

## BUSY START TO THE YEAR

I want to give thanks to the Lord for a great start to this year which involved a lot of traveling to several churches doing gospel training and missional equipping.

## JANUARY - UGANDA

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In January I had the privilege of visiting West Uganda again to train leaders from Covenant Global Ministries under the leadership of Moses Nkwatsibue.

The training included teaching on the basics of the Gospel and mission. We had a fruitful time together as we looked at what Christ has done for us through the Gospel, and identified idol activity in our lives as evidence of Gospel unbelief. Small group discussion took place between sessions as we worked out the impact of the Gospel in our lives. We also shared our joys and struggles and prayed for each other.



### YOUTH CONFERENCE

Thereafter I preached at the annual Youth conference which was attended by about five hundred young people and leaders. I spoke from Genesis 39 on Joseph and how he handled sexual temptation.

There was an amazing response from the youth and much intense and frank discussion took place in same sex small groups.

Many young people responded to a call for personal prayer:



### TRANSFORMED COMMUNITIES INTERNATIONAL - TCI

A few days were also spent together with my friends Frank and Sue Robb from the USA training leaders from TCI (Transformed Communities International - tcius.org). TCI is a nonprofit organisation doing a very strategic work in rural Western Uganda. We provide education for school children, community development, and extensive emergency food relief among to the Karamojong tribe in Moroto, which is in the North East of Uganda. I am privileged to help as a TCI board member doing strategic leadership development.

The January training involved helping the team understand their personal gifts and strengths, and how that contributes strategically to the different aspects of the work in Uganda.

We were later joined by a team from Monument Church in Washington DC. They came to assist with the work in the schools and attend the annual youth conference. Please pray for the ongoing advance of the gospel in Uganda and the apostolic activity of Pastor Moses and his team.



## FEGRUARY - EAST LONDON

### GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Shannon, who is a social worker, was asked to help with GBV training among the churches in the Eastern Cape. On the Sunday morning at Abbottsford Christian Church she gave an introduction to a Gospel approach to tackling GBV.

Discussion and planning meetings were held to work out the desired outcomes for a collaborative approach to GBV, and a follow up meeting in March 2024 with local pastors was set up.

### MARCH - PRETORIA

I visited the Arcadia Christian Church (ACC) in Pretoria led by Mark and Vicky Ashfield. Marius Gradwell from East London and myself met with the leaders for a leadership summit, teaching about the role of apostles and prophets in equipping local churches for gospel mission.

The church in Pretoria has done a significant work on the island of Madagascar under the leadership of Francis and Marielle Adja who were sent out from ACC. They are powerfully impacting the capital Antananarivo and many of the villages of Madagascar with the gospel.

Mark Ashfield speaking to his leaders during our discussions on the Church and Global Mission:



### MARCH - EAST LONDON

I visited Abbottsford Christian Centre over a period of three weeks.

We studied Jonah and his mission to Nineveh in order to equip the church for urban mission in East London.



### PREACHERS TRAINING

I also conducted training for preachers during the three weeks and heard many excellent three-minute sermons on the gospel from the participants. It was so encouraging to see what God is doing in the church amongst the young adults! They were eager to try out their preaching skills whilst evangelising the local community.

Shannon continued with the GBV programme in March

### GENDER BASED VIOLENCE - CHURCH LEADERS

by conducting a GBV survey with the church leaders to assess their own understanding and experience of GBV.

Thereafter, training was done on how to deal with GBV disclosure.

Very open and vulnerable discussion followed on the impact of GBV in some of the participants own lives.



### MICHAEL EATON PUBLICATION

Publication of Godly Living - preaching through Romans 12 and 13:



Finally, it gives me great joy to announce that we will be publishing this amazing commentary by the late Michael Eaton. It includes additional material on the church and the state which is very relevant for these times. It will be available in print format and on Amazon Kindle from 1 May 2024. Printed books can be ordered from Susan Almeida at [info@africaleadershipschool.org](mailto:info@africaleadershipschool.org) and will appear on our website: [www.africaleadershipschool.org](http://www.africaleadershipschool.org)

Once again, thank you, for your prayers and support for the work of Africa leadership School as Shannon and I endeavour to serve our great gospel mission on this continent. We look forward to all that God has for us for the remainder of this year.

Love in Christ. Craig and Shannon