

A Newsletter by Raising Hands Ministries International

#### Message from our founder

Greetings from the Pearl of Africa! I recently left home (Cunningham, Kentucky) with the sole intention of arriving in Jinja, Uganda, to begin an exciting two months of ministry. However, like any other traveler, I was subjected to high ticket prices, lost luggage, security checks, delays, and missed connections. Think about it! It was about how ludicrous it would have been to select an arrival city randomly. It is the destination that is all important.

Yet, many people today are moving through life without any thought regarding their final destination. Every individual life journey is different, but all of us share the same end--death.



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But is death our final destination?
Some think so. But the Bible declares that there is life after death. God's
Word teaches us that, after death, everyone will arrive at one of two destinations. One of these destinations is desirable, and one is not. How tragic it is that so many, back in the United States and here in Uganda, live without giving any thought to their final destination.

And it is for this very reason that I have traveled to Uganda to explain just how a person obtains a ticket for transport to heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Are you seeing it? I have come here to unashamedly proclaim that a personal relationship with Jesus is required; only He can guarantee our final destination. Why so?

Because our sin prohibits us from purchasing a ticket to heaven, as a result of disobedience—what the Bible calls sin—human beings are under the sentence of death. Mankind's death sentence includes both physical death and eternal punishment. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). We cannot enter on our own merits. No good works can approach the sinless perfection required to enter heaven.

So Jesus Christ became our substitute. Being God, Jesus lived a sinless life. And having become a man, He was qualified to be our substitute in death, bearing the penalty of our sins.

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). When He died, He paid the price of our sins and purchased our ticket to heaven.

Therefore, our final destination is dependent on knowing Him. Only He can supply us with a valid ticket. Although Jesus paid our ticket price, God must credit what He did to our account.

The Bible tells us that faith is required on our part for this transaction to take place. "For by grace you have been saved through faith..." (Ephesians 2:8). This is how we obtain our ticket to heaven. Jesus made it possible for us to choose our final destination by His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Faith delivers us from a destination of suffering and secures our final destination in heaven.

The faith required means more than simply agreeing that Jesus died in our place. It involves turning from anything else you might be clinging to in hopes of getting a ticket to heaven.

Pray that Ugandans everywhere will come to see that they can have a reservation to heaven only through what Jesus has done to make it possible. Finally, pray for that all-important personal dependence upon the Lord Jesus; it is that dependence upon Him that secures a reservation for all of us and guarantees our final destination.

So, what's your final destination?

# August & September, Donations report Summary 7 donors

#### **Donation categories**

- -Feed a family
- -Fund a Crusade
- -Health Care
- -Sponsor a Child's Education
- -General Ministry Needs
- -Offline donations

Amount raised -

\$14,751.56

#### September - November 2022

## Mission trip guide

- (1) Global Theological Seminary
  Ministry (Preaching through the book
  of Philippians & counseling students) October 3rd to 14th
- (2) **Pastors Conference** @Nakigunju Baptist Church w/ Pastor Alex -**October 18th** to **20th**
- 3) New Hope Baptist Church Anniversary Celebration @Nawaka Luuka w/ Pastor Yekosan - October 22nd
- 4) Prison Ministry October 27th to 29th
- 5) Island Ministry Trip w/ Alex November 2nd to 5th
- 6) Open-Air Crusade in Busui Uganda - November 10th to 13th
- 7) Discipleship Initiative November 14th to 18th

### **Prayer Request**

Oct 18 to Oct 20 – Alex travels from Henderson, Ky to Jinja Uganda Pray for safe travel and that flights will be on time. Pray that all flight connections will be made. Pray for the safety of those who will be driving, transporting Alex to Jinja.

Oct 22 – **Door to Door Evangelism** in Bujowali village

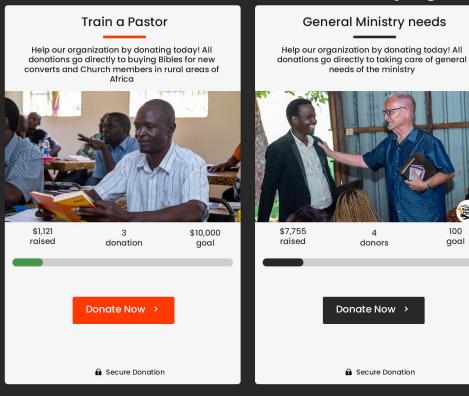
Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the Ministry team, equipping them to share the Gospel in a meaningful way. Pray the Holy

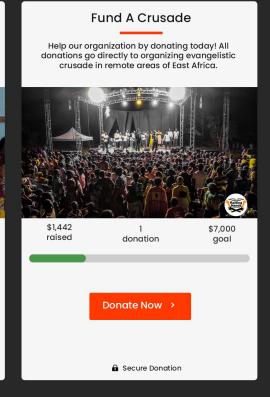
Spirit will remove obstacles that keep people apart from Jesus and that many will be led to confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.



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#### Featured campaigns





\*You can give to the above causes by clicking the donate now button of any campaign

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# **October Highlight**

October 2022 - Pastor Steve preaches and teaches through Philippians at Global Theological Seminary. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide him as he prepares and preaches to the students. Pray that the GTS students will be enlightened by the scripture they are taught this term to equip them for the ministry that God is calling them.



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