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Praise the Lord for an abundant year of souls saved & churches planted in our third World Nations!

By the grace of God and our obedience to him we are praying and expecting by faith another abundant harvest of souls brought to the Saviour and soul winning churches multiplied in 2025!





Pastor Church planter Wesney Joseph in the lawless nation of Haiti baptized 13 believers January 1, 2025!

I remember Wesney's testimony while traveling with me to churches. I have been asked why I do not leave Haiti? I answer 'The Lord has called me to preach the Gospel and plant churches among my people of Haiti. Therefore I cannot leave Haiti.'

## Across the Borders of Africa



January 2025: Pastor Church planter Vincent Wangila of Lukest Baptist Church, Kenya preaching the Gospel and planting a church in Uganda.

Pastor Wangila started church planting in 2000. By the grace of God He has planted 12 churches – 9 in Kenya, 3 in Uganda with a  $4^{\text{th}}$  church planted this month!

'We managed to reach many people with 140 souls received Christ Jesus. I baptized 12 people and planted the church. The church is called Bubolo Baptist Church.'



I share this last report with purpose. Vincent Wangila is solid in his doctrine, a soul winner, teacher, and church planter. But he is not a H.E.L.P. Ministries missionary.

There are many church planters like this man whom we are trying to bring into our nation. However, the American embassy continues to reject them. Even church planters brought to America in the past are being turned down. Our director Ron Cole sends a letter of invitation to the national with the promise that we will pay their plane fare and care for them while here, as well as fly them back on a certain date. This letter is taken to the American embassy for the visa. Ron has to give an average of 30 to 50+ invitations to national church planters with only 4 to 6 approved by our embassy. AND that is a struggle to the very time that we begin our next tour with the nationals.

I was reminded of the answer that the Lord said to the disciples of John the Baptist when asked why His disciples did not fast and pray?

Matthew 9:14 Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? 15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast... Our Bridegroom is taken! The time has come to fast and pray!

While we trust God's will to be done, I believe He is able! I am asking churches to fast and pray with me throughout 2025 that the Lord will open our doors for national church planters to be approved by our embassy. The Lord has blessed the outreach of H.E.L.P. Ministries over the years and He will continue to do so!

## A Year of Repairs

2025 will be a year of repairs for me. In December, I had carpal tunnel surgery on my left hand and will need surgery on my right hand. Since 2020 I have been battling a pinched nerve at the bottom of my spine with exercise and pain med. In February I will be transporting the nationals in the southeast. In March I will be traveling to India. In April and May I will be transporting the nationals in the northeast. In the first week of June I will undergo my back surgery followed by a 2 month recovery time. Then back on the road. Please pray that my back will hold up during the spring. I praise the Lord for what He is allowing me to do for Him. I look forward to many more years of service in His kingdom.

Thank you for your faithful prayer & support of Debi and me.