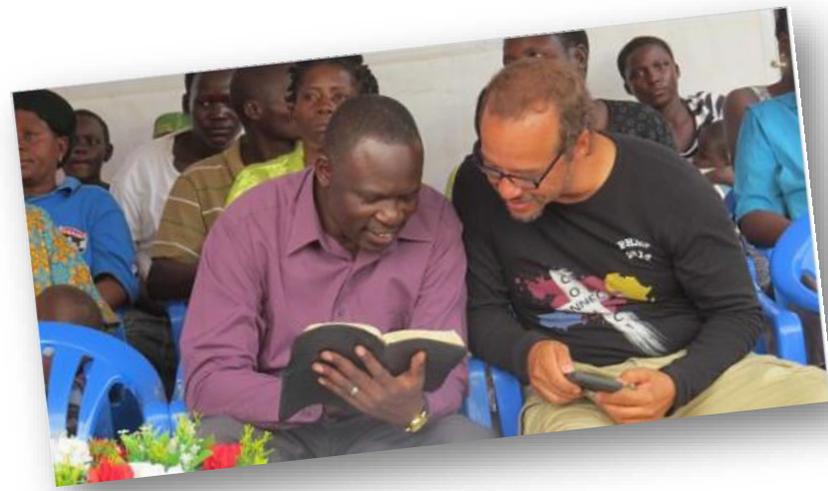


# The Call to Missions



Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand

**Isaiah 6:8**  
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"  
He said, "Go and tell this people:

## My Refuge and My Fortress

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. 5 You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. 9 Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place the Most High, who is my refuge— 10 No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. 12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. 14 "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."





# The Heart of a Missionary's Wife

## The Ortega Family



Three years ago, my husband, Paul, felt directed by the Lord to leave his job at Dell Computers after being employed there for 25 years. He knew he was to leave, but was not sure where he was going, or what he would be doing. Over the next two years, he worked part time jobs, and spent much time in prayer. In 2016, God gave him clear direction once again. His 'God' assignment was to go into full-time ministry under Pearl Haven Ministries, the non-profit that he and his friend, John Bratloff, founded in 2011. Pearl Haven Ministries was originally created to help raise funds for the building of Pearl Haven Church in Mbale, Uganda. However, it soon expanded as God opened more doors for ministry. Paul and John began taking teams to Uganda to partner with Pearl Haven Church. During the week, Paul's team, with members of Pearl Haven, would take part in door-to-door evangelism. In the evening, open air crusades were held. To conclude the outreach, a 'Harvest' meal was provided to feed the community in which they had been ministering. These week long events resulted in many souls coming to the Lord. Last year, the one week crusade became a three week evangelism mission. Approximately 2,800 people made professions of faith, and were then disciplined on how to grow in their faith. Future plans are for the Pearl Haven Church ministry team to take the Gospel message up the Nile River, one city/district at a time. Paul's teams will partner with this ministry team for three week evangelism crusades, as they travel north to share Christ.

So, what does full-time ministry look like? I asked myself that same question. It's about five E's. Paul's calling is to see the Kingdom of Heaven expand. He wants to help **equip, enable and encourage** Pastor Okumu and the congregation at Pearl Haven to continue to fight the good fight and to take the Gospel up the Nile. He will encourage other pastors and churches in Uganda to reach out to their communities, to bring others to Christ. Paul, personally, loves to **evangelize** and share the Gospel. He wants everyone to have the opportunity to hear the saving message of God's grace. Finally, he loves to get people **engaged**. He has had the opportunity to see the Ugandan Pearl Haven evangelism team expand from 24 to 75 over the past 6 years, and the teams from here in America go from two to thirteen. When he takes teams from the USA, it is an encouragement to both those in Uganda, and those that go on the trips. Several people have made return trips to Uganda with Paul. These volunteers have been moved as they have witnessed how God has touched endless hearts. I can personally say that my two oldest daughters have had their lives totally changed by going on the trips. To be honest, I would have never thought that I would see such amazing pictures as these.



Commissioned by Pearl Haven Church in Uganda, Africa.

Paul currently serves as President of Pearl Haven Ministries, therefore is over all operations. He prayerfully plans each trip. For the teams, he books air flights, hotels, transportation, and food – handling all the money required. He organizes with Pastor Wilber what is needed for the crusades, and then helps in raising those funds. He also tries to assist those going on the trips to raise funds. Another 'job' is to keep the website of Pearl Haven ministries updated about upcoming trips, and the completion of trips. [www.pearlhaven.org](http://www.pearlhaven.org)



Ordained by Fellowship Church in Round Rock.

These were the words given to me as I pondered on the Lord's calling:

**“Write down your journey as an altar of what I am doing and will do. Many will oppose your path due to their own logic but be courageous for it is I that will lead and go before you. For this reason I have given you my word for your journey. (Psalms 91).**

**2016 – The vision given: to take the gospel (North) from Uganda, West from Ethiopia, East from Congo, and to and thru Saudi Arabia.**

After 5 years of spreading the Gospel in Mbale (2011-2015), the North journey began from Uganda: 2016 - Lira, 2017 - Gulu, 2018 Moyo & Metu Mountain

## Altar #2 - Ethiopia



The story behind Ethiopia – I knew the Lord wanted me to connect Ethiopia to Uganda, but honestly, I didn't know how. I remember praying, Lord, show me how to do this, I don't know anyone from Ethiopia, so if this is truly what you want me to do, HELP me please. A month or two later our church hired a Mission's pastor from Ethiopia. When my church announced our new mission's pastor, my mouth dropped, then led me to a smiled because I knew this was the answer to my plea. I shared the vision to Pastor Dagne our new mission's pastor, and it aligned up with the same vision their church in Addis Ababa Ethiopia had. I then knew the Lord connected us to fulfill His plan. In 2018 (April), I invited the pastors (Selam and Bahru) to visit the church we had been helping in Mbale (Pearl Haven Church), I wanted them to meet the church and build relationships which I believe was a success. Upon their return home, my daughter Brooke and I accompanied them back home to Ethiopia and participated with them in door to door evangelism. My friend John Wilson also met up with us in Ethiopia to be a part of the mission. Ethiopia captured my heart as I believe that is what God intended to do. I can now understand when Apostle Paul tells the many churches, he yearns to be with them.

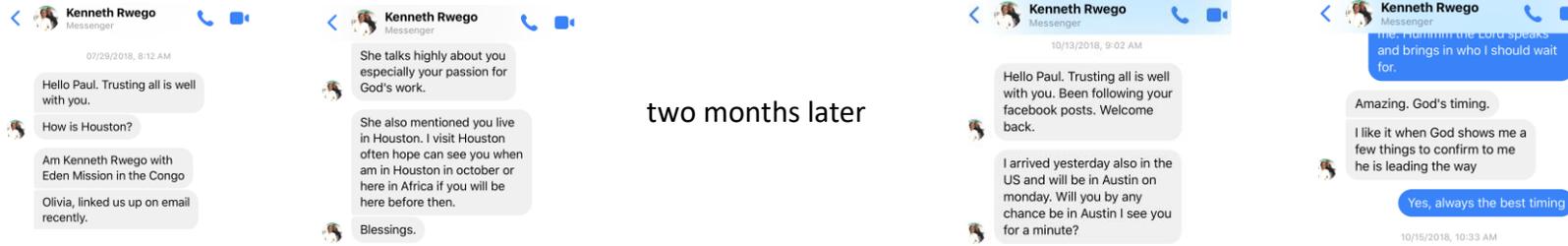
## Altar #3 - Congo



Later in the year of 2018 I had taken a team (local pastors, Pastor Francis Ssenyondo, Pastor Kintu Deo. Pastor James Musasizi, my friends: John Wilson, Isaac Hakim, Emma Edu, Brooke, and myself) to Moyo Uganda, a town that borders South Sudan. Earlier in the year I had made a contact with some missionaries from the states, (Jacob and Carol Lee) who run RAU – Reaching Africa's Unreached. They received us with open arms. We went and ministered with RAU in Moyo, as well as the Metu Mountains close by. While I was there, I felt I should try to get into the Congo since it bordered so close by. While praying if I should take the team in, the Lord said wait, spend the time here in Moyo and in My time you will enter, so the rest of the week we stayed and ministered with RAU. It was such an awesome trip, and the things that RAU are doing are amazing. When I returned home on Weds., I kept wondering if I had made the right decision, I wrestled with the thought of, was it me or was it really the Lord telling me to wait. I guess at times you just want to make sure you are doing the Lord's will. Well, Saturday morning I was laying in bed silently praying. The thought came up again if I had made the right decision about not going into the Congo. I prayed, Lord, if I made the wrong decision forgive me, but you know I am committed and will go when you want me to go, you know I will. Honestly, no later than 30 minutes I get a message from one of my friend's friend who had been given my name a while back,



(I was introduced to him via email 2 months prior of my trip, but nothing every came of it). In messenger I received this, Hello Paul, my name is Kenneth Rwego, my friend Olivia had sent an email with us to connect. Two months later upon my return from Moyo, I received a message from Kenneth, conversation below. We were able to meet and after our conversation a strong bond developed between both of us, and we both know without a doubt that the Lord brought us together to do His work in the Congo. Though the date hasn't been set in stone I am looking at possibly going in the October timeframe. I will wait upon the Lord.



two months later

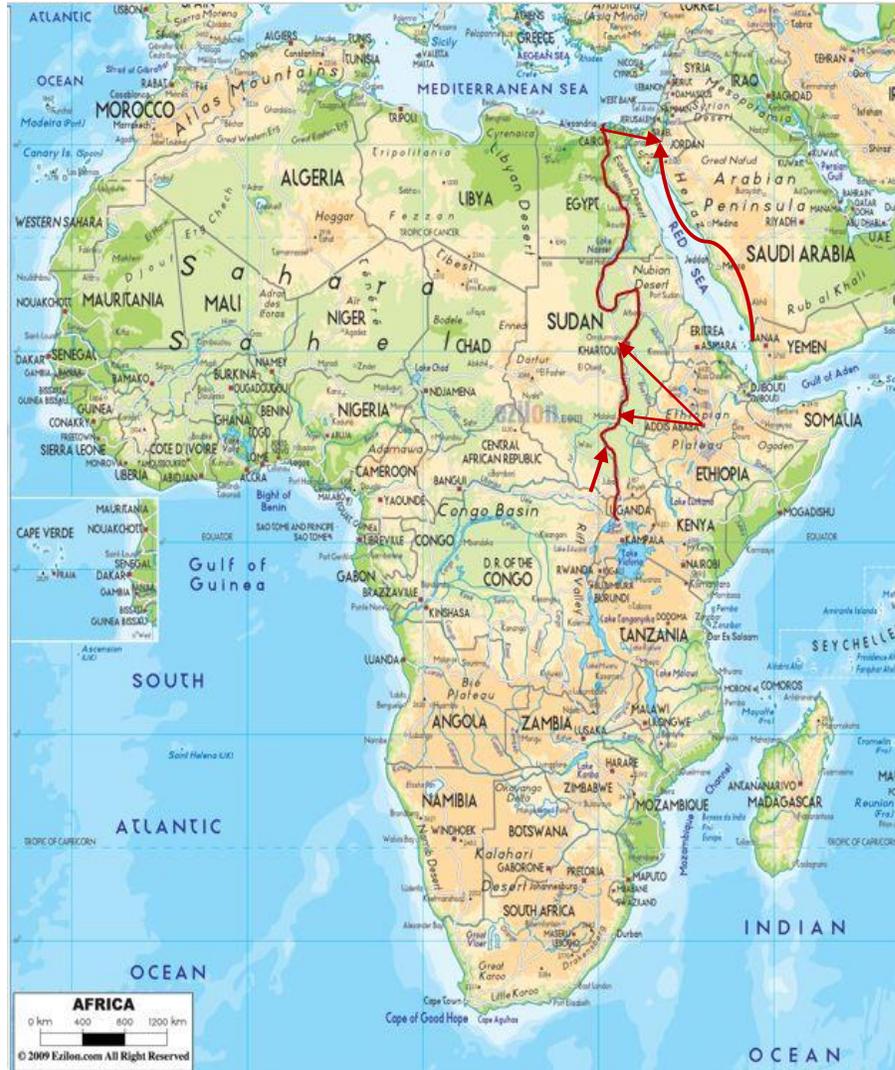
## Altar #4 - Saudi Arabia



January 2, 2019, I get a message from a friend who I haven't spoken to in about 4 years, (Mark Neas). A little history on how I met Mark. In 2014 I left Dell because the Lord called me out of the corporate world and like an Abraham experience told me to follow Him. So by faith, I did and left Dell. Without a job and the uncertainties of the future I was taking any job I could find until I knew what my course would be. Well, during that period of waiting, a friend from High School (Alan Dawson) message me and asked if I was still looking for work. (To be honest, I knew Alan more from playing against him in basketball when we were in Jr. High, I really didn't see him much or hang out with him in High School), but for some reason he reached out to me to see if I needed a job. He told me that his neighbor was a great guy and that maybe he could help me out. He was talking about Mark. I told Alan that would be great. Mark calls me and ask if I would like to have lunch with him in Houston. I said sure, I wanted to know more about Mark before meeting him, so looked to see if he was on Facebook. He was, so I read his profile and his work place. As I was strolling through some of his pictures, I glanced upon a pic of him carrying bananas on his shoulder. I recognized the place; it was Kampala, Uganda. When he called backed to schedule a time for lunch, I mentioned that picture to him to see if that was Uganda. He said, yes, it was in Kampala, he was on a mission trip. I then realized this connection is not a coincidence. Maybe it was for work, or for the future. I did work for Mark a couple of times as a consultant. After the jobs were complete the communications diminished. Now, going back to Jan 2019, mind you, it is 4 years later - he messaged me to call him. I did and the conversation was about his friend in Kampala who was wanting to come back to the states, yet the missionary friends wanted to leave the orphanage they were running with someone he could trust. Mark said I came to mind, and that was why he was calling, to possibly connect his friend to me. During our conversation I did mention that one day I will be in Saudi. He asked why I said Saudi, and I told Him because the Lord is leading me that way, I am just waiting for Him to say go. Mark then informs me that they are starting a business in Saudi, and he is headed there in a few days. He asked me if I had contacts, and I said no, but maybe it is you that will be my contact. I told him if he needs help with his business in Saudi, I would help him for free as a consultant because I know this is the door that will be open.



# PHMI MISSION PATH



## Country: South Sudan

Number of People Groups <b>74</b>	People Groups Unreached <b>4</b>	Total Population <b>11,205,000</b>
Unreached Population <b>504,000</b>	% Professing Christian <b>58.1%</b>	% Evangelical <b>11.3%</b>
Largest Religion <b>Christianity (58.1%)</b>	Official Language <b>English</b>	10/40 Window <b>No</b>



## Country: Sudan

Number of People Groups <b>164</b>	People Groups Unreached <b>132</b>	Total Population <b>40,764,000</b>
Unreached Population <b>22,626,000</b>	% Professing Christian <b>5.0%</b>	% Evangelical <b>0.4%</b>
Largest Religion <b>Islam (90.1%)</b>	Official Language <b>Arabic, Standard</b>	10/40 Window <b>Yes</b>



## Country: Egypt

Number of People Groups <b>39</b>	People Groups Unreached <b>23</b>	Total Population <b>85,355,000</b>
Unreached Population <b>11,766,000</b>	% Professing Christian <b>13.0%</b>	% Evangelical <b>3.4%</b>
Largest Religion <b>Islam (86.3%)</b>	Official Language <b>Arabic, Standard</b>	10/40 Window <b>Yes</b>

