Greater Impact

In the three 3-day conferences we hosted this year (located in Uganda, Zambia, and Burundi) as well as ministry in key South African churches, we again saw the Lord take what He has been doing at Northlands and multiply it into those nations. We were also able to place 37 video teachings from 4 of our discipleship courses into approximately 3,500 churches in those countries. What we learned from the previous years' conferences is **the best opportunity for us to impact those nations is with a greater focus on leaders. It is amazing to see Pastors who have given their lives for God's church hold their conference certificate so proudly. For some of them, it is the only proof of any kind of adult education they have.** Many are too poor to be able to afford tertiary education and, yet, in response to God's call, are leading churches and loving people.

Truths

1. Pastor Daniel Kaggwa is our man of peace in central Africa.

- He is well respected in all of the central African countries where he frequently ministers to leadership groups.
- He is well thought of by the local and national government because he has an exemplary record of serving the community and is known to be a man of integrity.
- While I was driving with him through the streets of Kampala, I saw two Muslim Imams acknowledge him and many of the community treat him with great deference. He is beloved in his community and, although he only has around 800 members in his church, he is considered to be the communities' pastor.
- His leadership and personal sacrifice has enabled them to buy and build a church facility that has become the model on how to manage finances responsibly.
- He is a man of integrity and honor.
- Michelle and I hosted his family in our home for a week in 2018, and he is a delightful, devout, and determined man of God.



2. Educating church leaders in healthy theology is imperative if we are going to impact these nations. It must start with the leaders who need theological training and practical equipping to sharpen their leadership gifts.

- If we secured high speed internet (\$120 per month), it would enable us to Skype live classes to groups of senior church leaders. This live education would be a supplement to the discipleship materials we have already sent them. This is the pastors' greatest felt and stated need and their most persistent call. "Please could you help equip us?"
- We have tremendous favor and respect, and the pastors are extremely grateful to Northlands for sending them help.
- Next door to the church is a property that has accommodation for small groups of people in dormitory-style buildings. The plan is to purchase that property so that groups of leaders can be educated and taught through the materials we have already supplied and the future discipleship materials we plan to offer.
- A disturbing reality is emerging in central Africa which has led to the closing of thousands of churches. Governments are realizing that they can "legitimately" close down large percentages of churches by demanding that only people with degrees lead them. This negates the massive effort and incredible sacrifice that most of the poor church leaders have done and the inordinate amount of community weight that they carry. The growing Muslim threat and secularized governments are embracing this policy as a way to silence the churches. We need to enroll pastors in a theological education. The curriculum is what we are working on and have been for some months. To the right is an article in a Kampala newspaper in Uganda this past December.



3. **Bishops and senior leaders are the key influencers** and we are focussing on equipping them in order for them to champion these truths into their churches, denominations, and movements. Several Bishops have told us of the dramatic impact Northlands and our materials have had in their lives.



4. **Industry and employment opportunities are next on the agenda.** When we were with Daniel this past September ,we travelled to investigate the possibility of the church developing a brick-making industry using cement. This idea was met with great hope and so, in addition to money to purchase the adjacent land to the church, we are also looking to purchase the basic equipment in order for them to start this business. It will supply jobs for people looking for honest work and also a means for the church to gain free and cheap bricks for further construction.



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