

# THE EAST AFRICAN INITIATIVE



§ REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

QUARTERLY UPDATE

## SPECIAL EDITION... OUR INCREDIBLE OCTOBER JOURNEY IN EAST AFRICA!



### What a 17 day journey!

**Only by God's grace and intervention did I ever get a flight to Entebbe airport in Uganda...** just too much to put in this report, but all I can say is: He is Lord! Our team of 5 went mostly in different directions over a total of 17 days. The beginning started for myself and Bishop Patrick in Nairobi, Kenya. Our primary goal this entire trip was to screen, train, and select a total of 17 top key leaders within the three nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.



In Nairobi we met with 5 leaders - 2 from Tanzania and 3 from Kenya. Then, after 4 days, we travelled to Kampala, Wakiso, Wallero, Jinja, Kayunga, Kiboga, Kibuku, and Palissa, Uganda.



God's plan unfolded for all of us as we also ministered in two schools, treating many children, orphans, and families with serious medical conditions. Then several of us served in training leaders, discipling one-on-one, and facilitating small groups zeroing in on the truth of God's Word concerning the Gospel, along with an emphasis on servant leadership.



In summary, our EAI outreach (discipleship, evangelism, church planting, and compassion ministry) continues to expand. As an immediate need we are set on confronting the tremendous orphan problem. Daily food, medical care, & education are all top priorities and this month we are inaugurating a child sponsorship program entitled "Sanyu" - an African name symbolizing joy and contentment.

The Lord has gifted us with an incredible mission in East Africa and a solid U.S. team to serve there alongside indigenous leaders. Please join us!

~Larry Wolf

***"And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."***

**Acts 2:47**



SEPTEMBER 2025 TRIP UPDATE!



## TESTIMONIES FROM OUR TRIP

*Editors note: Brad Bauer is a member of Sundoulos Men's Core Group, and as all short-term missionaries traveling from the US, Brad's airfare, hotel, and food expenses are self-raised so that 100% of any funds raised for our EAI ministry, go directly to the field.*

### Brad Bauer

**I'm grateful for the opportunity to share a bit about my 2025 trip to Uganda.** This was my third trip and it proved to be as rewarding as the previous trips have been. It is always something that I undertake prayerfully and I'm grateful for the support of the people behind me that pray and support me financially. This year I was able to travel with a friend from church, Rain, who was taking her first trip over there. The travel there went smoothly as it is always a long process and we were grateful to arrive and begin to settle into our week of

ministry.

It was particularly exciting this year that there were five total team members that were going. The first year I went there was three of us, the second year, two of us, and this year, a total of five including a medical aspect which I had never seen before from a team member. Debbie, a nurse who was ministering this year did some great work along with Bret and Rain supporting her. Of course, there were also team members on the "other side of the pond" that we're helping. It was really neat to see the care and love that they showed to the Ugandan people.

For my part, I was looking forward to introducing a new training that we had been working on. The primary focus of our ministry in Uganda is taking pastors and church leaders deeper in their Biblical knowledge and faith. It's discipleship at its core. We already had some good tools that we were able to use with the teams over there, including the First Principles discipleship curriculum and The 5 C's of the Gospel which is a deep dive on the Gospel.

Last year we focused heavily on The 5 C's of the Gospel and this year as we began to pray, we determined that we could use another element in our toolbox of things to teach. We determined that the Lord was leading us to teach on leadership and we introduced **The 3 C's of Leadership this year—all based on the life of Jesus Christ—His Compassion, His Conviction, His Commission.**

We were very pleased with how the training was received. Everyone there is always eager to learn and the interaction was very good. We had three different groups that we trained during the course of the week that we were there.

**Going forward, I feel that we have a very good group of tools to draw from as we minister in Uganda. If we can continue to help them to understand the Gospel deeply, grow in their leadership ability, and also grow in other areas of discipleship, then I feel that the multiplication and return on that effort will bring great glory to God and make an amazing impact in their communities.**

I'm grateful to be home and I'm praying for the ministry going forward. Thank you to all of you who support and pray for this ministry.

*All for Him ~Brad Bauer*



**"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27**



## Deb Everett, RN

**This mission trip to Uganda was a gift from the Lord and I was fully supported by my church.** Besides that, church members gave individually and helped gather needed supplies. My time in Uganda went quickly. It started at the Ugandan airport with an introduction to Pastor Patrick. Then, I met his daughter Salem (a nurse) who I would be working with for the rest of my stay there.

I will not forget our morning routine starting with visiting the pharmacy then stopping at the store (to get water for the day plus a few extras), visiting two schools and setting up medical clinics where we assessed medical needs, distributing parasite (and other) medications, performing malaria and STD testing, and handling wound care.

On Uganda Independence Day, we visited a nearby village and found two little girls that needed medical attention. By the grace of God, they were seen at the hospital. God used our small group to be the conduit by which both girls were treated and per the MD the older girl was 2 to 3 days away from death.

I got to share the Gospel with groups of children and adults. I was able to form relationships with our team member including the nurse and her sister from Uganda. I will cherish these relationships! **If I didn't understand it well before the trip to Uganda, I would say afterwards that God's grace and provision are sufficient. In fact, He blesses abundantly. ~Deb**

***"Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27***



## TESTIMONIES FROM OUR TRIP

### Rain Kendall

**As some of you know I recently went to Uganda, Africa with some friends to share the Word of the Lord.** This experience was a great blessing to me. Not only was the scenery beautiful, but so were the people. As I traveled through different cities and towns I saw a culture of very hard and consistent, working people—maybe some for themselves, but definitely for their families. All of the people I've met were very welcoming and kind.

It was truly an honor to be asked of the Lord to share Jesus with the adults, as well as the children. I recommend going if you hear the Lord ask—this with much praying and discernment. **He will guide your way and lead you into relationships with people who welcome you and your prayers for them—giving them hope, laughter and love—and as you know the greatest of these is love—which is what Jesus is all about! ~Your Sister in Christ, Rain**



*Heavy rains pour down hard on schools and children scatter for shelter.*



*Jalia lost her father. She is 12 yrs old and is in Primary Three. Jalia comes from a Muslim background but accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She is very smart, but her mother can't afford to support her education. Jalia desires to become a nurse in the future.*



## TRIP TESTIMONIES CONTINUED...

### Brett Smart

I met Larry during one of his stints down here in SW Florida, and I was instantly fascinated after hearing about the EAI team's work over the last decade, in Uganda. I was looking for a life-changing experience, so I practically begged Larry to let me come on the mission trip in 2025. Somehow I passed the "interview" with him because I found myself landing in Entebbe, Uganda around midnight on October 1st!



I've spent a few months in Africa (Madagascar) for work a few years ago. Furthermore, Larry and Brad had given me some background on their prior trips, however, you never truly experience something until you're in the middle of it. That was definitely the case in Uganda.

My time was split across two areas: one week working with schools/orphanages, the other with various pastor trainings. During my first week, I worked with nurse Deborah and our local nurse Salem, to distribute medicine and basic medical care to the children and the local communities. Just as rewarding, was my time spent playing with the children, building soccer balls out of banana tree branches, doodling on chalkboards, and playing word games. I was surprised by the excellent level of English that most kids have, thanks to their enrollment in these schools that the mission supports. Ultimately, these lovely kids—many of them orphaned—wanted nothing more than just a hug or attention.

For my second week, I toured some even more remote parts of Uganda to visit small villages and their churches. Again, I was met by a surprise: the lack of knowledge that many of the pastors had about the gospel. Our team worked with them to instill specific Bible verses and go over "basic" theory. It was immediately clear how grateful each pastor was; and to this day, I have about 4 different pastors still texting me saying "Thank You" at least bi-weekly. The Sundoulos EAI team also developed an insightful series on leadership which resonated well with these same pastors, who are the de facto leaders of their communities.

**In all, I had an amazing time. I would recommend anybody with free time and hunger to learn more about the world—and to share God's word and happiness with others—to consider doing a similar trip, or at the very least, donate money and/or time to this worthy cause.**

***"Love one another with brotherly affection.  
Outdo one another in showing honor." Romans 12:10***

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