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50 YEARS
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LIFE Ministry Uganda

LIFE Ministry Uganda is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International. It is an interdenominational Christian organisation that has been serving in Uganda since 1971.

PURPOSE: Helping to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning, building, and sending Christ-centred multiplying disciples who launch spiritual movements

VISION: Movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus

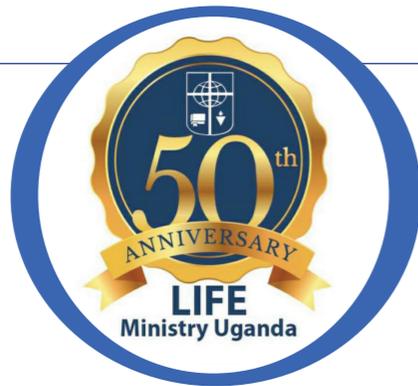
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CORE VALUES: Faith, growth, fruitfulness, love, integrity and team



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From the Editor-in-Chief

What a transforming yet humbling experience it has been for me as I read through the incredible stories of people who have loved God, walked with Him and allowed Him to use them to fulfil His purpose on Earth. Several times, I found myself going back to God in prayer with thanksgiving for giving me such a grand opportunity to see Him in the lives of staff and associates of LIFE Ministry Uganda some of whose stories are recorded in this magazine. I have learnt many lessons, my perspective has changed and my attitude towards life and ministry has greatly improved because of the experiences people willingly shared and permitted us to produce in this magazine.

As LIFE Ministry Uganda celebrates 50 years of her existence, her story cannot be told by just one or two people but thousands of people who have come together to build the organisation into what it is today.

Therefore, this Golden Jubilee magazine captures the remarkable beginnings and adventures of LIFE Ministry Uganda as told by



Edith Namutebi Ninsiima

the notable people who have closely worked with the organisation from its inception until now. When Dr. Bill and Vonette Bright received the vision and began Campus Crusade for Christ in 1951, the calling for the global ministry was very clear: To help fulfill the Great Commission. Sam and Lynn Owen were staff of Campus Crusade for Christ in the UK. In 1971, they travelled to Uganda with a purpose of starting the ministry in the Pearl of Africa. We are eternally grateful to Sam and

Lynn (RIP) for obeying God's call. Amidst the highs and lows that the organisation has faced, the mandate of the organisation has not changed. LIFE Ministry Uganda has always existed to help fulfil the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to do likewise. This objective has been achieved through various partnerships with the body of Christ and the amazing support that the organisation and its staff members receive from the ministry partners.

As you read through this magazine, praise God with us for the LIFE (Leadership, Influence, Finances and Expertise) impact that the organisation has made in Uganda and beyond. Fifty years is a very long time for any organisation to thrive. We are therefore grateful to God for His faithfulness. Yet, this is just the beginning! We look forward to experiencing all the amazing blessings that God has in store for us.

From the National Director THE MINISTRY IS WELL-PLACED TO ADVANCE THE GOSPEL

LIFE Ministry Uganda stands at a critical time in her history where a new chapter in ministry is starting. LIFE Ministry Uganda is 50 years old this year of our Lord 2021. Ebenezer, for sure. The 50th year in Bible times was significant for slaves and bonded labourers and for those who had leased or mortgaged their land. It meant freedom and restoration. It meant that God cared for everyone and periodically would give His people an opportunity to begin afresh. As a ministry, we have not been in slavery or bonded labour and neither has our property been leased. However, the ministry was born in 1971, at a time when Uganda's political landscape was turning turbulent. This turmoil continued into the 1980s, 90s and part of the 2000s. These turbulences have been compounded by the fact that the population is largely underevangelised and the church undisciplined. There is untold moral degeneration due to the breakdown of family values, widespread economic hardships heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic, teenage pregnancies, child molestation, alcohol and drug abuse, disintegrated families exponential youth trafficking due to lack of employment, and increasing godlessness, even in the face of heightened religious activity. Yet, we are in a time of tremendous opportunities, marked by unprecedented technological developments and open access to information, knowledge and resources. Despite these opportunities, there is a worrying vice of corruption in every fabric of society, which made the ministry landscape precarious to the extent that anyone who wanted to quit ministry would be justified. Nonetheless, LIFE Ministry Uganda grew, touched lives and thrived. To God be the glory.

Time, space and resources cannot allow us to tell the entire story of the goodness of the Lord over the last 50 years. This magazine is a snippet of tonnes of divine exploits through the saints who served over the years. The 50 years have been a period of maturation. From a humble beginning of a handful of staff, we are now



involved with embassy and executives; professionals at different levels; men and women in uniform; university, college and high school students; family life and the Church; community and humanitarian initiatives; digital outreaches and missions.

We are eternally grateful for the sacrifices made by the men and women who started this ministry, those who advanced it and the gallant men and women standing today, ready to go towards 2071! We heartily appreciate the associates and partners. Through their prayers, financial contributions and physical involvement, we have been able to advance our singular vision of building "spiritual movements everywhere, so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus Christ". As a result, very many believers have been mobilised to pray, millions have been exposed to the Gospel and won to Christ, and hundreds of thousands have been trained to become multiplying disciples and sent out to start spiritual movements of multiplying disciples around the world. Many of the sent disciples became evangelists, teachers, pastors, reverends, bishops, apostles, leaders of national, continental and global ministries, vice chancellors of universities, professors and prominent men and women in the marketplace. A number of board members have their own groups that they are discipling. Again, to God alone be the glory!

Looking ahead, the Ministry is well-placed to advance the Gospel of Christ to a lost and confused world with increased efficiency and fruitfulness. Although much has been accomplished,

much more can still be done to position the Ministry for increased effectiveness, fruitfulness and impact through innovation, technological advancement and cutting-edge management practices. With COVID-19 hitting the entire world, the way we live, work, do ministry and worship have fundamentally changed and at an unprecedented pace. We have entered the "Phygital" era, where life, work, ministry and worship oscillate between the physical and digital and virtual world. We have been Online Missionaries, using social media, digital resources such as zoom and apps such as the Jesus Film app, God Tools and Everystudent.com. Just like the men of Issachar in 1 Chron. 12:32, who understood the times, we have had to re-align, refocus and become agile to effectively minister in an ever-changing ministry terrain.

As LIFE Ministry Uganda, we are grateful for the past and the present and we recommit ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, to total dependence on God and the control of the Holy Spirit, to our divine mandate of making disciples as given in Matt. 28:18-20 and to our vision of "building spiritual movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus Christ". We also recommit ourselves to: 1. Discipling communities/churches; 2. Enriching family and marriage life; 3. Building and mentoring leaders; and 4. Raising local resources for sustainable spiritual movements.

My wife, Sarah, joins me to welcome you to celebrate the goodness of the Lord in the last 50 years. We are honoured to be leading a great family, a selfless staff team, a dedicated and diversely gifted board and generous partners. We welcome you as we launch into the future. We invite you to join us in helping change the world for Jesus Christ. The question is, if not now, then when? If not you and I, then who?

Enjoy the stories and videos on our social media handles on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube and on our website.

David and Sarah Wataba

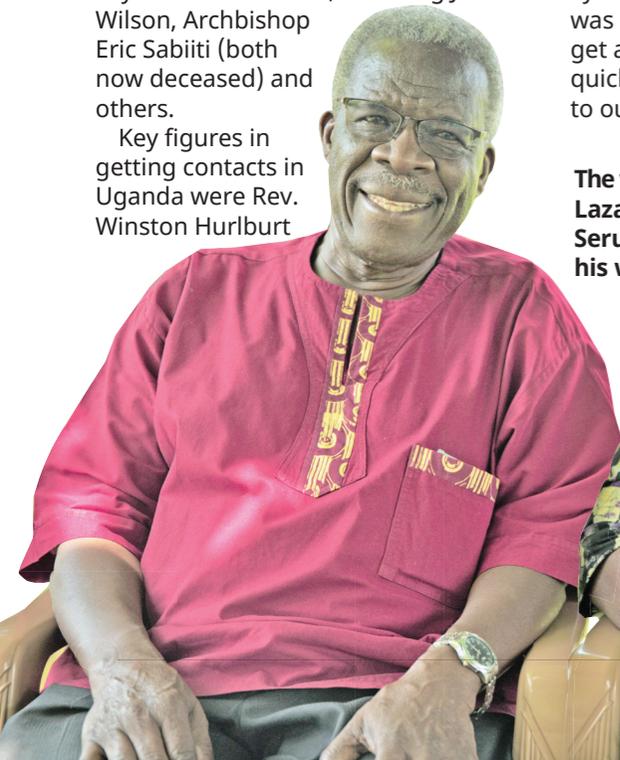
The genesis of LIFE Ministry Uganda

1. IN THE BEGINNING (1971/72)

Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) began in 1951, with Bill and Vonette Bright, a young business couple who were eager to serve the Lord. God led them to forsake their business, wealth and personal ambitions to begin an evangelist and discipleship ministry at the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Their ministry kept growing, built tenets of a simple sharing of the Gospel, taught basic truths of the Christian life and trained believers to share their faith.

In the late 1970s, a member of staff, Mr. Swede Anderson, was the National Director for the US and he challenged many American staff to start ministries overseas. Bud and Shirley Hinkson moved to London to start the ministry in England and Africa; why that Geographical combination? I don't know. Young men like Stuart Dow, Dale Newton and Charlie Powell were some members of Bud's staff in England. Bud made some trips to Kenya and Uganda and met with key Christian leaders, including John Wilson, Archbishop Eric Sabiiti (both now deceased) and others.

Key figures in getting contacts in Uganda were Rev. Winston Hurlburt



The writer, Lazarus Seruyange and his wife, Lois



(who led me to the Lord through a Christian film in June 1967) and his wife, Kathy. Rev. Winston Hurlburt was a missionary with the conservative Baptist mission, but he had been on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ in the US. He connected Bud Hinkson with John Wilson who was a sales manager with Caltex Oil Company at that time. John Wilson visited Arrowhead Springs, the headquarters of Campus Crusade for Christ at that time and also attended a training conference in Wales in the UK. It was at the training conference in the UK that he met Sam and Lynn Owen whom he encouraged to begin ministry in Uganda. In July 1970, Charlie Powell came to Uganda and conducted a short training at Makerere University for the Christian Union members and I was one of the few students who attended that training. I had joined Makerere University a year earlier, in July 1969. We were trained in sharing the Gospel using the *Four Spiritual Laws* tract and the *Holy Spirit* booklet.

Towards the end of 1971, Sam and Lynn Owen came to Uganda. Sam was a young man who knew how to get along with people. Somehow, he quickly adjusted to our culture,

ate our food including *enswa* (white ants) and tried to learn Luganda. His wife, Lynn, was of the opposite personality; quiet and reserved but respectable and trustworthy. My wife and Lynn became good friends. Sam and Lynn attended the East African Revival Fellowship meetings at Namirembe and got to know many of the leading brethren. It is probably through these meetings that they got to meet Methuselah and Victoria Bugimbi who were later to lead the Ministry in Uganda and East Africa. Sam and Lynn were lovable people, they respected our culture and worked together as a team.

In 1972, I joined the ministry after a very difficult decision. I was graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Mathematics. I had my own ambitions and ideas of serving the Lord, but the Lord had a different plan for my life. I tried to resist God's call to ministry and God had to take me by the "collar". Through that struggle with God, I came to learn two things which I want young people to be certain of. First, if you resist God, you are the ultimate loser. Second, if you obey God's call, you win. God is good for He did not let me resist him too long. When I met Sam Owen, he asked me to work with him and I did. Kathy and Winston had introduced another student, Dora Rubombora, to the Owens in November 1971 and they encouraged her to join the Ministry. They met at Kathy and Winston's

home. She had given her life to Christ in July 1971. In April 1972, she was taken by Sam Owen to Nairobi, Kenya for the New Life Training Curriculum (NLTC). It was during that training that she committed to joining Campus Crusade for Christ — Uganda. In August 1972, she was interviewed to join



Bill and Vonette Bright

the staff and soon began her training. Sam Owen had asked Peggy McCracken to come to Uganda from the US and she had complied. She was Dora's trainer and they lived together. They would have class sessions in the morning and go for field ministry on campus in the afternoon.

In March 1972, I graduated from Makerere University. My struggle with the will of God was so great that I missed my own graduation ceremony. I was in a bush praying. After graduation, I was jobless for three months as I waited on God. It was during this time that I translated the *Four Spiritual Laws* into Luganda.

II. EXPLO '72 CONFERENCE. AMERICA, AS WE SAW IT

In June 1972, a number of us went to attend Explo '72, a mammoth conference that was held in the US and attracted between 80,000 to 100,000 people. These were mostly young

was a lot of enthusiasm for the Lord. At the end of Explo '72, Dora and I travelled to the US, together with Sam and Lynn's friends. Later, in August, we went to Linz, Austria for the European staff training conference. The same conference was attended by a beautiful Ugandan lady nurse, who was later to become my wife.

On returning to Uganda, I joined Campus Crusade for Christ Uganda. I teamed with Sam Owen and Gary Fredricks and the other members on ground to conduct ministry. Gary and Alice Fredricks came to Uganda in September 1972 and stayed for only three months. They were really planning to proceed to Ethiopia but came to Uganda only for cross-cultural orientation for there was no Agape International Training (AIT) at that time. However, at their stopover at Addis Ababa Airport, they met many missionaries and learned that they could not work there due to the growing hostility of the Communist Revolution against Christianity.

Sam Owen, Gary Fredricks, Dora Rubombora, Peggy McCracken and I worked in three areas. Gary and I shared the Gospel with Makerere University students, together with Dora and Peggy. Gary told me that one of the things he learned at that time was how to knock on doors the African way — with a gentle knock as opposed to the loud American knock. Secondly, Sam and I trained mainly Anglican pastors and other church leaders in Kampala. Thirdly, Sam Owen continued with his public relations work with the Church of Uganda leadership. He believed that for the ministry to be strong, it needed to have a strong church backing. He established a strong relationship with Archbishop Eric Sabiti and other bishops. This co-operation was later to pay off in 1973 when Idi Amin became hostile to evangelical Christian churches and organisations and banned many, including LIFE Ministry (Campus Crusade for Christ at that time).

THE BIRTH OF A MINISTRY

III. MINISTRY BLOOMS AS TROUBLE BREWS IN 1973

In 1973, the Ministry took root and more training conferences were ongoing. It was strange to many to use a small booklet to explain the Gospel instead of confusing people with many words. People were responding to the simple presentation of the Gospel and many were getting saved. Some of the members of the East African Revival, the *Balokole*, who knew little about other people preaching the message of salvation were amazed. Some responded well to the new strategies of Gospel presentation, but there were also those who despised LIFE Ministry and discouraged us from working with it!

The translations of materials went on. The Luganda *Four spiritual Laws* translation was perfected with the help of linguist, Dr. Thomas Brewster and his wife, Sue. For the first time in my life, I saw a person with disability but a lot of influence in society (Thomas had paraplegia and used a wheelchair, but he could use his hands). Translations into other East African languages also went on with the help of Dr. Brewster.

However, persecution against Christianity started brewing due to Idi Amin's paranoia about the West, his

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fascination about immense political power and the Arab manipulation and pressure on him to make Uganda a Muslim state. He had so much hatred for Jews that he did not want the name Israel to be mentioned. One time, a person from the Church of Uganda was reading a scripture on a radio programme in which the name Israel was mentioned. President Amin called Archbishop Eric Sabiti to his office and reprimanded him about it. However, Archbishop Sabiti replied to him boldly, "That's what the Bible says. As Christians, we cannot speak or act contrary to Scripture, even if it means shedding blood. If you want to see blood, you will certainly see it." Did President Amin learn his lesson? No! It was just the beginning of toughening of our skins, to learn the value of our salvation and preach the Gospel, even if it meant death.

In June 1973, President Amin banned a number of evangelical Christian organisations, including Campus

Crusade for Christ, Navigators, Child Evangelism and others. He said that they were subversive organisations. Now, the name Campus Crusade for Christ had a stigma about it. Muslims marked Crusades as bad. They associated them with Christians fighting against Muslims. Therefore, when the organisation was banned, we needed to stop using the name and get a safer one. Back in America, they had a programme (training) called LIFE (Lay Institution For Evangelism). It seemed easy and safe to talk about it in Uganda. Sam Owen therefore decided to change the name to LIFE Ministry, a label that was later to be used by most ministries in Southern and Eastern Africa. LIFE was to stand for Lay Involvement For Evangelism but also the vitality to live. That is how LIFE Ministry Uganda was formed.

I remember going through a bad experience of burning all materials that bore the word "CRUSADE". Those were indeed turbulent days. Many white missionaries left Uganda, including our friends, Sam and Lynn, and Peggy. Dora also left with them. They went to Kenya where they worked with Bert Banzalf and the Fredricks who had left Uganda earlier. I was left behind because I was preparing to get married. But also, someone needed to remain at the station.

Now, what would become of the ministry after all these pronouncements? Would it continue or die? Archbishop Eric Sabiti was not happy to lose Christian organisations and he wisely decided to offer umbrella protection over all the banned Christian organisations under the Church of Uganda. He argued that the Church still needed them, but it did not have to control them. They would be placed under the department of missions. Some organisations refused this suggestion, fearing possible control and were also probably uncomfortable with the theological differences between them and the Church of Uganda. LIFE Ministry agreed to this arrangement.

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Sam and Lynn Owen and their children

We were put under Kampala Diocese and we had an office at All Saints Cathedral Nakasero.

I was young, hardly trained, with nobody to work with and with very little ministry experience. I just hang in there. I was tempted to quit, but God's call to ministry made me stay. More so, I also feared quitting this ministry at that time because I thought it would be a great discouragement to the Bugimbi's who were about to join the staff team. Rev. Bugimbi was an intelligent and very gifted man and Victoria would be a great asset to the ministry. My leaving would surely discourage them. I feared having the ministry crumble on me because of my cowardice. I also feared quitting and then dying some "silly" death, say by a car accident. It was better to die in the ministry. I hang on by faith because I knew that quitting would be disastrous.

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IV. STRANGE EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

I did all kinds of strange things to express my faith with respect to the Ministry. For example, I ran around Makerere University seven times for six days like Joshua and the Israelites ran around the wall of Jericho. I was trusting the Lord to bring down the walls of unbelief at Uganda's foremost institution of learning. So I believed and so I acted! After getting married in 1973, Lois and I went to Kenya in April 1974 for the Great Commission Training and we completed it in August 1974. We returned to Uganda with the Bugimbis and continued with the Ministry. Bugimbi was the first local National Director. We moved to different parts of the country, preaching the Word of God and conducting trainings. We also continued to do ministry on campus. Sam Kimbowa later joined the Ministry. My wife and I left Uganda for Kenya in 1979. Sam Kimbowa later became the

NATIONAL DIRECTORS FROM 1971 - 2021

1. Bishop Methuselah and Mrs. Victoria Bugimbi
2. Mr. Sepi and Mrs. Christine Kajubi
3. Mr. Sam and Mrs. Alex Kimbowa
4. Mr. Musa and Mrs. Sarah Kibowa
5. Dr. Peter and Mrs. Elizabeth Asimwe
6. Dr. Lazarus and Mrs. Lois Seruyange
7. Dr. Dickson and Mrs. Joy Obwoya
8. Mr. David and Mrs. Sarah Wataba

National Director.

When the threat against Christian organisations subsided, LIFE Ministry no longer needed the protection of the Church of Uganda and we resumed operation in the country freely after Idi Amin was ousted in 1979. The organisation continued to grow, more staff were recruited, more strategies got introduced and, here we are now, celebrating 50 years of our existence.

By Dr Lazarus Seruyange

The late Winston and Kathy Hurlburt





THE YEAR OF JUBILEE



Greetings to everyone who is celebrating the 50th year of LIFE Ministry Uganda! It was a privilege to be a small part of the work God began many years ago. I fondly remember the beginning days and I will share a few memories from those early days.

My Uganda journey began with my friendship with Sam and Lynn Owen. We were teammates with Campus Crusade in the US and, in 1971, they recruited me to go with them to Uganda to begin ministry.

After a lot of planning and praying, in September 1972, I flew with the Owens and their little three-months-old Shep (who is now 6 ft 3 inches tall!) to Uganda. I was excited to get there at last.

In my first week in Uganda, I was greeted with two arrests. The second time, I was put in jail overnight. This was not the welcome I had expected! Was I wrong in thinking God had called me to Africa? Had I made a big mistake? What should I do? These were some of my thoughts.

Nonetheless, God reaffirmed his call for me to Africa and I soon went to work in the ministry as hard as I could. These were challenging times to begin a work.

My partner and roommate was Dora Rubombora. We began to visit Makerere campus and to get to know the women there. It was there I fell in love with the beautiful people of Uganda.

I had come to Uganda to train Dora in ministry, but in truth, she showed me much more about life in Uganda and following the Lord than I could show her. In those early days, the manner in which she trusted God despite opposition and her



Dora Rubombora, Peggy McCracken, Kathy Hurlburt (RIP), Lynn Owen (RIP) and Alice Fredricks

courageous decision to join ministry staff has always been an inspiration to me — an example of commitment to the Lord no matter what adversity one is confronted with. It is often out of adversity that God's work thrives. I believe this was the case in Uganda 50 years ago. Today, the work is more alive than ever.

My thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate God's faithfulness for 50 years! Congratulations on a job well done! I am touched and thankful for all that you have accomplished and are doing to reach people for Christ and build them in the faith. Keep up this great work that He has brought to pass!

"Faithful is he who calls you and he also will bring it to pass."
I Thessalonians 5:24

Peggy McCracken



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

From her inception in 1971, LIFE Ministry Uganda has done great exploits by the grace of God. There are many things that God has done in and through us, which if they were all recorded in detail, the book would be impossible to complete. However, we have written a few highlights as memorial stones to celebrate the Lord's faithfulness and grace.

HERE'S LIFE CAMPAIGN

LIFE Ministry Uganda (LMU) used to organise Evangelistic campaigns dubbed "HERE IS LIFE" with the captivating slogan of "NAZUULA" or "I FOUND IT". It was a global initiative of the Ministry to use the catchphrase "I

Found It" as a teaser to cause curiosity among the people. Everyone wanted to know "What had been found". The slogan was used as an opportunity to tell people about Jesus and many came to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

COMMUNITY HEALTH EVANGELISM

In 1978, after 18 years in business, Stan Rowland joined Campus Crusade for Christ in the Agape Movement (Christian Peace Corps) and wrote a document at the request of Dr. Bill Bright on how to integrate curative care, health education/community development, and spiritual growth. This document became the premise for Community Health Evangelism

(CHE). Dr. Bill Bright wanted to create multiple small expatriate teams to go overseas to begin a new way of ministry by combining evangelism and discipleship with health care and prevention or community development. The paper was put into practice in Uganda in June 1980. The first combined clinic/CHE project was initiated in Kiryokya, Mityana in 1980. Three more projects began and they were largely agricultural and community-based. We had community clinics in Kiryokya - Mityana and Buhugu - Mbale; Forestry development program in Hoima; and Coffee project for the cooperatives in Masaka and Namaru - Karamoja. Other Agape staff members worked in schools like Kako



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S.S, Kings' College Buddo, Kyambogo College and Mengo Dental Clinic that is still managed by our staff (Dr. Ken Chapman). This programme increased our credibility and also availed us with more opportunities to serve God and His people.

EXPLO '85

In December 1985, we hosted a major conference called Explo '85. It was an evangelistic training video conference hosted by Campus Crusade for Christ in more than 50 countries and territories that were connected via closed circuit transmissions from 17 communication satellites around the world. Sites were prepared and satellite dishes were mounted. Some sites received the signal while others broadcasted it. Uganda was to receive signal and our site was at Makerere University main hall. We spent about 4 months conducting intense mobilisation and more than 1,600 people attended. It was a residential conference from 27th to 30th December. Through Explo '85, many churches and Christians were mobilised and impacted and they captured the vision of the Great Commission. A strategy called NLTC

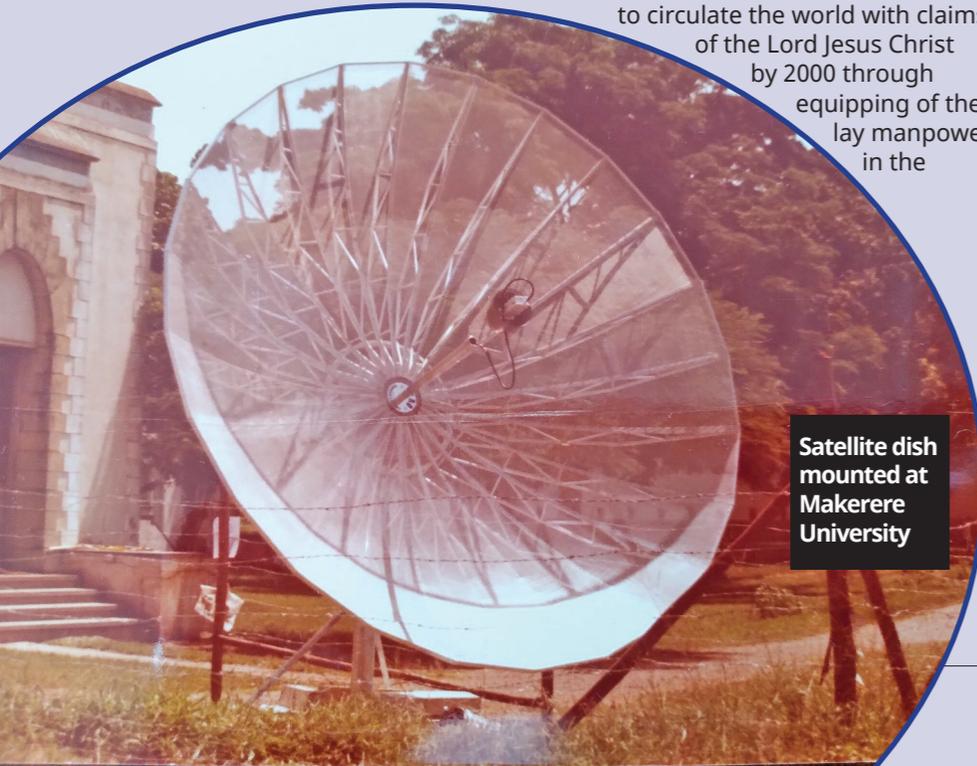


(New Life Training Curriculum) was developed to further equip the mobilised and envisioned body of Christ worldwide. The objective was to circulate the world with claims of the Lord Jesus Christ by 2000 through equipping of the lay manpower in the

Church. Many churches invited LIFE Ministry to train their members and, using NLTC, churches were empowered for effective ministry in evangelism and discipleship.

CAMPUS MINISTRY/GCTC

From her inception, LIFE Ministry Uganda always focused on reaching out to students in high schools and universities. We conducted ministry in high schools including Makerere College School and Old Kampala High School (present Agha Khan) and universities including Makerere University, Makerere University of Business Studies (MUBS), Uganda Christian University (UCU) Mukono and Nkumba University. In 1990, the Great Commission Training Centre (GCTC) was opened in Uganda and all Campus staff were assigned to serve as trainers at the training centre. The team, therefore, became Campus/GCTC. Several Campus Crusade for Christ



Satellite dish mounted at Makerere University



The Campus Ministry team in the early 1990s

(CCC) staff who were trained in Uganda are serving in leadership positions internationally, both within and outside the organisation. A few examples include Dr. Bekele Shanko, Dr. Tariku Fufa, Dr. Farai Katsande and Dr. Dickson Onen Obwoya in CCC and others like Mr. Eric Wafuko and Mr. George Sikulu who are highly placed in the Government of Kenya and many others in other parts of Africa and beyond.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS

In the 1990s, we had a mission-sending wing code-named ART (Africa Resource Team). Christians would be mobilised, recruited, trained and sent on short term missions in and outside Uganda. This was an exciting time that brought together people from various levels of society. We sent missionaries to countries like Namibia, Mauritius, Seychelles, Russia, Kenya,

Fifty members were sent to rebel affected areas and the Jesus Film was shown in various camps. Even rebels would come and watch the film. Many people came to the saving knowledge of Jesus. They found hope, comfort, and peace in Him at such a difficult time.

Malawi, Bulgaria and Albania. It was an opportunity to bring together church leaders and members from various denominations, equip them and give them a vision to run with in missions. This move resulted in church planting and establishment of church ministries that are still strong to this day.

OPERATION CALEB

In 1998, a mission code-named Operation Caleb was organised

in order to reach out to Northern Uganda at a time when Joseph Kony's war was at its peak. Fifty members were sent to rebel-affected areas and the Jesus Film was shown in various camps. Even rebels would come and watch the film. Many people came to the saving knowledge of Jesus. They found hope, comfort and peace in Him at such a difficult time. God protected us and the faith of staff grew stronger.

JESUS FILM PROJECT

In 1992, Mr. and Mrs. Kyobe were asked to coordinate the Jesus Film project countrywide. Their responsibility was to oversee Jesus Film equipment development, Jesus Film teams development, and Jesus Film translations for the organisation. The aim was also to translate the Jesus Film into priority one languages in Uganda (languages with more



The Kyobes counselling a couple at their home in Entebbe

than 80,000 speaking people). The Jesus Film was then translated into 13 languages, including Acholi, Lango, Madi (Moyo), Kakwa, Akarimojong, Lugwisi, Kupsabiny and Lumasaba. These were very risky and challenging days that were characterised by long travels, political instabilities and many days in the field with recording teams, but the Lord protected and sustained us.

FAMILY LIFE

Family Life ministry was officially launched in 1995. The first ever marriage conference known as A Weekend to Remember was held in 1995 in Entebbe and 150 couples attended. In 1996, we also conducted a Parenting Conference and about 200 couples attended. We also used to hold Singles' Conferences as curtain raisers to the main conferences. However, we stopped hosting the conferences because there was no manpower to follow up the couples who would attend.

Home Builders groups were then established in Entebbe and they have spread in many districts across the country. There are teams in Kampala, Mbarara, Kasese and Ibanda, among other districts. St. Francis Chapel Makerere is the model for the Family Life empowerment and pre-marital counselling programme.

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

This is a life skills and character development curriculum that focuses on transforming communities with Hope, Life and Truth. It was introduced in Uganda in 1997. Stanley and Norah Kyobe were the coordinators. LIFE Ministry partnered with many schools and communities and conducted many trainings for students, teachers, social workers, medical personnel and other professionals. A medical doctor, a high school headteacher and a social worker were trained up to the level of Trainer of Trainers called instructors. They became part of the strategy facilitators for Southern and Eastern Africa region.



49yrs of God's faithfulness

I was born in a Christian family and I am the first of seven children. My parents were active members in the church. I therefore grew up knowing about God, reading the Bible, praying and attending Sunday services regularly. I used to believe that I was a good girl since I was morally upright. However, while at Trinity College Nabbingo for A-Level, I began to feel an emptiness in my life. I did not know what to attribute it to. I joined Makerere University in 1969 to study Biology. It was the phase of my education that I enjoyed the most. Yet the feeling of emptiness still lingered.

I used to attend Christian Union (CU) meetings on campus. One time, the preacher made an altar call. I did not move forward, but his words kept echoing in my head until the next day when I went to attend another CU fellowship. The preacher, a pastor from Kenya, also gave an opportunity to the congregation to pray to receive Christ. I said to myself, "Maybe this is what I am lacking in my life". I took a step of faith and invited Jesus Christ into my life. It was on 10th July, 1971. Immediately, I felt like the missing piece in my life fell in place.

A friend later connected me to Mrs. Kathy Hurlburt who nurtured me in the faith. She showed me how to use the *Four Spiritual Laws* booklet to share the Gospel and I often went with her to witness on campus. One day, Kathy invited me to her house for tea. She had also invited a visiting couple, Sam and Lynn Owen, who were staff of Campus Crusade for Christ. The Owens asked me to join the organisation as a staff member, but I hesitated to give them any response. They later invited me for a training in Nairobi in April 1972. It was the basic NLTC (New Life Training Curriculum) training. It was during that training that God showed

me what He wanted me to do. He wanted me to serve Him as a single woman with this organisation. I shared my decision to join full-time Christian work with my parents and they gave their consent.

One of the major highlights of that time was the Explo '72 conference. It took place in Dallas, Texas and I attended it, together with other delegates from Uganda. The conference aimed at equipping participants (about 80,000 people) with skills of evangelism and discipleship. It launched us into the ministry work we would soon be doing. I was later interviewed to join staff in August 1972. At that time, we were a very

In Mathew 9: 36-38, Jesus told the disciples that the harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few. He also encouraged them to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His Harvest. The missionary staff of LIFE Ministry Uganda are an answer to that prayer because all of them obeyed God's direction to forego everything and work in His harvest field. In this section, we bring you stories about how some staff members were called into ministry and how God has sustained and used them to expand His Kingdom.

small staff team that included Sam and Lynn Owen, Lazarus Seruyange, Gary and Alice Fredricks, Peggy McCracken and myself. I used to live with Peggy who was also my trainer. At that time, the Great Commission Training (GCT) lasted two years. We would have class sessions in the morning and then go to Makerere University for field practice in the afternoon.

Just when ministry was beginning to take root, things took a drastic turn in 1973 when Idi Amin abolished some Christian organisations, including Campus Crusade for Christ. As an organisation, we went under the protection of the Church of Uganda and also changed the name to LIFE Ministry Uganda. The training was shifted to Nairobi. I moved to Kenya with Peggy, Sam and Lynn. I completed my training in 1974. Those turbulent years provoked a lot of anxiety but also a lot of prayer. The Great Commission Training Centre in Kenya later started and Gary Fredricks was the Director. When Peggy went back to the US for home leave, I was asked to help as a trainer. It came as a surprise when I was asked to remain in Kenya after

my training, but God spoke to me through Matthew 9:37-39 and I accepted to stay. I appreciated the fact that He was the Lord of the harvest and I am only a servant. From that time I was ready to be used by Him and be sent wherever He wanted me to go.

Winston and



Dora Rubombora praying with students at her home in 2018

Kathy later moved to Kenya and they influenced the next step I took. Winston was born of missionary parents who served the Lord in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (then Zaire). He had a passion for the country and he desired to begin the ministry there. He asked me to train staff in Kinshasa. Plans to begin a training centre for staff for the Francophone area were underway. However, I did not know French at that time. I already had a desire to learn the language and, when the idea of going to Zaire came, I decided to enrol for French lessons. By then, I was serving in the department of materials development. We used to translate materials from English into Kiswahili. We also recorded materials on cassette tapes for non-readers and produced picture booklets for them.

As I continued to pray about moving to Zaire, God spoke to me through Habakkuk 3:19. I was convinced that God wanted me to move to Zaire and learn a new culture. The leadership in Nairobi asked me to raise support for the move and God provided for me over and above what I could imagine.

When I moved to Kinshasa in 1980,

I took a step of faith and invited Jesus Christ into my life. It was on 10th July, 1971. Immediately, I felt like the missing piece in my life fell in place.



Dorah and Peggy McCracken in 1973

the Great Commission Training Centre was established for the Francophone region. Many staff of CCC in the region were trained from Kinshasa. During Explo '85, I was one of the translators to French since the conference was in English. I was fluent in French by then.

In 1986, I moved back to Nairobi for further studies. I joined Nairobi

International School of Theology (NIST) and did a Master's in Christian Ministry until 1988. I then went to Mali from 1988 to 1998. I was still involved in some training of staff, but mainly focused on materials development for the Francophone region. In 1999, I moved to Zimbabwe and served as the Personal Assistant (P.A) for Dr. Bekele Shanko. He was the Area Director for Southern and Eastern Africa. I also conducted ministry on campus at the University of Zimbabwe. The Lord spoke to me about my next destination in 2003. I was very excited because it was not a transfer to any another country but home. I returned to Uganda in June 2004 and was very glad. When I settled in, I began doing ministry with single women. I also trained staff in GCTC for some time.

From October 2009 to 2017, I devoted myself to looking after my parents who were now elderly and frail. This was a gift to my parents and myself. They had handed me over to the Lord and I had left them for over 30 years. Dad passed on in 2012 and Mum followed in 2017. Thereafter, I gradually began to return to field ministry.

In May 2018, we had a basic training for Anglican Church leaders (Church of Uganda in Rwenzori Diocese) at Bishop Balya Bible College in Fort Portal. It slowly launched me back into active field ministry as part of the Global Church Movement (GCM) department of LIFE Ministry, in 2019.

What can I say after 49 years on staff? The Lord has been faithful. He called me as a young single lady to serve Him in 1972 and as I look back, what is unquestionable about God is His faithfulness.

I must say that the harvest is still plentiful and God is still looking for labourers to send into His harvest. Therefore, if the call to ministry comes, remember this: God is faithful. He who has done it for me and countless other staff will surely do it for you. Therefore, stand up when God calls you and be counted among the labourers in the King's harvest field.

Dora Christina Rubombora, Staff, Global Church Movement

A FRUITFUL CHURCH PLANTING MISSION

I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour on Sunday, 29th December, 2002 at All Saints' Church in Hoima. There used to be many fellowship meetings conducted at church, including a discipleship class for new believers that was held every Tuesday by LIFE Ministry Uganda (LMU). That is where I had my first encounter with staff of LMU who took me through follow-up and discipleship materials. I then began sharing my faith and telling people around Hoima town about my transformed life in Christ. My church is very mission-oriented and, hence, we were given many opportunities to go in the field with LMU staff members for evangelism and discipleship. In 2005, I attended the NLTC course in Masaka and I was equipped with skills of evangelism and discipleship. I was later sent to Busoga region for ministry. Our team was led by (now) Rev. Mugaya Johnson and Christine Byongero.

One of the biggest tasks we had was to begin New Life Groups (NLGs) of multiplying disciples which would be inspected by the leaders on ministry celebration day. I will never forget a place called Kimaka, a local brew joint in Jinja. It was my target area. It had a church named St. John's, whose walls had collapsed. The congregation consisted of very few members; probably because the place was infested with alcoholism.

Within those few months of my ministry involvement, I established five New Life Groups and the church was filled with new believers. New walls were being constructed at St. John's church by the time I left.

The leadership then sent me to mid-western Uganda as a Jesus Film team leader. The region stretched from Bundibugyo to Karuma and it was during this period that I had a real field life experience. We had three major challenges. The first was the Bisaka cult (the man who had convinced people that he was god). Secondly, there were



Andrew Byaruhanga

many Islamic campaigns rotating in the region. In addition, the field staff count also reduced due to financial challenges. But that is when I proved that our God is all in all and He never fails. Amidst the challenges, the Lord enabled us to do many great exploits in that region from 2006 to 2009.

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We were able to project 364 Jesus Films, expose 736,200 people to the Gospel and register 76,004 salvation decisions. A recorded 6,094 people were followed up, 10,200 church leaders were trained as counsellors and 69 churches (which were at the verge of closing) were reignited. They are big churches now with big congregations and regularly send members to theological schools to be trained as church leaders. In addition, we increased the number of volunteers from three to 47 and they helped us to plant 42 churches. We also started an LMU radio programme in 2007 and about a million people listen to it weekly. We use this platform to share basic follow-up materials with

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A church that was recently planted in Hoima

people who tune in. This broad sowing has greatly softened the fields for us and LMU is well known in this region to this day.

I later joined the organisation as a full time missionary staff in 2010. I did New Staff Training in 2011 to 2012 and I was assigned to GCM upon successful completion of the training. In 2018, I led the department for one year when the team leader

went on a sabbatical for a year. My ministry focus now is towards planting churches across denominations and in various communities. I have planted 200 community churches and 126 big churches in Hoima, together with my team from 2010 to date. For years, we have been planting trees on the Ministry land in the region. The trees have greatly contributed towards resource development.

It has been great working with LMU's committed staff members and all God-honouring people. I also recognise the full support that my wife and entire family have given me for all these years. I am thankful to the Lord for allowing me to be part of this golden Jubilee celebration. Praise be to God!

By Andrew Byaruhanga
Missionary staff, LIFE Ministry

My call to ministry — Dr. Ken Chapman

I grew up in a town called Borger in the northern part of the state of Texas, US and, as a young boy brought up in a Christian home, I remember one day standing in our kitchen, when I got a compelling thought that I wanted to be happy and have a life that was worthwhile. I thought it must have something to do with God and helping people, but I was not sure how I could be close to God. The desire for significance and the uncertainty about my own relationship with God continued for years.

Then, during my first year in Dental School in 1971, I met some people who were very excited about their



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Elizabeth Stockburger, a CCC staff member and Dr. Ken Chapman with other staff members of Mengo Hospital

relationship with Christ. They invited me to attend a training on how to share our faith in Christ that was being conducted by Campus Crusade for Christ International (CCCI). I attended, even though I was not sure that I was a Christian. It was while they were training us in using the *Four Spiritual Laws* booklet as a tool for evangelism that I finally understood how to be sure that I was a Christian. Having the assurance that Christ was in my life and that I had eternal life changed the course of my life. I got involved in CCC and attended Explo '72 (a CCC event that was attended by 85,000 people) in Dallas, Texas in 1972. Little did I know that the late Bishop Methuselah Bugimbi was there and that I would later end up in Uganda! It was around that time that I started thinking about missionary dentistry. I visited a missionary dentist in Korea while in Dental School and my interest in missionary dentistry grew immensely. After three years of private dental



Dr. Chapman treating a patient at Mengo Hospital in xxxxx

practice in Texas and a dental mission trip to Liberia, I decided to try missionary dentistry on a long-term basis. I had been greatly helped by CCC in university and it was like a dream to be able to join their staff. I did finally join them in 1979 and signed up for two years in Uganda. Now, forty years later, I am still here! I am a dentist in Mengo Hospital where I have the chance to help in

meeting both physical and spiritual needs of the people.

I must say that I joined Campus Crusade for Christ as a missionary dentist because I felt it was the best way to fulfil my life goals of glorifying God and helping reach as many people as possible for Christ.

**Dr. Ken Chapman
Mengo Hospital**

A GLORIOUS ADVENTURE OF SERVICE

I was introduced to LIFE Ministry-Uganda when I was a Makerere University student in 1992. I had the unique privilege of being discipled by two godly missionaries. One was Paula Turpeinen from Finland. The other was Arnold Verboom from the Netherlands. By the time I met these two, I had been walking with the Lord Jesus Christ for at least six years. I had also been involved in the work of evangelism. However, these missionaries introduced two crucial aspects that completely changed my life. Firstly, they taught me how to share my faith in a simple and effective way, using the *Four Spiritual Laws* booklet. They also taught me how to follow-up and disciple converts in a simple and systematic way using transferable concepts. Secondly, they helped stir up in me a passion for the Great Commission.

Indeed, before I completed my studies, I felt a strong urging by the Holy Spirit to join full-time ministry. I applied for a position at LIFE Ministry-Uganda and I was happy when I was accepted. Being accepted at LIFE Ministry felt like a confirmation that the Lord had called me to serve with this particular ministry.

It is now 27 years since I began my ministry as a full-time staff with LIFE Ministry. It has been a great adventure. Ebenezer! Due to limitations of time and space, I cannot highlight all or even most of the challenges and triumphs. But if I had to mention only one thing that stands out, that would probably be the people: the ones whom God has brought into my life as a direct result of my ministry with Life Ministry Uganda. The most significant, of course, is my dear wife, Harriet. We first met when we were both student leaders in LIFE Ministry. We have the joy of sharing life not only as a couple, but also as co-servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. After Harriet comes a very long list of very special people.

This list falls into three categories:

A Ministry recipients: students on university campuses; graduates of the Great Commission Training Centre Kampala, where I served as a trainer; seminary students at the Nairobi International School of Theology and now the International Leadership University; and all kinds of people in communities in different countries. Some of these people came to faith through my evangelistic work. Most were already believers who I helped to disciple and teach/train.

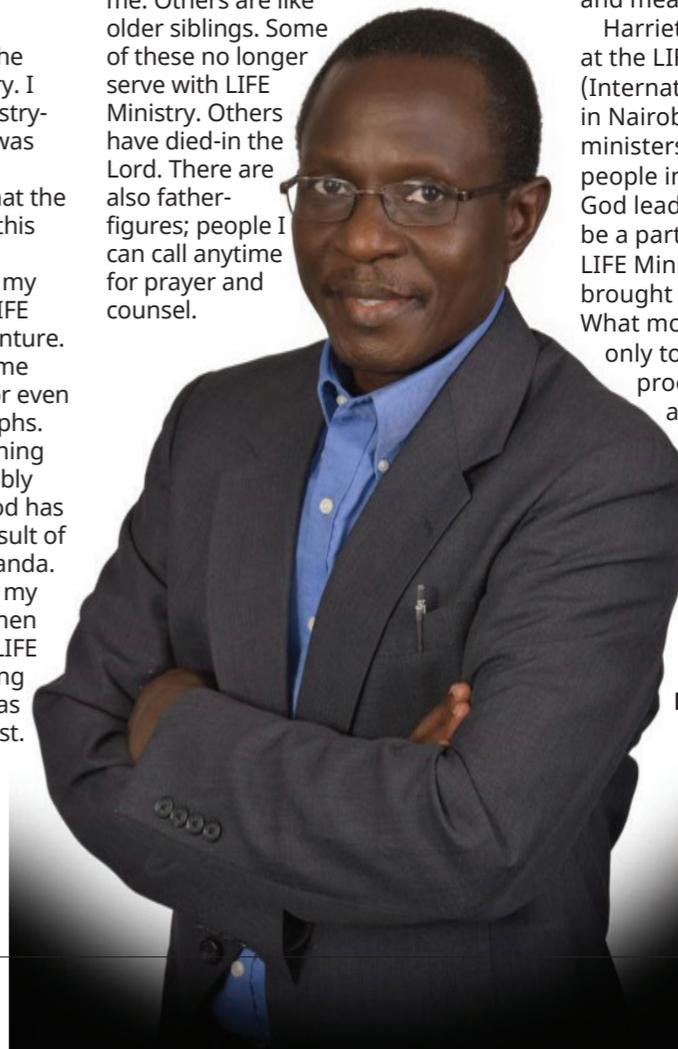
B Ministry co-workers: people whom I have discipled and continue to disciple; those who have served and continue to serve alongside me; and then those who have discipled and continue to disciple me. There are many who are like younger siblings to me. Others are like older siblings. Some of these no longer serve with LIFE Ministry. Others have died-in the Lord. There are also father-figures; people I can call anytime for prayer and counsel.

C Ministry partners: people who pray and give — the people who make our missionary work move from being a goal to a practical reality. Without this group, we would never be able to do what we do. Some of the pioneers on our ministry partnership team have gone home to be with the Lord. Most are retired and unable to continue to financially support our work. But over the years of our ministry, most of these people became like family to Harriet and I. Most treat our children like their grandchildren or nephews. Through the ministry of partnership development, we have come to form relationships with many people who we would never have known. Many of these relationships have become very deep and meaningful.

Harriet and I are serving as lecturers at the LIFE Ministry University (International Leadership University) in Nairobi, Kenya. We are training ministers who will shepherd God's people in Africa and wherever else God leads them. We feel privileged to be a part of what God is doing through LIFE Ministry Uganda. Who could have brought this about but God Himself? What more shall we say? Perhaps

only to join with the apostle Paul in proclaiming: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen." (Eph 3: 20-21).

**Moses Kintu, PhD
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THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

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From the chairman — Board of Directors

Congratulations to LIFE Ministry Uganda! We are at 50 years of life-giving ministry. It is time to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. We know that Jubilee is significant; the Bible gives many instructions that we need to pay attention to and numerous promises that we need to take hold of tenaciously. The texts on Jubilee address both the individuals and the nation at large. But I believe there is room for application of the principles at a corporate level.

So, as LIFE Ministry Uganda, we can use this season to reflect on what Jubilee connotes for us. This would mean that we look at the ministry with the Jubilee lenses over the past, present and future.

PAST

We have seen the goodness of the Lord in many amazing ways. We can read and see and hear the great things that the Lord has done in the lives of individuals and the nation. We praise Him for the favour revealed through the men and women whose sacrifice has brought us thus far. These men and women include those on the frontline and those behind the scenes giving and praying for the propagation of the Gospel. Together, we are building movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus Christ.

PRESENT

We are at a special time as a Ministry. The times and seasons have changed. We have also had changes in leadership. We can choose to look back and stay in the past or be awakened to the moment. And this is what the Bible commands us to do in Ephesians 5:14-15 NIV "...Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise."

We must therefore be awake and active to the demands of today. The Apostle Paul goes on to say "...be filled with the Holy Spirit". We should not get drunk with the pleasures of the victories in the past. We need to seize the moment. This is the moment where wisdom requires us to "Re-engineer, Reinvigorate and Re-align".

Being aware that everything has changed: the way schools, churches, workplaces and governments are working, we definitely have to conduct ministry with the Re-factor. For example, can we ensure that our missionaries are sent from homes by



families that have disciplesd their sons and daughters for the Gospel mission? We never change the vision, but we must Re-engineer, Reinvigorate and Realign our strategies to attain the goals prescribed by our vision. Today is critical to our tomorrow.

FUTURE

How do we get into the future? When does the future begin? The future is connected to the past and present. Our vision paints a picture of the future. We are to be a movement everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus Christ. This means that everyone connected to this vision, like the church in Macedonia that gave themselves to the Lord and to giving to His work, needs to be passionately engaged. We might not get our names in the Bible, but we can be included in Heaven's records as those who lived a life fully under the control of the Holy Spirit and made an eternal impact on

their generation. Whereas we live in the day and age where people are looking for solutions everywhere, we do have that solution with us: JESUS.

Let us make it our ultimate goal to present Jesus to all in the power of the Holy Spirit so that all men and women will come to believe Him as Saviour and serve Him as Lord in the fellowship of the local church (Bishop William Temple's definition of evangelism). And until our disciples are making other disciple-making disciples, we still have a long way to go.

So let this be the 'Time is NOW' moment for us to get up and get going. We either arise and conquer or sleep and be taken as prisoners of war. But we are not the kind that stumble from grace and turn back. We are the kind that embrace the future in the name of Jesus.

My wife and I join you all to celebrate the 50 years and we believe that the best is yet to come.

Pr. Joshua and Mrs. Christine Mugabi

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SECTION 4: THE INVISIBLE MISSIONARIES

THE JOY OF GIVING TOWARDS THE GREAT COMMISSION

I am called Anne Wandera and I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour on 9th June, 1971 when I was in nursing school at Mulago Hospital. I have been walking with the Lord ever since. I came to know about LIFE Ministry Uganda (LMU) through my sister, Dora Rubombora. After completing university in 1972, Dora told us that she had decided to join the organisation as a missionary staff. We did not know what it meant to be a missionary in Uganda at that time. However, I was excited for her and I desired to always pray for her. She later asked me to consider supporting her financially in 1974 and I gladly joined her mission team of ministry partners. I have been supporting her up to date. That initiated me into LMU and I became well-acquainted with the organisation and staff members. I was also trained in using the *Four Spiritual Laws* booklet to share my faith and I became more effective in reaching out to others with the Gospel.

One of the things that motivated me to join Dora's mission team was the fact that supporting her gave me a sense of partnership in her ministry. I knew that wherever she went to serve the Lord, I was with her. Matthew 10:40 states: "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Therefore, I was excited to know that I was part of her ministry journey and being blessed as a result. I started supporting Dora with a very small contribution,

but it gradually increased as my income also increased. In addition, I began to support other staff members of LIFE Ministry Uganda. Investing in the expansion of God's Kingdom has brought me a great deal of satisfaction.

There are times when I have faced challenges that hindered my giving. However, I am convinced that giving is not something I can do once and finish.

It is my duty to fulfil what I committed myself to do. As long as we are still pilgrims on earth and want to be part of what God is doing in the lives of people, we must continue facilitating the process of fulfilling the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). If the Gospel must be preached,

LIFE Ministry Uganda operates financially as a faith-mission organisation. Thus, it becomes the responsibility and privilege of each staff member to find ministry partners to invest in their team's ministry.

All missionary staff members raise the financial support for their ministry through like-minded Christians who have a passion for the Great Commission. These personal investments in the ministries of our staff give a great deal of satisfaction and a much more direct sense of ministry to those investing.

It would be very difficult, if not impossible for LIFE Ministry Uganda to do our work if it was not for the support that we receive from our ministry partners. We talked to some of them and among many things, they revealed their motivations for giving.

However, this is just a tip of the iceberg. Thousands of men and women are hardly seen, yet they play a very vital role in facilitating the expansion of the Kingdom of God through their giving.

And as we celebrate our Golden Jubilee, we take this opportunity to appreciate all our ministry partners for their faithfulness and commitment to giving towards our ministry.

someone needs to go. And people who are solely committed to the spreading of the Gospel must be supported so that they can ably meet their living and ministry expenses. In other words, ministry partners might be invisible missionaries, but our service is very critical and it is a memorial offering unto the Lord (Acts 10:4).

I thank God for enabling me to give and also for giving me the urge to give. I have been blessed immensely. As it is stated in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." My prayer therefore is that God will continue to provide for me so that I am able to give more. Do not wait to first have a lot of money to start giving. Instead, consider giving from the little you have and the Lord will bless you beyond your wildest imaginations. Not only will you experience the blessing and joy that giving brings but you will also be ushered into a partnership with other labourers in the harvest field of our Lord.

Mrs. Anne Wandera
Ministry partner

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THE LOVE OF GOD MOTIVATES US TO GIVE

My first encounter with LIFE Ministry Uganda was in the early 1980s through Dr. Al Rhea and Dr. Peter Asiimwe. That was around the same time the Executive and Professionals' ministry began (now called Leader Impact). There used to be a misconception that only ordained people were supposed to preach the Gospel. LIFE Ministry Uganda was gently breaking that dichotomy by portraying every Christian as a kingdom labourer in the mission field wherever they were. Many executives and professionals were being influenced and mobilised to meet in small groups. We would discuss the challenges of a Christian in the market place and study the Word of God together. That helped us to develop in our walk with the Lord. We also got trained in how to do ministry in our market places.

As my wife, Sarah and I closely associated with LIFE Ministry Uganda, we got to understand that the missionary staff did not have salaries. Instead, they raised support from Christians in order to meet their expenses. We therefore resolved to support some staff members in the early 1990s. We later started supporting the national ministry in the 2000s. I was a member of the Board of Directors by that time and I began to see the real challenges of staff as they raised support. One Christmas, we decided to give a gift to the staff. We were shocked to learn that our gift was what enabled some staff to have food on their tables that season. It was a rude wakeup call. What would have happened to those families if we had not given? That is how a personal conviction was birthed and I began to think about sustainable ways of building a safety net so that staff can be supported during times when their funding is low and they can pay back once it improves. Although this has not yet been fully implemented, it is still my heart's desire and I pray that more people will join me for this cause. I am convinced that a missionary should never go to bed without a meal after doing the work of God. It is our

mandate as believers to support them.

The faithfulness of the Lord is our greatest motivation to give as a family. The Lord has blessed us and we desire to be a channel of blessing to others whenever we can. In return, we have been blessed even more. In addition, we support LIFE Ministry because we long to see the Great Commission fulfilled in our country. Having experienced God's love and forgiveness, I am pushed to approach others and make Christ known to them. However, if I cannot go myself, I ought to help whoever is able to go and reach the people in my place. I am also conscious of the fact that the Lord has given us different gifts. Many people can go and preach the Gospel and there are many ways of helping that process. I prefer to stay in the background and help those who are gifted in that area so that they can do the job effectually. If we can all join our effort and give support, the work on the frontline would be more successful.

On the other hand, it is not only finances that we can contribute towards the fulfilment of the Great Commission. When I had just joined LIFE Ministry Uganda, it was not about money. I gave my time, intellect, skills, and wisdom to serve the Lord. Therefore, you cannot say you have nothing to offer because God has given us so much that we can contribute in order to build and expand His kingdom. All we need to do is to obey the Lord and be part of what He is already doing.

I congratulate LIFE Ministry Uganda upon her 50th anniversary. I am grateful to the people who sacrificially established the foundation for this organisation and did a great job in starting the ministry through difficult years. There is a lot that has been



achieved in the past 50 years; yet there is still a lot that needs to be done. Let us trust God to guide the process, and He will.

Mr. James Serufusa
Ministry Partner

Our motivation to give support to LIFE Ministry comes from our relationship with God. The more you grow in Christ, the more He directs your path and shows you ways of how to be part of His work. The model that LMU uses to pay the staff is fair enough. Missionaries preach the Word of God all the time and always take on assignments without questions. I do not think they can spare enough time to do a regular job. It is therefore our responsibility as Christians to support them so that they can have a decent life and continue to reach out to the world with the Gospel.

We have watched LIFE Ministry Uganda grow and we have been impacted by their work. We join them to celebrate their golden Jubilee. Thank you for the great work you have done over the years and we pray that God will give you more strength to expand His Kingdom.

Mrs. Sarah Serufusa
Ministry Partner

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IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO GIVE TOWARDS GOD'S WORK

My involvement with LIFE Ministry Uganda (LMU) started in 1999 when I had just joined the university as a fresher man and new convert. One day, I was delighted to meet a gentleman who was interested in my wellbeing. He mentioned that he was working with LIFE Ministry Uganda. I did not know him or LMU, but he was willing to pray with me and help me walk the journey of salvation irrespective of my denomination. This was a great relief for me since I did not know much about the Bible and how to grow in my relationship with God. It felt like he was taking me as a baby and nursing me. This made LMU unique; an organisation that is not only interested in the salvation of an individual but also walking the journey of faith with the new believer.

I met challenges after salvation and I would have fallen had it not been for the LMU members' help. Jesus said "take up your cross, and follow me" (Mat 16:24) and finding someone to lighten my journey was relieving and encouraging.

My desire to start giving towards the Ministry developed years ago. It became clear to me that the devil is using his own people to finance his work around the world. For example, when Uganda refused to pass the Homosexuality Bill, foreign countries cut their aid to our country. This is a clear indication that whoever is not willing to dance to the music of the devil might not be financed. Therefore, Christian organisations like LMU that may depend on resources that are generated from foreign countries can suffer such consequences especially if their own people do nothing. As Edmund Burke says, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." I therefore decided to start supporting LIFE Ministry Uganda and individual staff in order to partner with people who are at the forefront, fighting against the evil one.

Through the years, I have also understood that the work done by LMU is not for the organisation itself



but God. More so, the resources that I "have" are not mine but God's; after all, I came from my mother's womb with nothing and nothing will I take from this world. Therefore, putting these resources at work for God would be fulfilling His Will on earth. Giving for the work of God is also for my own good and blessing (Luke 6:38). In other words, we attract blessings to ourselves when we give, and everyone would want that.

Furthermore, it is an honor for the King of kings to find me as a vessel of honour to be used in His Kingdom because God can choose to use any

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Edmund Burke

other means to advance His Gospel. Therefore, to use our resources to serve God is an honour and privilege that none of us should miss. It serves to strengthen and give us more benefits on earth as we wait for our crowns in heaven (2 Tim 4:8).

I encourage all readers, especially those in business and employment that might not give them enough time to do ministry, to serve God by giving. The need for Christ is still immense and we must do something for the transformation of our country. I exhort you to consider giving your LIFE (Leadership, Influence, Finance and Expertise) for the fulfilment of the Great Commission in Uganda and the world.

**Eng. Emmanuel Tumweboneire
Ministry Partner**

SECTION 5: STUDENT-LED MOVEMENTS

WHY FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS?



Christabel with her small group fellowship members

Campus Crusade for Christ began on local university campuses both in America and Uganda in 1951 and 1971 respectively. "Win the campus today, win the world tomorrow!" It is with these words that Dr. Bill and Vonette Bright began the ministry at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Their ministry kept growing as they shared the Gospel, teaching basic truths of the Christian life and training believers to do the same.

Twenty years later, Sam and Lynn Owen came to Uganda and began the ministry here in 1971. They conducted ministry among students at Makerere University and it was not surprising that their first staff recruits were university graduates—Dora Rubombora and Lazarus Seruyange. They first contacted them while they were still students at Makerere University.

Fifty years later, LIFE Ministry Uganda still focuses on reaching out to high school and university students through the Student-Led Movements' (SLM) strategy. **We do this by helping students know Jesus, grow in their faith, and then go to their fellow students and do likewise. Our end goal is to see spiritual movements of multiplying disciples established in every university and high school campus across the country. We believe that students are the future of any nation and the guidance given to them defines the future of a nation.**

Over the years, multitudes of high school and university students have been won to Christ, disciplined and prepared to not only lead but cause impact in all domains of life, including government, media, education, business, religion and the worldwide Christian movement. We talked to some students and alumni of the students' ministry and they shared with us their experiences with LIFE Ministry Uganda.

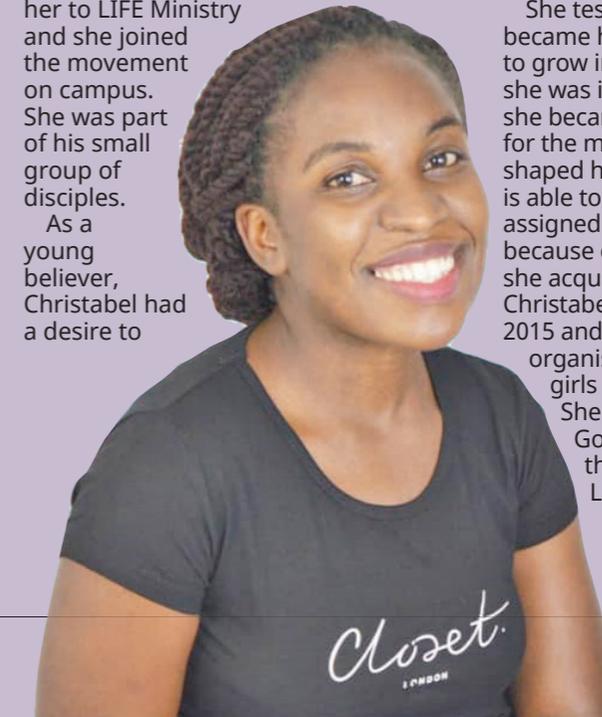
When Christabel Atuheire joined Kyambogo University in 2012, her desire was to explore and enjoy life at University. But God had a different plan for her life. During orientation week, she met a continuing student called Elon Katweheyo and he made rapport with her. Elon was the team leader of the ministry in Kyambogo. He later shared the Gospel with her and she received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour. Elon introduced her to LIFE Ministry and she joined the movement on campus. She was part of his small group of disciples.

As a young believer, Christabel had a desire to

reach out to others, but she was not yet well-equipped. However, she knew how to use the *Four Spiritual Laws* booklet and that built her confidence. She started sharing her faith with other students in her hall of residence. She helped those who gave their lives to Christ to get grounded in their faith as she continued to be disciplined.

"When I gave my life to Jesus, most of my friends left me, but I found a new circle of friends in LIFE Ministry," Christabel says.

She testifies that LIFE Ministry became her family and it helped her to grow in every area of her life. When she was in her last year at university, she became the students' team leader for the movement. That responsibility shaped her as a leader and she says she is able to effectively carry out the roles assigned to her at her workplace now because of the experience and skills she acquired as a leader at campus. Christabel completed university in 2015 and she currently works with an organisation that focuses on teenage girls and survivors of sexual abuse. She is using that platform to serve God and help young girls know their purpose and identity in the Lord.



A campus changed with the Gospel is a changed world

Boaz Atuheire was a student at Makerere University from 2012 to 2016. He prayed to receive Jesus as his Lord and Saviour nine months before joining university. During the orientation week on campus, St Francis Chapel Makerere organised a mission week, in partnership with LIFE Ministry Uganda (LMU) to reach out to freshmen. Boaz interfaced with some missionaries and they invited him to attend the mission activities and he obliged. One of the teachings he attended was conducted by Dr. Peter Asiimwe, a staff member of LMU. He shared about identity in Christ. That was his turning point because he realised that he can never be defined by society or culture, but by his identity in Christ. He then vowed to not only focus on academics during his four years at university but also on ministry.

A few days later, a staff member of LMU, Gad Mugisha, contacted him and requested that they meet. He shared with him the *Four Spiritual Laws* booklet and introduced him to a small group of other students that he was discipling. They used to meet weekly and go through follow up materials. This helped Boaz to grow deeper in his relationship with God and also in fellowship with other believers.

Seeing how he had been impacted as a first year student, he resolved to also help other first year students just like he was assisted. As a result, he was always part of orientation week and mission week for all his time on campus.

At that time, Boaz was not yet conversant with the ministry of evangelism and discipleship, but he later got equipped through a training that LMU conducted for students at Kako Prayer Mountain and Retreat Centre. That was when he understood what spiritual multiplication was about. He committed himself to establishing a movement of



Boaz teaching short-time missionaries from the US a local dance



Boaz Atuheire

multiplying disciples at Makerere University. By the time he left campus, there were more than 40 students who were sharing their faith and discipling others on campus. That was exponential growth! In 2016, Boaz was invited by the Students' Ministry of LIFE Ministry Kenya to share his experience in movement building. He visited several universities and shared the best practices that he had

applied in order to establish a spiritual movement at Makerere University.

Boaz strongly believes that a campus changed with the Gospel is a changed world. In fact, history tells us that many movements have begun on campus. University is a place where many world views meet and interact and if they are encountered with the Gospel, transformed people will be sent out into the world to positively impact businesses, the religious movement, government, education, and every other sphere of influence. Therefore, if we want to change our country for the better, we must go back to university and influence the students on campus with the Gospel.

Boaz is currently involved in full-time Christian work and he testifies that the basics of Christian ministry that he practises now were instilled in him by LIFE Ministry. The strength of his ministry is in relationships and he continues to disciple and mentor people using the one-on-one approach.

Brian Kayanja is a fourth year student at Kyambogo University doing a Bachelor's Degree in Automotive and Power Engineering. His first encounter with LIFE Ministry Uganda was in 2017 when he was in first year. He heard about a Christian dance group called the Hallelujah Dancers and although he did not know how to dance, he decided to join the group because he wanted a place to belong. Hallelujah Dancers is a dancing team for LIFE Ministry at Kyambogo University and it is a platform for students to use their talent in dance and drama in ministry.

Although Brian was already a believer, he had not been discipled and, hence, joining LIFE Ministry enabled him to connect with other believers and be nurtured in his faith. In April 2018, he attended a student's conference at Kako Prayer Mountain and Retreat Centre. He was equipped with skills of evangelism and discipleship and that was a game changer for him. "I had never discovered that my life had a purpose to transform others until I joined LIFE Ministry. I learnt that my purpose in life is to know God and make Him known" says Brian. He resolved to start reaching out to students and disciple them. He has so far discipled more than 20 students on campus and most of them are also discipling others.

Brian first watched the Jesus Film in his language (Luganda) in 2018. LIFE Ministry Uganda staff had gone with Hallelujah Dancers to Zirobwe for a mission and they showed the Jesus Film in the community. Prior to this, he could not believe that someone could get saved after watching a film, but when he witnessed people praying to receive Christ at the end of the film show, his perspective changed. He picked interest in the Jesus Film and got trained in how to use the Jesus Film equipment. A set of equipment is always availed for him to do ministry. He uses Walking with Jesus video series and the Jesus Film classic for discipleship as well as movie evenings on campus and in communities. Many lives have been transformed, including Christopher,

SEEING SPIRITUAL MOVEMENTS OF MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IS BRIAN'S PASSION



ABOVE: Brian (carrying the keyboard) with his worship team



LEFT: Brian conducting a Zoom fellowship during the lockdown

a son of a witchdoctor. He received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour after watching the Jesus Film during a mission in Moyo in 2020.

In addition, Brian attended a Digital Ministry training in June 2021, which empowered him to continue reaching out to his fellow students when campuses were closed due to the lockdown. He currently meets with other students for discipleship virtually.

Brian is now the students' team

leader for LIFE Ministry at Kyambogo University and he leads a movement of more than 70 students. He believes that since his involvement in a small group helped him to grow in his relationship with God, he should begin small groups for his fellow students and also help them to multiply. He passionately wants to see spiritual movements of multiplying disciples established everywhere in Kyambogo University and beyond.

GOD TAKES CARE OF US WHEN WE TAKE CARE OF HIS BUSINESS

Growing up in a Christian family, Michael Segwaya was shielded from the world around him, but that changed when he joined Makerere University. He was ushered into a totally different lifestyle. He quickly adopted a new life of clubbing and partying with friends. He had a childhood friend called Gordon with whom he went to night clubs. On 22nd December, 1995, Gordon was involved in a car accident, together with his father and sister. He and his sister did not make it. It was a very tough moment for Michael. He began to wonder what life was really about and why such young lives had to be cut short. He recognised that the things people tend to chase in life are all vanity. He knew that unlike his friend, he still had an opportunity to redirect his life and also prepare for eternity. On 24th December, 1995, he asked Jesus Christ to come into his life and be his Lord and Saviour at his friend's grave.

Prior to this, Michael had met staff of LIFE Ministry Uganda at campus, but had not given them audience. The following term, he was open to meeting with them and realised that they were actually interested in his wellbeing. He joined the movement at university



(commonly known as LIFE Ministry Makerere) and his involvement greatly impacted his life. First and foremost, it helped him grow in his faith and he also learnt the basics of a Christian life and put them into practice. In addition, his confidence and leadership traits developed. He attributes the leadership skills, public speaking and people skills he possesses now to the nurturing he received from LMU. Michael later became the Publicity Secretary for LIFE Ministry Makerere. It was his responsibility to hang posters around campus every Wednesday for

their discipleship meeting. Although students made fun of him, he knew he was taking care of God's business and He asked God to take care of him too.

Six months after university, Michael got a job in a bank. He has been working in banking for 22 years now. Michael says the "impact of knowing Christ has helped me in the area of integrity and ensuring that I mean what I do and do it well." He started as a teller and today, he is the Executive Director/ Finance Director for Absa Uganda. He uses his workplace as a platform to reach out to people and connect them to Jesus.

He is still committed to reaching out to university students and is always available to coach them whenever he is called upon by the Student-Led Movement (SLM). He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for LIFE Ministry Uganda. In 2018, he was appointed the chairman for Ignite Uganda, a ministry that focuses on mobilising professionals to give their LIFE (Leadership, Influence, Finances, and Expertise) towards the fulfilment of the Great Commission. Michael believes that when you serve the Lord, He takes care of everything that concerns you.

I use the phone to expand God's Kingdom

My name is Miriam Litany Pakrwoth, a third year student of Human Rights, Peace and Humanitarian Intervention at Uganda Christian University. I got to know about LIFE Ministry Uganda through my father Rt. Rev. Bp. Joel Obetia. He worked with the organisation from 1980 to 1990.

I got involved with LIFE Ministry during my Senior Six vacation through the Bridge Program in 2019. My involvement with LMU has helped me to grow in every aspect of my life. First of all, I have been mentored and disciplined by Mr. and Mrs. Semaganda. They have helped me to grow in my faith. They have also taught me the values and principles that ought to be observed while dating. Through their guidance, I have also been able to disciple others. Currently, I am working on a project named Share a Skill in Buguju, Mukono district with the

youth and teenage mothers. About 20 youths have given their lives to Christ and we are discipling them using the discipleship materials that I got from LMU.

Through the digital missionary training I attended in 2020, I learnt how to do ministry using digital resources and tools. I share messages on my WhatsApp status that have impacted the lives of many people. Being a digital missionary has helped me to put my phone and the Internet to good use. I now invest my time in the expansion of God's Kingdom. I have brought people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through applications such as everystudent.com, GodTools and the Jesus Film.

As LIFE Ministry celebrates 50 years of their existence, I am grateful to God for giving me an opportunity to be part of what He is doing in and through the



organisation. I am a living testimony of the impact LMU is making on thousands of high school and university students.

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SECTION 6: MINISTRY ASSOCIATES

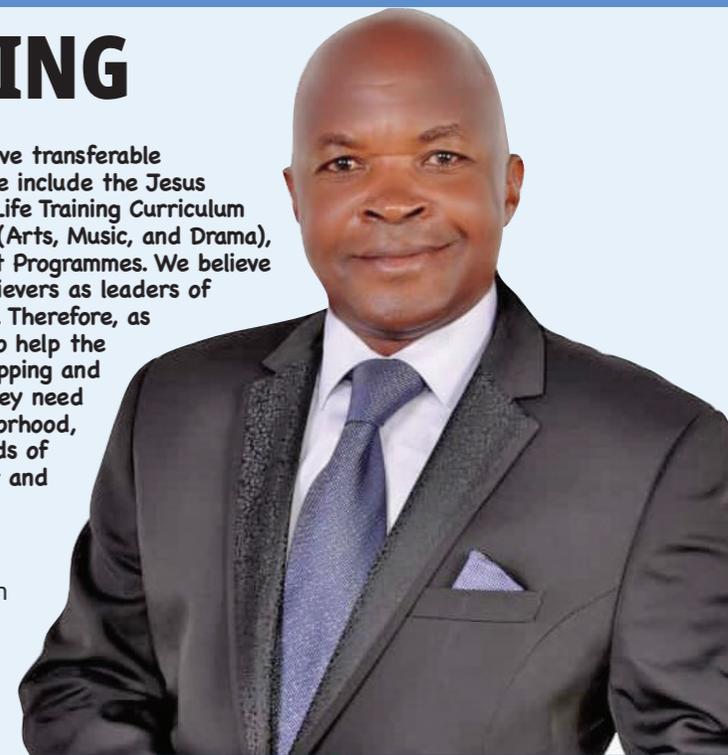
THE IMPACT OF TRAINING

LIFE Ministry Uganda has been blessed with some of the most effective transferable strategies and tools for evangelism and discipleship in the world. These include the Jesus Film and other related Jesus Film products, Four Spiritual Laws, New Life Training Curriculum (NLTC), Family-Life, Athletes in Action, Crossroads, Creative strategies (Arts, Music, and Drama), Literature Distribution, Church-planting, and Humanitarian Development Programmes. We believe that our values and ministry must reflect our call to develop local believers as leaders of spiritual movements and labourers for the whole body of Jesus Christ. Therefore, as we seek to accelerate the fulfillment of the Great Commission, we also help the body of Christ do evangelism and discipleship. We achieve this by equipping and empowering life time laborers with knowledge, skills and resources they need as we release them to serve the Lord in every vocation, every neighborhood, every culture and every nation. Over the years, hundreds of thousands of people have worked with LIFE Ministry Uganda in one way or another and some of them share how their work impacted their life and ministry.

My name is John Bunjo and I am married to Sarah Bunjo. We have five children and three grandchildren. I lead Christian Restoration Ministries International, a parachurch organisation involved in holistic work. I was a Moslem, but God saved me in 1982 and I have been walking with Him since then. I planted my first church in Najjanakumbi in 1987. That was the time I was also introduced to LIFE Ministry Uganda (LMU) through a friend called Frank Nyonyintono who was working with the organisation. During that period, there was a lot of denominational bias, but LMU was easy to embrace and work with since it is interdenominational. Because we were still a small church, we desired to learn and grow. At that time, Mr. Musa Kibowa was the National Director and we worked well together. I engaged my team of young pastors and we were trained with skills of evangelism and discipleship. Among other things, we were taught how to use *The Four Spiritual Laws* booklet and the Jesus Film. Through the use of these tools, our church grew exponentially. The Jesus Film equipment was availed every time I needed it and I remember conducting film shows in several places. I planted a church in Mbale, using the Jesus Film.

I had started ministry out of zeal, but

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due to lack of training, we faced many challenges. An elder then advised me to go for Bible School. I liked the idea and considered going to America for Theological studies, but then I could not wrap my mind around the fact that I was going to stay away for a long time and leave the church behind. Luckily enough, I learnt from Frank that LIFE Ministry was organising a Bible training for senior pastors who could not afford to go to Bible school. I registered and attended the Bible Training Centre. I was among the 12 pastors who graduated at Nile Mashion (now Serena Hotel). That training turned my life and ministry around. It changed my life and style of operation. My method of teaching began to change and my preaching improved. The church in Najjanakumbi grew and started spreading like a wildfire. We have more than 40 branches across the country now. Additionally, I instituted a Bible School for pastors called Restoration Bible Training Centre. I have trained over 400 pastors through the course I studied from LIFE Ministry and the local curriculum that I developed. About 200 pastors have already planted churches as a result. As you can see, LIFE Ministry Uganda played a very foundational role in shaping me as a minister.

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As the church grows today, LIFE Ministry is a needed partner in grounding the body of Christ. It is often said that the church in Uganda is very wide, yet only one inch deep. Many people know about God, but they lack grounding and substance. LIFE Ministry therefore needs to help in discipling Christians so that they can get rooted in Jesus Christ. They are a big tool to advance the church in Uganda.

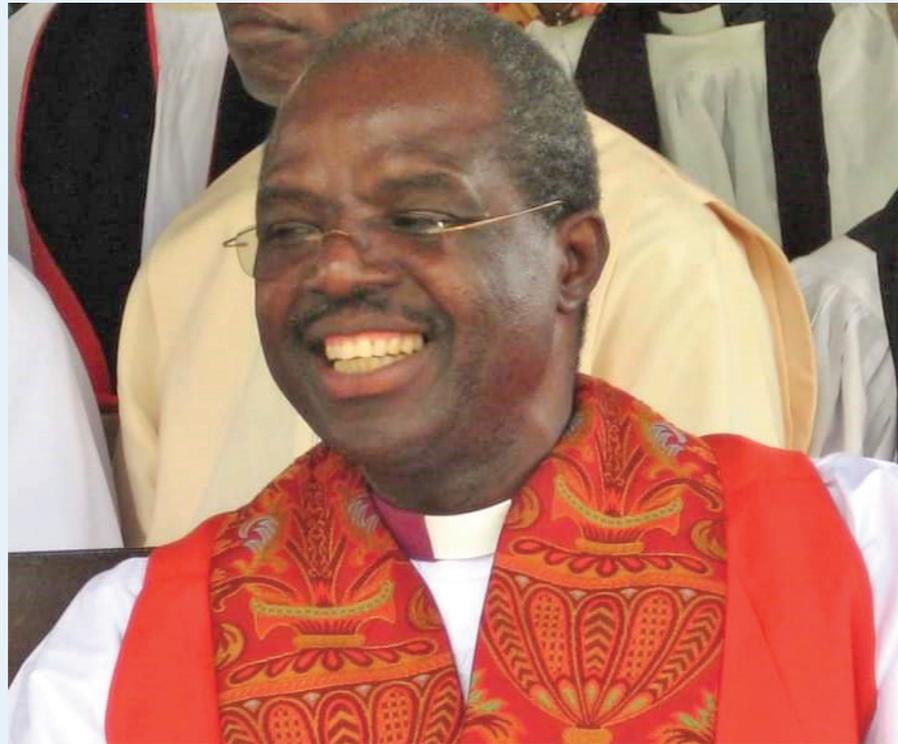
As we celebrate the golden Jubilee of our existence, I congratulate all the stakeholders and call upon everyone to celebrate this ministry that has helped many.

**Apostle John Bunjo
Founder of Christian Restoration
Ministries International**

THE MINISTRY OF THE JESUS FILM

I was born in Goli although I grew up in Pakwach. I went to Arua in 1966 to train as a teacher, against my will. I did not want to become a teacher but rather a motor vehicle mechanic. However, my father told me to either study teaching or leave school and, because I wanted to study, I complied. I later came to understand that God took me to Arua so that I could meet Christ. In March 1967, there was an evangelist travelling with Scripture Union who conducted a one-week mission in our area. I saw that mission turn the student body totally around. I became part of the conversion story during his ministry. The message that hit me hard was the story about the prodigal son; how he left home whole, only to return when he was completely wasted. What touched me most is how his father received him. I have a father who would never have done that for me. I then began to recognise that God is not like our human fathers. No matter how good a father can be, God still surpasses every human father. I then gave my life to Christ on 22nd March, 1967. My life turned around and I developed a passion for young people and love for the Word of God and I began serving Him as a student.

When I completed college, I was posted to Lira as a teacher and I taught there for four years. God then called me into ministry. I first resisted God, but I later shifted to Gulu in 1974 and worked in the Diocese of Northern Uganda under then Bishop Janan Luwum. When he was made the Archbishop, Bishop Ben Ogwal became the successor and I worked with him until I gave in to God's calling. Thus I learnt that we should never argue with God when He has spoken. Otherwise, we end up wasting our time since God is not time bound. In 1975, I went to Bishop Tucker School of Theology in Mukono and did my Diploma in Pastoral Studies for four years. I used to think that clergies are always tossed around and sent to places that they do not even want, but I did not face that. I was appointed the Diocesan Youth worker two years before I completed my studies. And, hence, I launched into youth ministry



immediately after getting ordained in 1979. That was the year when war broke out between Tanzania and Uganda. It started from Mutukula and it was supposed to end in Arua because they were trying to drive out Amin whose town was Arua. I was based in Arua.

I had earlier been invited to Limuru, Kenya to translate the Four Spiritual Laws booklet to Luo in 1974. I was the first person to translate the booklet into Luo, it was printed and used. I then met Win Hurlurbt and he encouraged me to join LIFE Ministry Uganda. However, I had already been shortlisted to study theology and, hence, I turned him down. After being priested in December 1979, I started working with young people in Arua. That brought me into contact with an outstanding LIFE Ministry staff called Crispo Uramba. He was the LIFE Ministry Coordinator for West Nile Region. I had a car for the youth ministry and he had the Jesus Film equipment without a means of transport. So, the youth office merged with LMU and, I can tell you, the Jesus

Film is a very powerful evangelistic tool. I remember a campaign we did in a place called Ochoko in Arua. We showed the Jesus Film and when it ended at around 9:00pm, people shouted, "We have just come. Show it again!" We finished the second show at midnight. There were about 10,000 people in attendance and many people prayed to receive Christ when the altar call was made.

The Jesus Film is a powerful tool. It promoted the youth ministry, missions and evangelistic outreach, built and planted churches, and brought life to many people.

WHAT LIFE MINISTRY MEANS TO ME I believe their tool of evangelism (Four Spiritual Laws booklet) is very simple, but very rich. The whole Gospel is in that little tool. Their discipleship materials are very good resources for born again Christians who need to grow in the knowledge of the Word of God. I benefited from my relationship with staff members for example (now)



Orombi says the Jesus Film has been an effective evangelistic tool especially in youth ministry

Dr. Lazarus Seruyange and Mr. Crispo Uramba. I was pained by the death of Crispo in January 1987. I still needed him and wanted our partnership to continue. Furthermore, some of the youths we ministered to later joined LIFE Ministry, for example, (now) Dr. Joyce Kule and Bishop Joel Obetia. I feel encouraged when I see what people like Joyce and Joel have become in life and ministry. It is evidence that LIFE Ministry Uganda nurtures people into what God created them to be.

WHAT GAVE ME STAMINA AS A CHURCH WORKER

LIFE Ministry Uganda has been one of the motivating centres in my ministry and growth as a church worker. Bringing people to Christ, discipling them, nurturing them, and releasing them with their gifts to go and serve the Lord has helped me in my ministry. My focus has mainly been with young people and the impact was still the same when I became the Archbishop. I took young people in my embrace, nurtured them and enabled them to be released and serve the Lord.

In addition, the inspiration I got when I worked with the youth in Arua built the core of my ministry. I understand that when seeds are planted in the right kind of soil, nothing can kill that seed or seedling. I look into my ministry much later and appreciate that fact when I see people whom I impacted when they were still youths thriving in their calling, for example, the Chaplain of St. Francis Chapel Makerere, Rev Onesimus Asiiimwe. I met him in 1997 when he was still a teacher and he was one of the organisers of Kigezi Anglican Youth Missioners (KAYM) conference in Bweranyangi. I had been invited to speak in that conference. I heard him preach and I saw something unique in him. I later prayed for him and the anointing of God came heavily upon him. To see him now serving in a university and with an effective ministry gives me great satisfaction. I am proud of him and I support him whenever I can because I know that he is depositing seeds in the younger generation and, tomorrow, we will see a multiplying factor through the young people he is currently ministering to.

MY GIFTS VIS-À-VIS RETIREMENT

I could be among the very few Bishops, if not the only one who is retired but very active in ministry and still going strong. I have noticed that when God gives you a gift and you faithfully use it, it never goes away. You can retire from an office, but not from your gift because it is in you to bless the church and bring people to Christ. The good thing is that this can be done without even standing up as long as you can still speak. For example, even before the lockdown, my ministry was on the radio and at home. Our radio broadcast had about two million listeners. The virtual church services and meetings have also helped me to continue ministering so that I can continue serving the Lord even in my retirement.

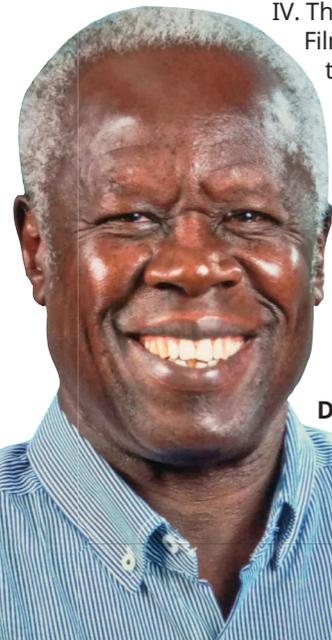
I commend LIFE Ministry as they celebrate their Golden Jubilee. The impact they have in Uganda is noticeable and whatever they have laid in this country is going to last for many generations to come through faithful people.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry Luke Orombi
Retired Archbishop Church of Uganda

UNTO sharing the love of Christ

Everywhere, as God intends, the Body of Christ is Christ's hands and feet to represent Kingdom purposes on earth, bringing hope and transformation to a bruised world around us. Bearing this in mind, in partnership with 'UNTO' (formerly GAIN), LIFE Ministry Uganda continues to reach out with a holistic Gospel to help bring change spiritually and materially in the community. Our vision is that in partnership with like-minded and like-hearted individuals and organisations, we shall help mobilise resources to address critical humanitarian needs in the communities affected by such issues as rampant preventable diseases, illiteracy, drought and poverty.

In Pader district, we held a Church Leaders Seminar concurrently with a Medical Outreach, in partnership with Mengo Hospital. The leaders' seminar was attended by about 47 out of the 50 invited church leaders from across the various denominations. At the end of the seminar, we gave away gifts of clothes and shoes to the leaders. During the Medical Outreach, we donated medical supplies (wheelchairs, crutches, syringes, bandages and hospital linen) to Pajule Health Centre IV. The Jesus



Film was run throughout the duration of the outreach. Over 150 people gave their lives to Christ. More

Dr. Obwoya



Women receiving gift packages of clothes from LIFE Ministry



A soldier who received a wheelchair

than 300 people were attended to at the Eye Clinic and nearly 200 at the Dental Clinic. Many people got reading glasses.

Community Outreach. In Hoima, our team visited several schools and communities, showing the Jesus Film, preaching the Gospel and giving out gifts of clothes, blankets and reading glasses. One of the areas visited was a community where our Jesus Film team planted a church. As a result of this visit, another church has been planted. One of the leaders who received a pair of reading glasses was interviewed on the local radio station. He thanked God that he was able to read his Bible once again and renewed his faith in God because his greatest prayer was for God to enable him to read the Bible again. That testimony drew many people from miles away to come and seek help and, in the process, they listened to the Gospel.

The Military Ministry. We are honoured to be adding value to the lives of the men and women in the Uganda People's Defence Forces. We are not limited to only sharing our



Church leaders with gifts of clothes after the leaders' training

faith with them and building them as soldiers of Christ, but we also make every effort to identify with their material challenges and give help where possible. The Mubende Military Rehabilitation Centre is one of the places that we have reached out to in ministering to the wounded soldiers. Many of these men and women in uniform need psychosocial support and material support that unfortunately has been difficult to come by. We have been able to provide wheelchairs, crutches, PET Carts, walkers, clothes, blankets and shoes. Wherever and whenever we do this, it is always in the context of sharing the love of Christ. We do this in partnership with the local chapter of the Association of Christian Military Fellowship. We have also participated in the spiritual preparation of soldiers being deployed for military duties under the auspices of the African Union and United Nations.

University Campuses. LIFE Ministry Uganda has active presence on a number of campuses. When my wife, Joy and her team tried to reach out to the ladies in one of the on-campus hostels, the warden was rather reluctant to let them go anywhere near the girl's rooms. However, when my wife met one of the ladies who

was struggling with a heavy wooden crutch, she promptly promised the girl to bring her better crutches. We also promised to give her a wheelchair. When the warden saw this effort, she immediately changed her view and even offered to mobilise the girls from their room to listen to the Gospel. She told my wife that she was free to visit the hostel. In another campus, the team held a retreat away from the campus and gave out pens, books, reusable sanitary towels, panties and hand towels.

National Referral Hospital (Mulago). Dr. Cooper, an orthopaedic specialist from the US and a partner with UNTO visited Uganda to conduct a special clinic at the Mulago Hospital. This gave us a chance to visit the orthopaedic ward where we noticed the dire need for wheelchairs and walkers. The ward was using beds to wheel



The nurse in charge of the orthopaedic ward of Mulago receives wheelchairs, walkers and crutches



A patient receives treatment during the medical outreach at Pajule Health Center IV in Pader district

patients around. We were told that the only wheelchair they had had been stolen. They had no crutches let alone walkers to help recovering patients to move about. We have since that time delivered some crutches, walkers and two wheelchairs to this unit. We hope we can give them more.

By Dr. Dickson Onen Obwoya Staff, LIFE Ministry Uganda

The IGNITE Uganda Movement thanks God for His Faithfulness in this 50th year of LIFE Ministry Uganda. We are humbled to have been part of this journey and congratulate the Board of Directors, staff, partners, associates, disciples and the alumni upon all their efforts towards helping to fulfil the Great Commission. I would like to appreciate all the IGNITE partners and staff of LIFE Ministry Uganda who have contributed their Leadership, Influence, Finances and Expertise (L.I.F.E) in the mission field. "... you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving". Colossians 3:24.

The IGNITE movement is a growing network of believers in the marketplace (leaders, professionals, business owners and executives) who increasingly reflect and align themselves to the image of God at their workplaces. They are committed to giving their LIFE (Leadership, Influence, Finance and Expertise) towards the Great Commission.

The IGNITE movement began in 2003 in Wollongong, Australia and has spread to many countries. In Uganda, it was initiated by LIFE Ministry Uganda in 2018. It is characterised by IGNITE conferences and dinners, where professionals and executives gather and discuss how to invest their L.I.F.E as Kingdom builders.

I was delighted to be among 17 delegates who attended the IGNITE Africa in Kenya in March 2018, under the theme "Sparkling your LIFE in Africa - Washa Moto Mpya". I realised the need to spark my LIFE and I committed myself to launching and sustaining IGNITE in Uganda.

This encounter with the Lord made me realise that I am in full



Igniters in a small group discussion during the Ignite Conference in 2019

time ministry at my workplace and community. We have since been encouraged and equipped to be part of the Great Commission in the various areas where the Lord has deployed us.

We held our first major IGNITE Conference in October 2019 at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel in Entebbe where the Lord brought together 202 local and International delegates. The brethren shared testimonies of their L.I.F.E. involvement in ministry as a lifestyle. As part of this conference, about UGX 4.3 billion (\$1.2m) was pledged. Despite the interruption we have had due to COVID-19, I am humbled and grateful to God and the IGNITE partners that have so far contributed UGX 139 Million towards the ministry. This movement also stirred up training opportunities in evangelism and discipleship for the executives and professionals at the head office in Kololo and other areas like Jinja, Mbarara, Entebbe and Kajjansi. The trainings equipped the marketplace leaders with skills of evangelism and discipleship. These

funds have also helped to reorganise parts of the Life Ministry Kololo premises to facilitate more training space for the partners. Various digital engagements in the marketplace have continued during the COVID-19 pandemic and we look forward to further engagements.

As we launch into the next 50 years, IGNITE Uganda looks forward to holding an IGNITE conference 2022, more online engagements, and getting more L.I.F.E. partner involvement for the Great Commission.

I pray that the Lord ignites your heart for your further involvement in fulfilling the Great Commission. The harvest remains plentiful, but the workers are few... Mathew 9:37, I therefore encourage all of you who have not joined the call to the harvest field to give your L.I.F.E.

Wishing you a great celebration as we reflect on the Lord's goodness.

Michael Segwaya
Chairman IGNITE Uganda
Movement, LIFE Ministry Uganda



The youth empowerment team at State House with LIFE Ministry Uganda staff in the 1990s

COMMUNITY HEALTH EVANGELISM

When we moved from Kenya to Uganda in the 1980s, we were expecting to begin an executive ministry in Kampala. However, because of the insecurity in the city, we were reassigned to Hoima to set up a Community Health Evangelism (CHE) ministry. We were first disappointed, but fell in love with the people and the opportunity to do training in health topics and incorporate basic spiritual training of win-build-send.

We helped the health workers to protect the springs in the area. Animals were in the water drinking, people did their laundry in it and bathed in it and, of course, they fetched it and used it for cooking and drinking. Many people were getting sick from drinking the contaminated water.

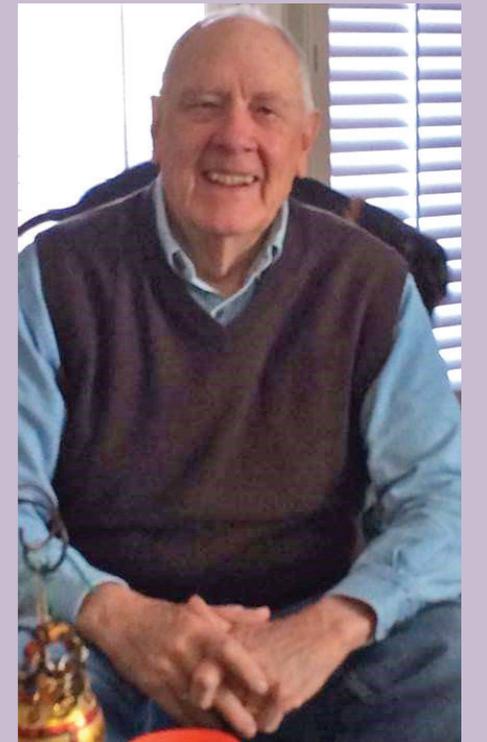
So, we taught the health workers how to protect the springs by building a small dam around the spring, placing a PVC pipe into the dam. When the

water level rose, they could then get the clean water from the pipe into jerrycans.

We related the clean water to Jesus, as being the water of life. It was a beautiful blend of trainings.

After the war, we moved to Kampala. We began to minister with Members of Parliament, business leaders and professionals. My wife, Pat, had the great idea of working with influential women. She and Mrs. Janet Museveni linked up and, with Mama Janet's influence, they were able to hold Youth Conferences in the International Conference Centre, with thousands attending. The basic theme of the conferences was coming to know Jesus as Saviour and abstinence before marriage. The effort helped in reducing the spread of HIV and many students gave their lives to Christ.

Dr. Al Rhea
Campus Crusade for Christ staff



SECTION 8: WHO IS LIFE MINISTRY UGANDA?

MINISTRY PROFILE

LIFE Ministry Uganda is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International. It is an interdenominational Christian organization that has been serving in Uganda since 1971. Our purpose of existence is to help fulfil the Great Commission (Math 28:18-20) in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others. We also help the body of Christ to do evangelism and discipleship.

PURPOSE: Helping to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by Wining, building, and sending Christ centred multiplying disciples who launch spiritual movements

VISION: Movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus.



MISSION: Win, Build and Send Christ-centered multiplying disciples who launch spiritual movements.

CORE VALUES: Faith, Growth, Fruitfulness, Love, Integrity and Team.

MINISTRY Strategies

We believe that through the following strategies, spiritual movements of multiplying disciples shall be established everywhere in Uganda for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

STUDENT-LED MOVEMENT (SLM)

SLM is a strategy that reaches students on university campuses and high-schools. We strongly believe in and emphasise the priority of proclamation of the Gospel. Over the years, we have used many tools and resources for evangelism, the most famous of which is *The Four Spiritual Laws* booklet. We train students to share the Gospel with their colleagues as a lifestyle. Our goal is to reach every student in Uganda with a clear presentation of the Gospel, and raise leaders on every campus who will be trained to run with the vision of win, build and send.



DIGITAL STRATEGIES (DS)

Digital Strategies (DS) seeks to know, engage and empower likeminded believers in Uganda through digital tools for evangelism and discipleship. With programmes such as Indigitous, Hackathon and Social Media outreach, DS brings together digital practitioners and other interested stakeholders to develop software applications to help in fulfilling the Great Commission. It provides an innovative and unique opportunity to get involved in an intersection of technology, faith and the common good.

GLOBAL CHURCH MOVEMENT (GCM)

Global Church Movement aims at equipping churches. GCM's core contribution is to inspire vision within the body of Christ, train & develop church

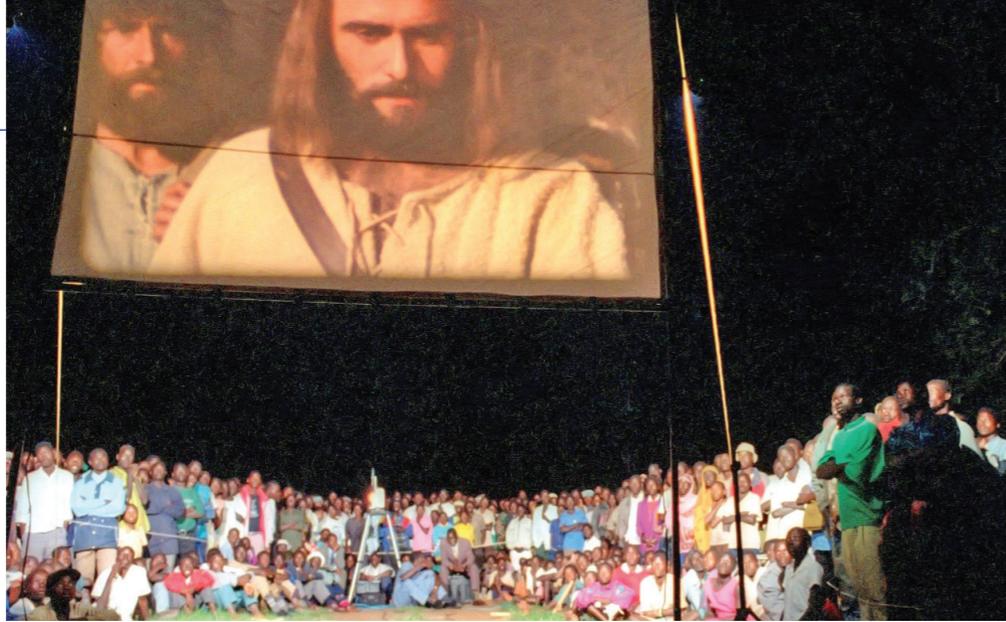
multiplying leaders, promote strategic partnerships as well as initiate and support church multiplication movements through Jesus film partnerships.

LEADER IMPACT (LI)

Leader Impact challenges leaders to grow in their personal, professional and spiritual lives through inspiring events, genuine discipleship-minded peer groups and industry leading training opportunities. It provides opportunities, facilitates relationships that matter and introduces the opportunity for life change. Leader Impact exists to help influential professionals and executives to fulfill their God-given purpose in the marketplace. As the movement of impacted leaders grows, the envisioned result is a transformed society.

JESUS FILM PROJECT (JFP)

The Jesus Film project is a Jesus-centric media resource ministry dedicated to reaching everyone in the world with the message of Christ Jesus. We believe in the story of the Gospel and the power of sharing this story through the media. It started in 1979, with the creation of the Jesus Film as a way to tell people about Christ through the media. This film has been translated into more than 32 languages in Uganda. More culturally relevant resources have been produced, including Walking with Jesus, Rivka, and Magdalena. The desire is to reach the least, the last and the lost in their language in this nation.



IGNITE UGANDA MOVEMENT

IGNITE is a dream of developing a growing community of believers (marketplace leaders, professionals, business owners and executives) who increasingly reflect the image of God and align themselves to His image at their workplaces. With an acronym, L.I.F.E, believers are encouraged to offer Leadership, Influence, Finances and Expertise to help fulfill the Great Commission. IGNITE started in 2003 in Wollongong, Australia and has spread to several countries, including Uganda in 2018. It is characterised by IGNITE conferences and dinners, where professionals and executives gather and dream together on how to invest their L.I.F.E (Leadership, Influence, Finance and Expertise) as Kingdom builders.



BRIDGE PROGRAMME

Bridge is a programme designed to help young people who have left high school to get ready to deal with life at university/college and beyond. We help them understand the opportunities and challenges of life and how they

can make the right decisions that will enable them to lay a firm foundation for a successful life in college and for the rest of their lives. The programme applies biblical principles because we believe that they are the only principles that ultimately lead to a successful life.

MILITARY MINISTRY

The Military Ministry is a strategy that seeks to serve the men and women in uniform under the umbrella of the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF) - Uganda Chapter (AMCFU). AMCF is a worldwide association of national Military Christian Fellowships (MCF) and individual Christian officers and non-commissioned officers from various nations. Under the Military Ministry, we facilitate a number of activities, including training in evangelism, discipleship and prayer. We have conducted several seminars designed to help soldiers in their professional, personal and family life. The seminars included spiritual preparation for deployment at the frontline, dealing with substance abuse, addressing life issues biblically and other life skills. We have also ministered spiritually and materially to soldiers who have been wounded at the battlefronts or other places while on official duty.



FAMILY LIFE

Home is meant to be a sanctuary of safety, encouragement, and support. Families are the fabric of society. Therefore, the strength of any nation lies in families. Family Life ministry is committed to helping people find biblical help for marriages and family relationships to restore hope for couples and transform their lives.

UNTO

This is the humanitarian department of LIFE ministry that focuses on meeting community social and spiritual needs

in health and welfare, and agriculture. We also mobilise resources to provide clean water, especially through sinking boreholes in communities where access to clean water is a challenge. We identify and equip teams to repair and maintain boreholes in their communities, among other activities.

PRAYER

Dr. Bill and Vonette Bright founded LIFE Ministry on prayer. It is through prayer that we have been able to come thus far as a ministry in helping to fulfil the Great Commission in Uganda and beyond.

CAPACITY BUILDING DEPARTMENTS

These departments focus on building capacity for the organisation. They are critical in ensuring success in the field.

Leadership Development and Human Resource (LDHR)

It focuses on building a healthy team of staff who are growing in every aspect of their lives (physical, spiritual, intellectual, financial and emotional) as they continue to engage in the transformation of lives and societies with the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Operations

It focuses on building organisational capacity and ensure that all teams are leading with powerful support teams and capacity to advance movements everywhere with appropriate systems in place.

Resource Development (RD)

This focuses on building financial capacity through multiple initiatives to have in place a mechanism of ensuring 100% funding for staff and ministry activities.







An artist's impression of the LIFE Ministry Uganda Kololo building

Raising Local Resources: The future LIFE Ministry Uganda facility

We commit ourselves to the effective stewardship of the properties that God has entrusted to us so that they will support the ministry of evangelism, discipleship and church planting. Above is an artist's impression of what we are believing God for — the LIFE Ministry Uganda Kololo property. Join us in making this dream come true by giving L.I.F.E. (Leadership, Influence, Finances and Expertise).

The current LIFE Ministry Uganda offices at Plot 2, Moyo Close, off Prince Charles Drive, Kololo



CALENDER

Upcoming Ministry Events

- **Indigitous #HACK2021** (Ethical innovative hacking) — October-November 2021)
- **Digital Missionaries training** — January 2022
- **New Life Training Course** — February 2022
- **Indigitous Conference** — May 2022
- **Life Objective Seminar** (opportunity for serving with Digital Strategies) — April 2022
- **University Chaplains' & Highschool Patrons' Envisioning Meeting** — February 2022
- **New Life Training Curriculum (NLTC) Cycles with university students** — March 2022
- **Leader Impact Global Summit** — November 2021
- **Leader Impact Forum** — November 2021
- **10-day mission to Kibaale** — February 2022
- **Ignite Conference** — 2022
- **Jesus Film premieres;** Kumam language (Jan 2022), Madi Okollo language (February 2022), Madi North language (March 2022), Kifumbira (April 2022)
- **Walking With Jesus premieres;** Acholi language (February 2022), Runyankore language (March 2022), Luganda language (April 2022)
- **Water drilling projects** — December 2021
- **Borehole repairs in northern uganda** — November 2021
- **Distribution of seeds in Pabbo** — November 2021
- **Leadership training in Pabbo** — December 2021

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