



CAREY INTERNATIONAL PASTORAL TRAINING

TRAINING LEADERS FOR THE GLOBAL CHURCH



UPCOMING TRIPS

May: Oklahoma City, USA
Oct: Entebbe, Uganda
Oct: Baltimore, USA
Nov: Mwanza, Tanzania



CURRENT PROJECTS

Curriculum development:
Biblical Theology II
Systematic Theology II
Accreditation work with ARTS



ONGOING TRAINING

Global Campus courses
February trainings in
Madagascar & The Philippines



PRAYER REQUESTS

Financial resources for 2024
Launch of new training
centers in Ethiopia & Zambia



A Reminder of Our Spiritual Battle

During my most recent pastoral training trip to Uganda, I was constantly reminded of the spiritual battle we face as followers of Jesus Christ. Given the nature of Christianity in our country, and the relative prosperity in which we live, it can be an easy thing of which to lose sight. And yet, just as Paul assured the Ephesian church,

¹² ...our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

It's not that the spiritual forces of evil and darkness are more *real* in a place like Entebbe; but those forces are more *apparent*. How so?

Upon arriving at our host church on Sunday morning (a mere 10 hours after arriving in country), Tim pointed out a former witch doctor who had recently come to Christ and joined the congregation. I later found out that this young man had gouged out his own eye, sacrificing it to the demons in order to gain more power for himself.

After the service, I was told that my preaching about the foolishness of idolatry (from Paul's experience in Athens) was heard by family members of the town's sorcerer. According to Pastor Daniel, the sorcerer had recently been "strangled by the demons he served for refusing to sacrifice his wife and children."

Whether we see it everyday or not, the battle against Satan and his evil...is real. Which is why Paul urges those who follow Christ to **be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.**

Training in Entebbe

Last month, I had the opportunity to join Carey's Vice President of International Operations, Dr. Tim Beavis, for a two-week pastoral training in Entebbe, Uganda. The Lord allowed us the privilege of teaching 42 students, many of whom had traveled quite far for these courses in Expository Preaching and Biblical Theology.

We enjoyed a great time of study together, focused primarily on the how the Old Testament sets the stage for and continually points toward the redemptive plan of God fulfilled in the Person of Jesus Christ.

In addition to daily lectures, groupwork, and a final exam, each student was assigned a narrative passage from either Exodus or 1 Samuel, from which they preached a 15-minute sermon in front of their peers. It was a tremendous joy to help them study through the text and hear them proclaim the truth of Scripture. We trust the Lord will continue to impact their lives with the training they received, and praise God for allowing us to be a part of their ministries in Uganda and the surrounding nations.



Preaching in Igayaza

The weekend between our two weeks of classroom instruction, I was invited to preach God's Word at Cornerstone New City Igayaza, a church located in a small town several hours north of Entebbe. What a tremendous privilege to join them in worship and lead them in a study of Acts Chapter 17!

The man presiding over this thousand-person congregation, Pastor Vincent, earned his Certificate in Theological Studies from Carey International University of Theology last October, and was extremely grateful for the training he and several of his associates had received from Carey's faithful instructors.

As a new member of the team, I was particularly blessed to see the impact our pastoral training is having in places like Igayaza, Uganda. Surely Pastor Vincent and his staff were impacted by their weeks of study with CIUT - but more than that - the 1,000 people in his church are reaping the benefits of their training every week themselves...not only by hearing sound, biblical doctrine from their pulpit, but also in the confidence they have moving forward. As our Ugandan Coordinator, Pastor Osinde, assured the congregation, *"Now that your pastor has been trained and certified, they [the government] can never shut down your church!"*



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