

PTI strengthens the church in many of the poorest places in the world, by teaching pastors to expound the Bible more effectively. Our fundamental purpose is therefore to *Teach to Preach*.

WELCOME to the May edition of the **P** newsletter. Africa is a continent with huge problems, but one where there are huge opportunities for the Gospel. This time we focus on Uganda, where God is helping PTI to make progress in often challenging circumstances, and Ghana, where generous gifts have enabled us to begin work in this strategic nation.

- Existing countries
- Potential new countries
- Conflict is preventing training

12th May 2018
PTI & CBW Supporters Day

Uganda, March 2018



Six very encouraging pastor training conferences were completed in early March attended by over 150 pastors and church workers. Three - at Migadde, Iganga and Mbarara - followed the year one curriculum. Those at Bombo and Moroto followed year two. Our four core convictions were that the Bible is the word of God; the Bible is relevant to today; preaching is God's way of saving and strengthening; the Holy Spirit uses God's word to do God's work.

There were undoubted challenges, ranging from torrential downpours, severe enough to cause loss of life; unusual menu options such as roast white ants; to organisational failures which meant that some venues had to be changed at the last minute and numbers were down on previous years. Particularly disturbing was the open immorality in Iganga, and the divisions amongst the churches and spiritual confusion in Mbarara.

But there were also huge encouragements. Most participants at Bombo and Moroto had attended last year, showing strong evidence of commitment to and appreciation for the training. The final two-day conference in Busega introduced us to a fine group of mainly younger pastors, one a converted Muslim, another a converted Nigerian gangster! At Iganga a group of four pastors travelled from Bungoma in West Kenya to attend; they would like PTI to offer the training course in their region.



We gave all the participants *Wanted: Servant Leaders* and a book from the 'Pray Prepare Preach' series linked to the topics we covered. They were well received and recipients have told us they are reading them with profit.

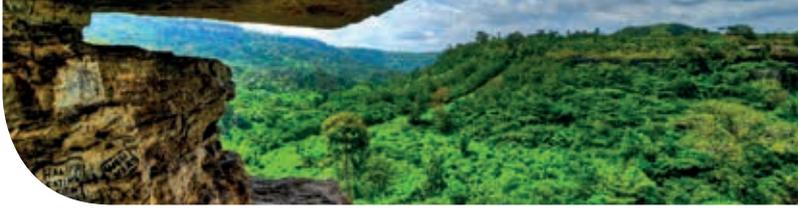
Several new opportunities arose from these conferences. That at Migadde, though poorly organised, was the initiative of a senior leader of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God churches, one of the largest church groups in Uganda. They know their pastors need to be better trained, both theologically and practically and think the PTI curriculum is well suited to the training requirements of their churches.

■ by Gerald Tanner and Simeon Woodcraft, PTI Trainers

For more information about us, our vision under God, and our plans to considerably expand the current work, please visit our website www.pastor-training.org follow us on Facebook

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Ghana 2018

There is nothing as encouraging as hearing that the Lord has responded to our prayers. Recently the Lord has wonderfully answered several key prayers for PTI.

Visa Granted

Pastor Andrew Bawi Ceu, from Mandalay in Myanmar, has now been granted a visa to visit the UK. Praise the Lord for this and do come and meet him at the PTI supporters Day on Saturday 12th May.

Two New Trustees

Two men have agreed to replace Robert Strivens and Peter Milsom on the Board. They are Bill James, the new Principal at London Seminary and former pastor of Emmanuel Church Leamington; and Dr Stefan Cantore, who was a senior hospital administrator and lecturer, and who now works in consultancy.

Answered prayers for Ghana

The biggest challenge PTI has faced recently is being strapped for cash. In 2018 PTI was, thankfully, able to continue the conferences it was already committed to across the world.

But there were insufficient funds to enable a new round of training to begin.

The Ministry Board were keen to begin in Ghana, but was faced with two difficulties, firstly money was needed to cover the conferences and secondly we had to find a new trainer to go with Ivan Watson. Praise the Lord that both needs have been met. The generous gift from one supporter's recent inheritance will cover the current year and some other donations will partially provide for the second year. We are also grateful for Ivan's church, which has agreed to finance some of his costs for future conference trips. These gifts will enable Jonny Grant (with the support of his church in Country Cork, Ireland) to join Ivan in the new round of training in Ghana.

All this reminds us of how completely dependent we are upon the Lord, for finance as much as everything else, and how important it is that we all pray for the work. Please use the prayer information on this newsletter to guide you as to how to pray for the work of PTI.

■ by Simon Percy, PTI Director of Ministry

PTI & CBW Supporters Day

Come and hear how the Lord is using this to disciple Christians in the majority world
Saturday 12th May 2018 10am-3.30pm *RVSP* pti@eltbaptistchurch.org
Grace Church in Chertsey Street Guildford (large public car park behind the church)
Preacher John Benton, and an opportunity to meet Pastor Andrew Bawi Ceu
Refreshments and lunch will be provided during the day

Prayer points

Everything by prayer... with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6)

MAY 2018

Thank God that:

- Pastor Andrew from Myanmar got his visa and is now visiting the UK
- The gifts that have been given will enable a new round of training to begin in Ghana
- Bill James and Stefan Cantore are willing to become Trustees of PTI
- New trainer Jonny Grant, from County Cork in the Republic of Ireland, is on board
- Much training has taken place over the past four months

Please pray for:

- God to bless the Supporters Day on Saturday 12th May 2018
- The pastors who have received training to put it into practice and that their congregations may see and welcome the changes
- Alastair Stevens and Jonny Dowds as they conduct a second year of training in Zambia
- Ivan Watson and Jonny Grant as they conduct a new round of training in Ghana
- John O and Merv as they conduct training in India, and then with John W and Merv as they go in May to do further training in Nepal
- God to bless the PTI exhibition stand at the Evangelical Ministers Conference in June

Proposed conferences for 2018, God willing

April 30 - May 3	India, Darjeeling	Merv N, John O
May 1-4	Zambia, Mpika	Alastair Steven, Jonny Dowds
May 4-6	India, Kalimpong	Merv N, John O
May	Nepal, Dharan	Merv N, John W
May	Nepal, Kathmandu	Merv N, John W
May	Nepal, Pokhara	Merv N, John W
May	Nepal, Surkhet	Merv N, John W



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