



Church Planting in Uganda



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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY: Although church services and other public gatherings are still prohibited here in Uganda, we were able to get special permission from the government to celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of Faith Baptist Church on September 6. To do so, we had to rent an outdoor space at a nearby hotel and meet under tents, but it was really nice to be together as a church family again -- well, together while remaining six feet apart! Pastor Stanley Onyutha, a long time friend of our ministry, traveled 8 hours from Nebbi Town to preach for us. That service was also our first attempt at livestreaming instead of uploading pre-recorded services. Current proposals within the Ministry of Health, the National COVID Task Force, and the major religious groups are suggesting that churches should be able to reopen in the next few weeks. This past week, Dan organized a COVID training session with the leaders of two other Baptist churches and a certified trainer so that each of our churches could obtain the training certificates we expect to be required here in the capital city area.

LAND PROGRESS: This week we received a call from the attorney who is helping us verify the authenticity of the documents for the land we are hoping to buy for the church. He has not found any discrepancies, and he expects to have his final report ready around the middle of September. We have a meeting planned with our church land committee on Saturday, September 19. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we review his report and make the final decision regarding purchase of this particular land. Ordinarily, this process would have been completed in March, but because of coronavirus closures in government offices, very little could be verified until the last few weeks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Wisdom in planning the potential reopening of Faith Baptist Church and East Africa Baptist College.
- The couple Amie and Dan have been counseling as they prepare to be wed this month.
- Wisdom for our church land team as we meet with the attorney on September 19.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR:

- A wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness at our church's third anniversary service.
- God's daily provision of direction and finances for His ministry here in Uganda.
- Renewal of passports for Abbie and Emilie and approval of Dan's work permit renewal.

For Christ,
Dan and Amie, Abbie, Emilie, and Eric Dwire



Pastor Stanley Onyutha preached to us



Cutting the all-important Anniversary Cake



Members enjoying seeing one another after 6 months



Renewal of Commitment to Church Covenant

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