



ACTION missionary, Joshua Rattin, with two rural pastors in Mouo

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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

"I found myself teaching an eager huddle of 25 pastors in a rude church structure, with cement floors and a few wooden benches, in a little town called Moyo, in the far north of Uganda, only a few miles from the South Sudan border..."

"I taught... the entire Gospel of Mark, in ten sessions over two long days. It was a humbling privilege. One of [these pastors] told me he had milked his cow, fed his goat, and then walked three hours to get to the meeting. Another told me the Old Testament has not yet been translated into his tribal tongue. These men pastor small churches of 30-40 and do not get paid. They are not well-educated, but they are hungry for the Word.

"In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus proclaims the surprising truth that the Kingdom of God has come through his ministry. Even more surprising, he teaches that the Kingdom doesn't look impressive. It looks like a tiny mustard seed, buried in soil. But the seed will grow, and one day all the birds of the heavens will nest in its branches. The Kingdom of God doesn't look big, flashy, or impressive when it comes. It looks like a Jewish manual laborer stumbling to a shameful death outside Jerusalem. Or like a small band of poor Ugandan pastors huddled together on wooden benches under a tin roof, straining to hear the teaching of God's Word and then taking that Word back to their villages. That's how God exerts his power and rule in this age."



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He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8, ESV

