



**AFRICA NOW!
A New Publication of
Action International
Ministries**

God is working in Africa now! For 15 years, ACTION missionaries and ACTION national Christian partners have joined God in His work on this huge continent. What began in 2002, when the first ACTION missionaries engaged children and families traumatized by civil war in Uganda and extreme poverty and hardship in Zambia, has now grown into several teams and programs in a number of countries - Uganda, Zambia,

Malawi, South Africa, Angola and northern Africa.

Please, join with us in prayer - for the Church in Africa and for ACTION's teams. *Christianity is alive in these African nations, but many churches are carnal, under-resourced, and lacking in sound doctrine and teaching.*

We invite you to partner with us, as we step up our stewardship in Africa through an initiative called **AFRICA NOW**. In this letter, we will share what is upcoming and ways to get involved. We will keep you up to date on ACTION's current ministries across Africa and how we see God leading us to join Him in

**ACTION Uganda Leadership:
Past, Present, and Future**



2002 - Jerry and Candis Bingham, the first ACTION missionaries to arrive in Uganda

2010 - Mike and Rebecca Watters, relocate from Philippines to Uganda as new director



2012 - Joshua and Dr. Abby Rattin begin serving as country director

2016 - Charles and Bridget Ulibarri serve a one-year term as interim director



2017 - Ugandan Pastor Oketta Peter appointed Director-designate by ACTION Uganda (second from right, above)

the future. Each issue we will feature a different country. This month, we focus on Uganda.

Multiplying Disciple-Making Disciples

Making disciples and strengthening local churches are two core values of ACTION. After years of teaching and training, the ACTION Uganda (AU) staff are transitioning into the top leadership positions. Under the accountability of AU's Board of Directors, Pastor Oketta Peter, Country Director-designate, is responsible for three ministry leaders and 27 staff - all of whom are Ugandan nationals. This team has three focus areas: the Jesus Is the Truth School (JITT); the Family Strengthening Outreach Team, who serve former Home of Love children; and the Pastoral Leadership Development Team. AU invites missionaries to come alongside them as partners and mentors in these ministries.

Juma's Story

Juma, 13, began the school year as a new student at JITT, eager to learn and making friends. It wasn't until weeks later that school staff realized he had been lying about being registered at the school. In fact, his parents had enrolled him in a less expensive public school nearby, but Juma yearned to attend JITT. After much prayer, the teachers and staff explained to Juma that he

could no longer attend JITT and helped him transition into his new school. *But God used even Juma's deceit for His glory.* While at JITT, Juma, who is from a Muslim background, believed in Christ. Juma had to move back to South Sudan and is living with his mother. She would like to send Juma back to JITT, if a sponsor can be found for him. He is one of many students waiting for financial assistance to attend the school and receive an education from a biblical worldview.

Pray. Give. Go.

Pray. This is a time of wonderful transition for ACTION Uganda. *While our Ugandan workers feel overwhelmed by the tasks before them, they are also eager to serve God in the areas He has placed them.* Will you take a moment to pray now for these faithful workers? To serve with us in committed weekly prayer, visit: www.actioninternational.org/uganda

Give. On-going funds are needed to keep all the present and planned ministries vibrant in Uganda. As an example, Jesus Is the Truth school needs \$106,400 to build much-needed classrooms and a new washroom facility, buy a replacement school van, add a perimeter wall and gate due to new road construction, to hire additional teachers, and end the year without a financial deficit. Please prayerfully consider giving to the 'Where Needed Most' fund (www.actioninternational.org/guluwhereneeded) to help our team

in Gulu! *Our goal is to establish local revenue streams over the next 3 to 5 years to build toward ministry sustainability, but for now we need your financial and prayer partnership.* Please, note the enclosed coupon for your convenience.

Go. Uganda has many needs for short-term, mid-term, and long-term service opportunities. *There are a variety of needs in the fields of special education, nursing and physical therapy, administration, agriculture, refugee outreach, and pastoral training.* All missionaries must be experienced in making disciples and committed to doing this within their ministry area. To find a specific opportunity that is best for you, visit www.actioninternational.org/opportunities or call us at 425-775-4800.



Juma (yellow shirt) with his mom and a social worker from ACTION Uganda (left)



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