



Teach to Preach

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## Introduction

Our work has been severely restricted over this last year due to the global pandemic that has affected so much of our lives. We have learned to adapt to new ways of conducting the training. Below is a report of our conference with Simon Percy and Gerald Tanner (on Zoom) in collaboration with Emmanuel Magambo, a Ugandan doing the training in Uganda. Most of the 21 participants attended our conference in 2019.

## Uganda Zoom Conference

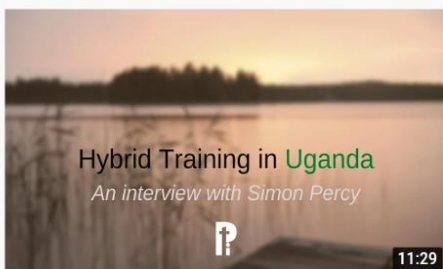
The training sessions were effective. The participants were able to follow the UK trainers on a large screen and this made possible the use of power point slides. All the participants also had a workbook containing all the training materials.

The participants were enthusiastic and very appreciative of the training. The Q&A times were very encouraging with searching questions asked including about the interpretation of certain passages.

There were a few technical difficulties including short periods of Wi-Fi loss, a power cut in Mbarara on Wednesday afternoon (but the venue had solar power as a standby), and an annoying metallic banging noise on the audio line from Uganda. However, this did not seriously hinder the training and we were able to fulfil all aspects of the program each day.

Emmanuel Magambo did an excellent job of coordinating the conference, acting as chairman, and delivering some of the training sessions. We are told that the hotel venue proved to be very acceptable. The staff were very helpful and made sure all the meals and refreshment breaks were on time. The major downside to doing conferences this way was the lack of direct interaction with the participants and the opportunity to get to know them personally.

As a second-best approach it was definitely worth doing. PTI will now look at doing further Zoom conferences in Uganda and other parts of the world. Zoom is a remarkable innovation, and we thank the Lord for this technology that has made it possible to hold conferences across continents. Simon was interviewed about the conference and you can hear more about it on YouTube:



An Interview with Simon Percy - Uganda Hybrid Conference, April 2021

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PTI's Director of Ministry, Simon Percy, is interviewed by Communications Coordinator Tom Creedy, about a recent conference ...



## Prayer points

### Thank God for:

- The conference in Uganda that was able to go ahead with Simon and Gerald teaching on Zoom.
- The new Advisory Panel that has been established under the leadership of Bill James. (Principal of London Seminary). This group will be considering how PTI's training might be improved and developed so that it is more effective and can be delivered by nationals. The panel includes a number of people who are from the countries where PTI serves.
- The appointment of Anna Grace Bell to the roles of Communications Officer and Ministry Support Manager. Anna Grace will be starting these roles in mid-July. Please pray for her as she takes up these two important roles.

### Please pray for:

- The participants of the training in Uganda. That they will truly benefit from what they have learned and be strengthened in their ministry.
- The churches to benefit from their pastors being trained. That they will set up local preachers' groups to encourage one another and that they will identify a small group of potential leaders to be trained in the materials they have received.
- Two conferences being planned to take place in Ghana this July.
- Additional conferences being planned in Uganda and in parts of Asia. Pray that the restrictions due to COVID-19 might soon be lifted so that training conferences might take place.

Thanks ever so much for your prayers!

### Book Review - God's Big Picture

One of the best short overviews of the whole biblical narrative is *God's big Picture*, by Vaughan Roberts. Published by IVP, this is a best-selling book that divides the Bible up using the language of kingdom, which flows through the narrative. This book traces the story of the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation to see how it all fits together, telling God's wonderful plan to save the world through Jesus Christ.

Vaughan shows how the whole Bible points to Jesus, and *God's Big Picture* is an invaluable tool for pastors to work out how different books fit into the Bible's grand narrative. It resonates with PTI's evangelical theology and our passion for preaching the whole word of God.

Recently, IVP has partnered with [clayton.tv](http://clayton.tv) to film a video course – which is available for free at [www.godsbigpicture.co.uk](http://www.godsbigpicture.co.uk)

*We at PTI love God's Big Picture so much that it is one of the texts we use in our Distance Mentoring.*

### Find us online! (Youtube and social media)

Over the last year we've all had to learn to adapt to online life! At PTI, we've been ramping up our use of social media, as well as starting a YouTube Channel. Even if you aren't on these networks, do let friends and family know!



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