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Roderick Report Mbale, Uganda

Proclaiming God's Truth

"Devote yourself to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way that I ought to proclaim it." Colossians 4:2-4

As the Apostle Paul continues to lead us into practical ways of spiritual maturity, we are reminded of the importance of prayer—it is essential to our spiritual health, and relationship to the Lord. When we pray for you we are reminded how God is using you in so many ways in our lives and ministry, and we never want to take for granted the ministry of prayer that you have for us—it is healing to our bones. We are forever thankful to the Lord for you and His work in you on our behalf.

Also in this passage, Paul mentions proclaiming God's word twice—for an open door for the word (the gospel) and for the word to be taught clearly. Thankfully we are not imprisoned and can move freely to proclaim the truth of God's word. So we pray for open hearts and minds to hear the truth in clarity. Thank you for being a part of proclaiming God's truth in the lives of the men and women God allows us to minister to here in Uganda.

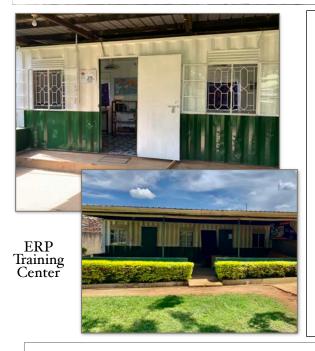
As we think back to 2021 and the beginning of Doctrine Class in our home with three men, we are reminded how the Lord has been working and preparing us for the training of godly men through the Equipping Rural Pastors program. We can never underestimate the power of the Lord's timing in how He moves and directs us.

> "And He gave…some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ;" Ephesians 4:11-12

As the Lord continues to lead us in the project of Equipping Rural Pastors, and allowing us to be part of the edification of the church in Uganda—we are excited to say, we have rented an office/training space (for 12) with a very large outdoor patio for additional room for fellowship. (Pictures below)

Although, the goal for ERP is to equip pastors and leaders with a Biblical education without added financial stress, we know that each person needs to have ownership in their education and be a good steward of what God has entrusted us with.

Equipping Rural pastors is a project of Tentmakers Bible Mission Uganda



Therefore, we are asking each student for a small one-time application fee, and to provide for their own transportation to and from Mbale. Once they are in Mbale, their accommodations, meals, students notes, and tuition are provided. (\$100 USD per person needed each month.)

If you want to contribute towards the additional needs to help equip pastors and leaders, you can go onto tentmakersbiblemission.org select Mbale Project then donate to the ERP project. Please let us know if you have any questions—we would be glad to send you any information on the details of the program.



The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2

Thank you for praying with us...

- Please pray that we will be focused, alert in prayer for you and the ministry ahead of us. That God will open up to us a door for the word to be proclaimed, and that we will proclaim His word clearly.
- Women's Fellowship at Spring Bible Church—we are starting Discipleship training "Soldiers for Christ" in October.
- A dear pastor's wife, Grace Kebba—her health is deteriorating—for the doctor's correct diagnosis and the Lord's healing hand on her body.
- For students of God's own choosing in ERP—Disciple-making disciples.
- We came back to Uganda with tourists visas—still waiting on approval of our work permit visas.
- For favor from our landlord to renew our house rental contract for another three years with little to no increase.
- Thank you for your consideration to help financially for the "edification of the church" in Uganda by donating to the funding of Equipping Rural Pastors.

We love the truth and simplicity of this Ugandan song...

"When the Lord is on the throne, things already better, things already better. When the Lord is on my side, things already better, things already better."

With the Lord on the throne and on your side, may "things" in your life be better! We are grateful for you—Grace be with you all!

Because of HIS love, Deb and Steve

We want to introduce you to our newest granddaughter Vora James Roderick.

We are truly grateful for those who were praying for little Nora even before she was born—we will always be reminded of God's miracle in her life as we look into her precious face. There is no one like our God!



"There's no such thing as God's being almost sovereign." C. Swindoll

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