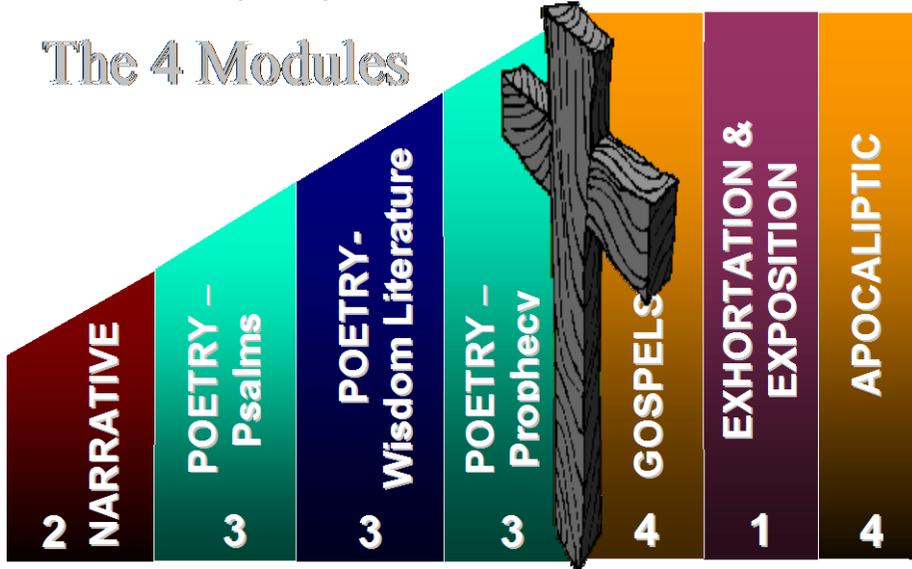


What do we actually train in?

Veritas College has developed 4 training Modules. Each of these covers a type of literature. Veritas focuses on training skills of exegesis, how to apply & communicate the message found within the participant's local situation:

The 4 Modules



A GRAPHIC OVERVIEW OF THE CURRICULUM

PRAYER & PRAISE ITEMS

- **Praise**
 - for Sue's health
 - that Sue has delivered 2 babies of friends!
 - for health of all of us!
- **Prayer**
 - our safety in the midst of growing insecurity
 - for our facilitators and the training they are doing
 - finalising the translation of Module 1 in Luganda & Lumasaba

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The Van de Ruit Report

So do not fear for I am with you, do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand...

Isaiah 41: 10

You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow (bullets) that flies by day....

Psalm 91:5

Caught in crossfire...

Last week Sue went into the city to do some shopping and got caught in crossfire between a car with bank robbers (£12,000 stolen) and a police unit. She was driving up a road and the two cars came towards her shooting wildly at each other. Bullets flying everywhere.

All the pedestrians flung themselves to the ground which was hard to do for Sue. As the vehicles passed her, a police officer in the chasing vehicle was shot dead right before her eyes. Sue called me on our mobile and I could still hear the shooting in the background. Obviously shaken to the core, she shared what was happening; but she was unscathed! All the robbers got shot dead.... and only one other casualty.

That evening visitors from the UK passed through, one of them a pastor of one of our supporting churches. Together they were able to pray & minister to Sue. Thank you Lord!

Ministry Update

Every time I am involved with training our facilitators it hits me that we are again involved in providing much needed leadership training for the churches in Uganda. It is hard to imagine that it was only last year that I had to lay down the work and prepare Sue & the kids for a change of direction. Now we can see that the Lord's plan was to ensure that we would be involved in *His work* and not He involved in *ours!*

It is such a privilege to be back and to once again do the work we so enjoy! Not in our own strength but through being totally dependent on God for everything we need...

What has happened since we are back?

I have started training a new group of 15 participants in Masaka in the South of Uganda. Next month we will cover how to interpret biblical narrative with this group, as well as the next Module with another group of church leaders. I am presently involved with 5 groups of facilitators in different parts of Uganda and in helping them to pass on the training to others.



Jem, my colleague, is enjoying the Lord's favour within the Church of Uganda (Anglican) and the Christian University. He has developed the work during our absence. Last year, before we left, we trained a group of 7 facilitators. They, together with Jem, are each training 10 others within their respective dioceses. These in turn will train local church leaders at a parish level.

The Christian University has over the last year started to integrate part of the Veritas Curriculum, taught by Jem. A group of lecturers are teaching the same course (Bible Interpretation) at the 8 regional colleges. The leadership of the University has invited Veritas to implement more of its training, which will become part of their core curriculum.

It is our aim to equip graduates, so that they will be able to train others after they leave the University or the regional theological colleges.



THE DIRECTORS: Bennie, Jonnes, Me, George & Martin

It was great to have our Int. Director Bennie Wolvaardt visit us with a team from South Africa. Martin Etter joined us from Malawi. Together we had a great but exhausting 5 days of sharing, planning & praying for the work of Veritas in Sub Sahara Africa. Martin, who arrived earlier, also helped me in running a workshop. It was a significant event being the first time that all the directors of Veritas Uganda were gathered together.

Family News

Coming back to Uganda has been a true homecoming for all of us. We so enjoy our home in Kampala. We have a lovely big veranda, which we use all the time! The kids love being back, with their pets & friends and all their own toys.

Sue is doing very well too. She is happy to be home again and though she still gets tired at times, we are amazed at the work the Lord has done in her. She is continuing teaching the girls and has had some help from a teacher for Rachel's dyslexia, who's reading skills have greatly improved.

Church News

We have been very involved with our international church which we all love being part of. The church has grown to about 70 adults with more than 50 kids! We are part of leadership and have been providing training for all involved in preaching.