

## THESE ARE SPECIAL TIMES

We are living in a very special time regarding the growth of the church in Uganda and the world over. In Uganda alone during the last 20 years the number of people being part of a church or church group has more than doubled and this has created some very exciting opportunities.

Though the population has doubled over the last 19 years from 16 to 32 million, the percentage of Christians has remained the same. More than 50% of the population is younger than 14 years of age! Uganda and its church are as a result one of the youngest countries and churches in the world!



Churches are growing rapidly and daily new churches are being planted to accommodate this growth and spread of the gospel. This is very good news for us as Christians, but not without challenge; new churches need new leaders, and these leaders need to be well equipped to nurture new believers to maturity in understanding and application of the Truth. The need for well trained leaders is enormous. The church is growing more rapidly than that existing leadership training institutions are able to provide the required leaders to pastor the new churches. Without proper leadership, many of the young Christians are vulnerable to wrong doctrine and false teaching.

Veritas College has been set up to serve the church by training leaders as well as helping young Christians grow into maturity by equipping them with relevant biblical interpretation skills. Veritas training is done in such a manner that it is integrated into and becomes part of the local church. In other words, existing and new leaders are trained even while they continue to serve their local church and community. Veritas College is therefore looking for more faithful people who have a heart for ministry and are willing to learn so that they may in turn train other leaders (2 Tim 2:2).

Veritas training is very affordable as it has been subsidized by Ugandan as well as international supporters. The training aims to equip its participants with skills to study, prepare and deliver a biblical message. Also leadership skills in counselling, mentoring, discipling and training are part of the programme as well as skills in effective evangelism, ministry to children, church development etc.

The manner in which we implement this training in Uganda is through the training of trainers. After leaders have been equipped we strongly encourage them to start with

passing on the training to other leaders and members in their own church or in nearby churches. Training others helps them to better understand and master what they have learnt.



We believe that each generation needs to be reached with the gospel. We sense the Lord Jesus' challenge to reach out to this emerging generation of young people and to prayerfully seek his direction for the best approach to reaching out with training to Uganda's youth and young adults.

## Introducing New Team Members

Hi, I am Godfrey Ntale. Let me tell some of my story: When I was studying in Bible school in preparation for ministry, I was really searching for my calling. However when I got into the Bible interpretation course which was offered by the Shepherd's Fold Church, I knew that God was calling me into this specific area of ministry. My desire to do this grew stronger each day but I was not quite sure about how to go about it.



When I met Sarah, who is now my wife, she was working for Richard – the National Director of Veritas College. He explained about the mission and vision of Veritas and I quickly fell in love with this ministry. Before long I was trained as a facilitator and passing on Veritas Training and in 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010 I was invited to join the Team as a full time staff at member.



My work mostly involves training church leaders and workers both in the rural and urban parts of Uganda and I find it amazing when God uses me to touch the lives and ministries of church leaders; it is always humbling. A lot of people in Uganda have been in ministry for a long time without training and this creates a myriad of challenges especially as they practice and teach wrong theology. Many, when given the opportunity, jump at Veritas training and I have the opportunity to watch the change take place in their lives and ministry. I am honoured.

I am also overseeing the printing and binding of the training modules. And with the new printer which has been donated to Veritas College, this has become a joy to do. As we are training in

many different languages, we can now provide the books on an 'as needed' basis! ■

Rev Michael Wabwire: Let me introduce myself. I am a Presbyterian Minister leading a small church in Budaka in the east of Uganda and have been trained by Veritas College as a facilitator of all the 4 Veritas Modules. During my prayer time, I prayed for the Lord to give me more opportunity to

serve Him. Soon I had an opportunity to serve as a Veritas College Training Co-ordinator in Eastern Uganda. I thank my wife Hilda, who has always prayed for me when I am out in the field. Working as a Veritas College Co-ordinator is a challenge as well as a joy, like



when I have to reach places I never reached before. It is however, a joy when pastors in a remote place or in town are trained for first time in biblical interpretation skills. They never remain the same. After a recent Module 4 graduation ceremony in Budaka, leaders from different denominations have come to register for the training.

The challenge, which still rings in my mind, is to reach more church leaders in my region. Pray with me that the Lord may open more doors of training especially in churches that have heresies of not believing in any formal training, use of computer or any digital device for fear that it contains the mark of the beast. May the Lord lead me that I may be the vessel to let this light reach the furthest ends of eastern Uganda!

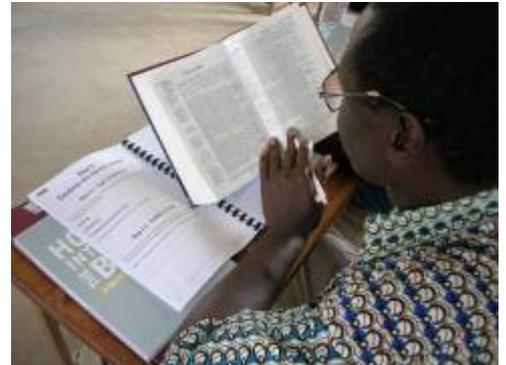


We are very thankful that the Lord has used Nigel Harding of Missionary Ventures to provide Michael with a brand new motorbike (donated by the Christian Motorcycle Association of America). Now he can easily reach even the more remote training centres within his area of oversight. PTL! ■

## Relationships in Uganda!

Looking back over this last year, we at Veritas Uganda, are grateful to the Lord for the favour he has given us with many organisations, churches and church groups. One of these, the Pentecostal Assemblies of God, now has many well equipped facilitators and we are very aware that we need help with overseeing the implementation of Veritas Training especially in the north and north east of Uganda. In January 2011, Pastor Emmanuel Okwalinga will be joining our team as the co-ordinator for the PAG. Even though Veritas has worked with close to 800 of their church leaders, they are a rapidly growing church group with over 5000 local churches. The need for training is obvious. We value your prayers for the PAG and their commitment to see Veritas Training running in every one of their churches.

This last year we have enrolled 400 new church leaders and though we did not train as many leaders as we had planned for, we thank the Lord for new relationships that have developed in Kampala and the central region of Uganda. It is a big challenge for the local trainers to multiply the training in their own and other churches as the cost of everything has gone up and the poverty level in the rural area is a hindrance to multiplication.

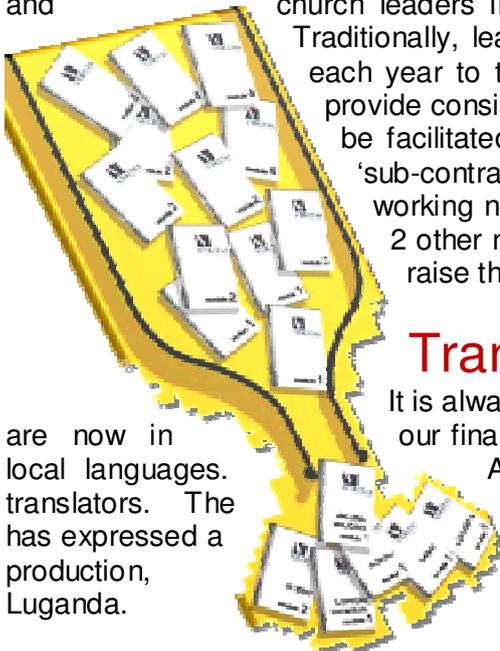


Some other organisation Veritas is working with, are: Uganda Christian University, Westminster Theological College, New Hope Uganda Children's Centre, Presbyterian Church, Africa Inland Mission, Shepherd's Fold Church and many rural church networks.

## Relationships with Uganda

Perhaps one of the most exciting developments which we have experience in our ministry of Uganda is the network the Lord is putting in place. Many churches and church groups have relationships with churches and church leaders in other parts of the world like England, the US and South Africa.

Traditionally, leaders from these churches would come to Uganda for a few weeks each year to train leaders in their network. However, many have noticed that to provide consistent training a more persistent relationship is needed which can only be facilitated by people 'on the ground'. As a result Veritas College has been 'sub-contracted' to bring the needed training to the local churches. We are working now with 4 networks and have been invited to help facilitate training in 2 other networks. The really neat aspect of this is that the 'overseas partners' raise the funds to realise the training whilst we implement it!



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## Translation Work

It is always a joy when a job has been completed and has been well done. We our final stage of completing the translation of the last of the 4 modules in 7 Amos Kasule has done a tremendous job of coordinating our team of 4<sup>th</sup> module of only one language group is being completed. Amos strong desire to remain with Veritas, coordinating material translation of the facilitator's training manual in his mother tongue,

## Farming God's Way

Over the last 2 years the Lord has used us to generate an aware of better farming methods based on biblical principle. This year again a team from FGW has come out to Uganda and held a number of workshops in Kampala, Mbarara and Luwero. These where very well attended as the desire and indeed to calling to see the land 'redeemed' is growing. Uganda is beautiful, fertile and has amazing God given potential. The workshops together have exposed hundreds of farmer, pastors and Christian leaders to this biblical approach to farming. There are now a number of certified trainers to whom we have been able to hand over the responsibility to further FGW in Uganda. Veritas still desires to see FGW running along its leadership training programme to bring financial freedom to the local farmers.





## Girls in Boarding School....

"St. Andrew's School in Kenya is a lovely school. It has been around for 80 years and they have started offering A-Level education this very year. The lower six form isn't very big, everyone knows each other and the classes are small. The boarding house is brand new and is spacious, with everyone having their own rooms, which for the most part, is great (though I miss sharing a room with Hannah). The house parents are supportive and understanding, as are the teachers. I'm glad I was accepted into the school, because I'm enjoying it. After the first term I was especially glad to come home to Uganda with a great report and good grades". (Rachel)

"Although moving to a boarding school after home-schooling with our parents for the last three years is a massive adjustment for us both, we are settling in well. The students are friendly and accepting. The teachers are supportive and there is a great Christian atmosphere in the school with lots of opportunities to help your faith grow, including Bible Studies, Chapel, Worship & Prayer Services and CU (kind of like a youth group on Friday nights!) Most people would say



they're Christians, but there is still a fantastic multi-cultural situation, as kids from many different nationalities and countries come together, from India, Uganda and Kenya to America, England and Tanzania. Although A-level work is challenging, most of my classes are small and personal, allowing the teachers to have one-on-one time with their students. I'm enjoying all the extra-curricular activities as well, which include horse-riding, tennis, swimming and LAMDA (Amateur Dramatics). I was also delighted to be elected the female representative for Year 12 in the School Council and I'm part of the entertainment committee for my year, as well as being involved in baby-sitting, baking and charity activities." (Hannah).

## Join us in prayer for:



- Peaceful February 2011 Elections.
- The Lord's favour in support raising, especially for His wisdom in doing this locally.
- Protection and Financial Provision for our Team and Travels
- Our local partners to make Veritas Training their own and to continue to promote it in their churches.

### Praise For:

- Provision of the Kid's School Fees
- Fantastic Team Relationships & Favour with Local Partners

**Your contribution makes equipping church leaders, who otherwise do not have access to Bible based leadership training, a reality!**

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