



The East African Initiative – Vision/Mission Statement

The EAI Vision . . . proclaim the Gospel, disciple believers, and train leaders throughout the 7 nations of the East African Community: Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Congo (DRC) and Southern Sudan. The journey toward this vision began 10 years ago when our team met with 30 pastors in Jinja, Uganda. Since that memorable visit, a plan and process have been in place to train and multiply leaders and churches.

As of February 2023, 1500 churches, ministry leaders and families have been transformed by the truth of God’s Word. The Biblical tools used are called *“The First Principles”* and are 6-week studies based on a Socratic method of teaching, learning and sharing. In addition, hundreds of church leaders have continued to train other pastors and ministers as well. As a result, evangelism, discipleship and leadership development is multiplying at an astounding rate! Even in the past 6 months, new training centers have started in Kenya and Tanzania. By the end of 2023, conservatively, 4000 trained leaders in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, will already be training another 2-3 pastors and leaders into 2024.

We also want to be there to respond to humanitarian needs. In 2020, there was a terrible famine caused by flooding, followed by a drought north of Jinja, Uganda. It devastated the lives of over 800 peasant families who lost their homes, their crops, and some even lost family members (many children died). By God’s grace, we were able to provide enough support to purchase 80-lb bags of maize (corn meal) from a distribution warehouse. The teams on the ground were able to distribute these supplies to every family . . . hundreds of lives were saved!! In the aftermath, the leadership team in Uganda began the *“2 Piglet Project”* ministry to restore these poor families. Since the end of the famine, 325 of the 800+ families have received a male and female piglet to begin their own pig business. Not only have they become self-sufficient, but they are also accountable to give their first-fruits: a male and female piglet from every litter is given to another needy family.

In addition, God has allowed us to support the salaries of 5 licensed teachers at the Grandview Junior School (ages 4-16). 130 children (mostly from Muslim families) get a good education, including religious instruction 2 days a week . . . the Gospel with no restrictions!! Plus, they take it home with them. The children are also served a healthy lunch daily. Presently, orphans who desperately need to get an education, a decent meal, and medical attention continues to be a massive problem and a heavy burden. Just in our primary mission area (Kayunga, Uganda) there are over 8000 orphans! Currently, we are praying for a way to provide for the 400 orphans who live around the school we serve.

As we look ahead into 2023-2025, what we see is a continual groundswell of pastors, ministry leaders, churches, families (including young people) hungering to know, follow, and serve Christ our King. It’s also very obvious that our Western NY community, along with friends outside our state, have been abundantly blessed to participate in this entire mission. The Lord has opened incredible doors to join Him in what He is already doing in the East African Community. May Christ be glorified!!

Sincerely in Christ,

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