

“How To BE An A.I.T.”

(Advancing * Inspirational * Trainers)

Reflections & applications after another week in Uganda

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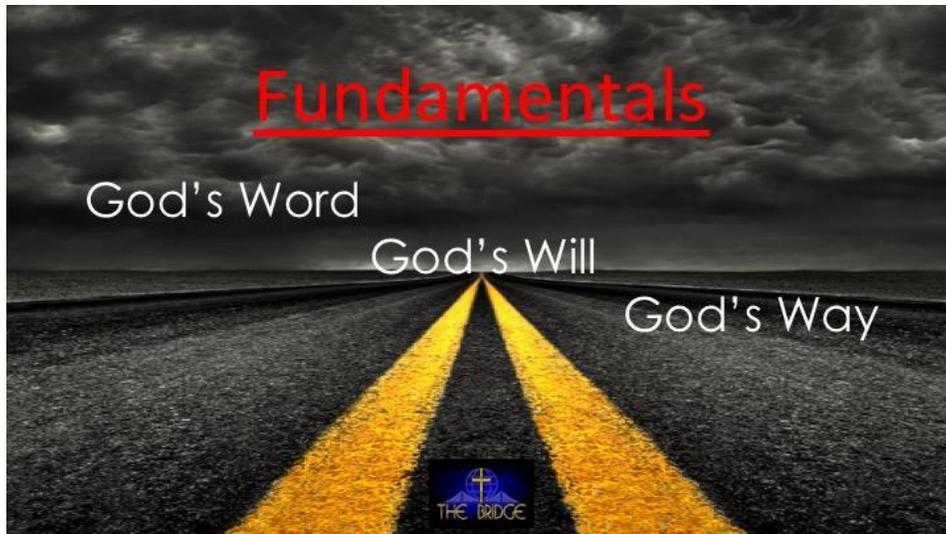
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Preparations:

- We prayed for months, seeking revelation & guidance. The Lord spoke loudly through His whispering Word, answered prayers, Pastor Jeff’s encouragement, my dreams, & other circumstances.
- Moses & Edward were consistently pouring into the women of the villages every week, remaining committed to nurturing the church family & leading others to Christ!
- In getting ready, I received 100% support from my husband, who was trusting in the Lord’s leading.
- Our BRIDGE church family (around the world) prayed that the Lord would reveal His will and guide our preparation for the upcoming week in Uganda!
- A number of people participated in many different ways... Some as prayer-partners, others helped to finance the food, give transportation, write encouraging letters to our BRIDGE family in Uganda, and still others made/filled “Anchor Bags” to give away.
- Moses prayerfully & diligently coordinated all the detailed connections and logistics for our collective week on mission.
- Edward prepared to interpret the Lord’s message all week long.
- John committed to be our driver for the week.
- Our BRIDGE-Uganda family-members sacrificed time away from their work schedules & valuable opportunities to earn income.

Day 1: **Celebrating Daphne's Baptism**





Understanding God's Word

Hebrews 1:1-3

2 Timothy 3:16

Understanding God's Will

John 14:15

John 14:21

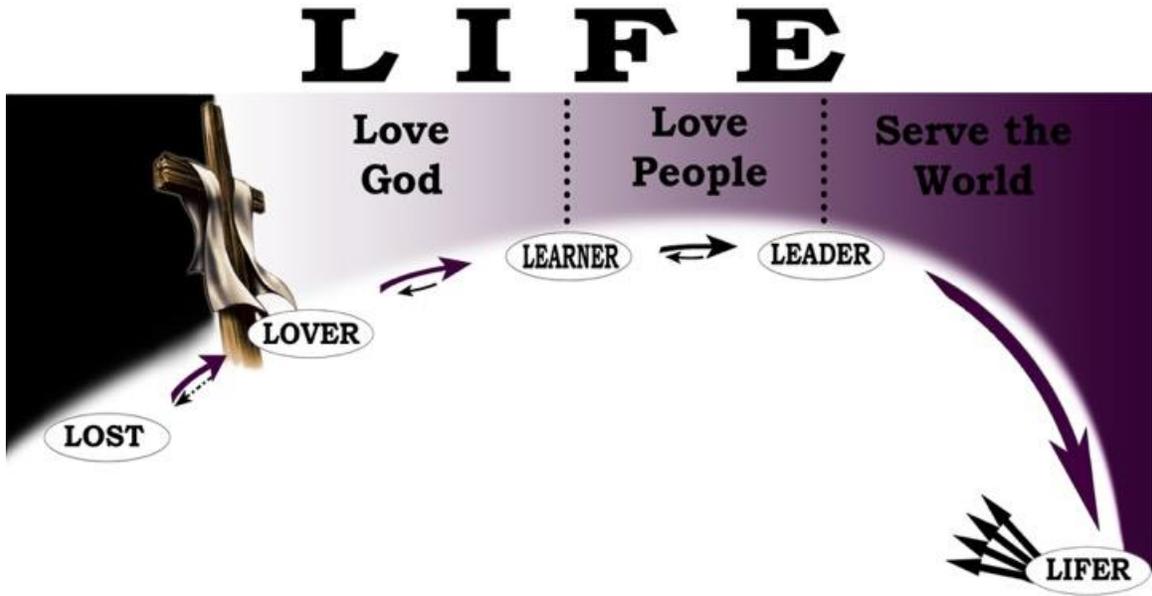
Understanding God's Way

Matthew 28: 18-20

Worshipping as ONE Family!



Day 2: Framework - The Life Cycle



Learning the distinctions between the Lost & Lover



Kamoga Robert - a change of heart is proclaimed!



Day 3: Sharing our testimonies



Annette shares her very heart-wrenching life story. God spared her son's life, making him a true, walking miracle. All the ladies began to speak beautiful words of biblical encouragement to her...



The Big Picture

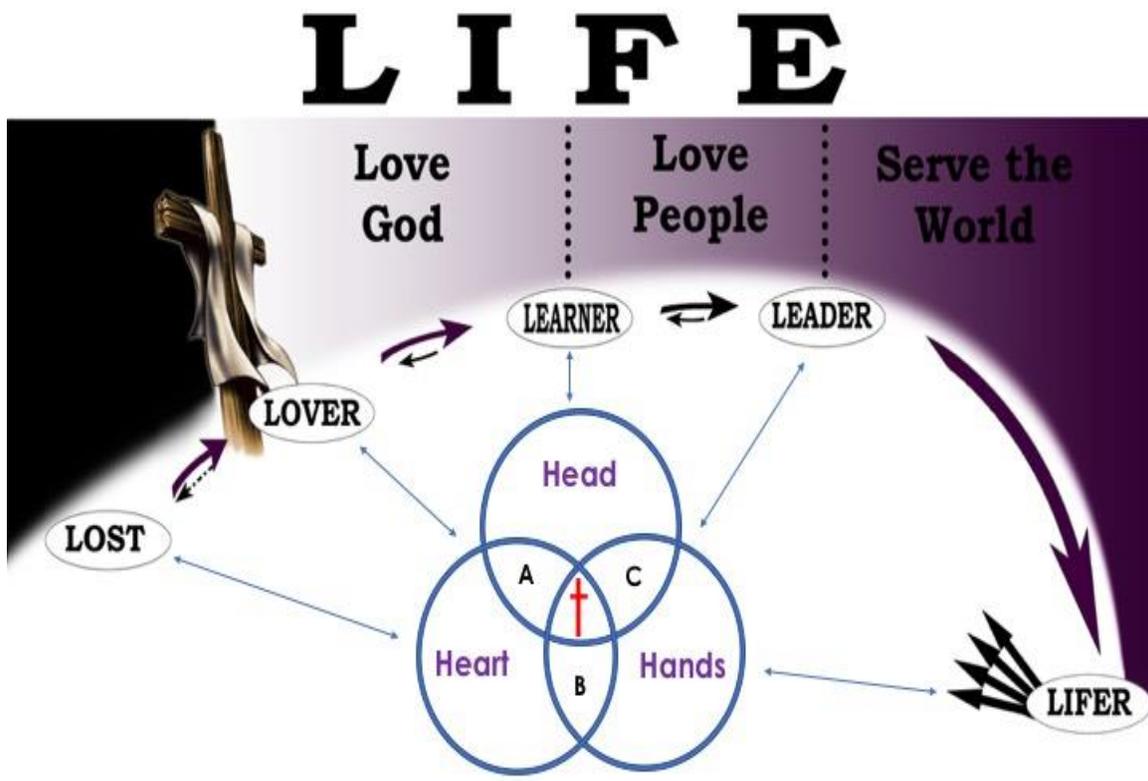


- We saw true, zealous commitments to learning. The ladies were diligently taking notes for the express purpose of sharing what they had learned with others in surrounding villages!

Day 4: Digging Deeper *(What does it mean to be captured by grace?)*

- I (Christine) shared my very personal & transparent testimony.
- As a group, we discussed the difference of wanting to go to a “good church” vs. wanting Christ & Christ alone.
- The most important question & subsequent discussion that came out of the day was: **“How do I know if I am saved?”**
- The Christian ladies present became very, and increasingly more, transparent about their personal sins & how Christ saved them.

The Fight – Stepping back into the life cycle



- Praise the Lord, Robert said he was *“becoming a lover of God.”*
- Upon understanding the biblical truth, a sense of righteous anger began to surface in response to the rampant spread of the false, “easy believism” and “just say this prayer to be saved” gospels that are misleading countless numbers of Ugandans today...
- Everyone was able to identify where they are in the life cycle.
- Deep discussion flourished as we asked the question: What if you only have 2 out of 3 (the disciple’s biblical Head, Heart & Hands)?
- Difficult realities were also discussed via examples of those that say they are born again but continue to intentionally sin. Does the fruit of their lives reveal a real want-for & worship-of Christ?
- We also emphasized our Christ-like call to pray for those who refuse to repent; noting that our goal is always restoration.

The Faith

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- **Stickman Gospel**



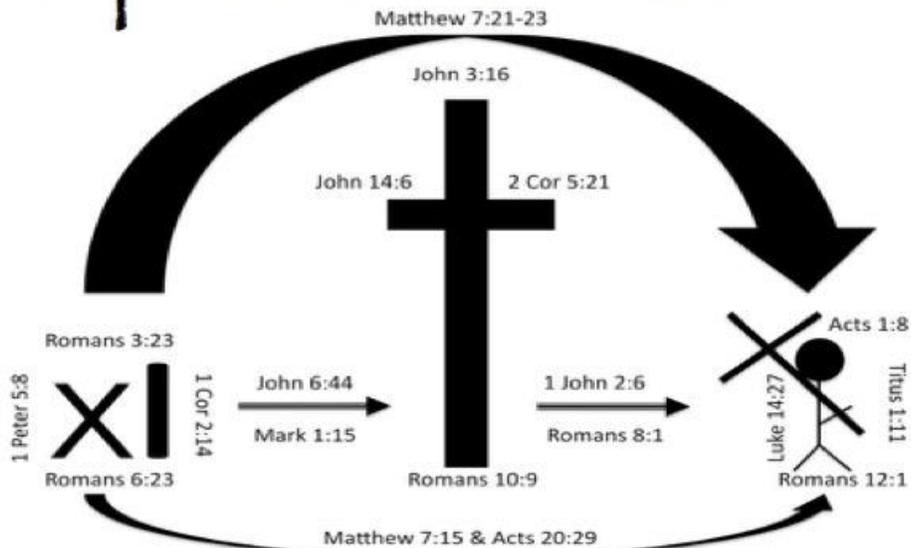
There was literal, loud rejoicing taking place at the end of the presentation when **Titus 1:11** was revealed & read! *“They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they out not to teach, and that for the sake of dishonest gain.”*



This part of our discipling-time ignited & fueled the fire in our Ugandan sister's hearts. They are determined now to GO... and speak the real *"truth in love"* ([Ephesians 4:15](#)) of the [full-context gospel](#) to other lost and local souls all around them!

Day 5: [Review of the Stickman Gospel](#)

Gospel: Truth-in-Love



- Nabuto volunteered to present the Stickman Gospel to our group by literally sketching it in the sand!
- Everyone participated & pulled together, like *iron sharpening iron!*
- **KEY: this process can be duplicated anywhere, at any time!**

Family

Family Life

1. UP (worship)
2. IN (walk)
3. OUT (work)
4. LOVE (mission)
5. SERVE (ministry)
6. Christ-likeness
7. Culture

Christ-likeness

LOVE

SERVE

UP
IN
OUT

Culture

THE BRIDGE



- Significant time was spent explaining the Greek word **“Koinonia”** and its privilege, power, & purpose for the people of God.
- Discussion was focused on the difference between “going-to” church vs. understanding & living as those who realize that **Christians ARE the Church!** *“The people IS the Church.”*
- True Lovers of God are the true family of God... whose lives are meshed together as the collective missionaries of God!
- Additional emphasis was placed on Philippians 2 and every Christ-follower’s call to embrace & imitate Christ’s holy humility.
- Everyone was encouraged to serve... just as Christ came to serve.

Closure





- ***So what?*** – God’s call
- ***For what?*** – God’s glory
- ***Now what?*** – God’s people personally embrace the call
- Reality will be 1 of 2 forever for everyone – either heaven or hell.
- God’s reality births gospel urgency! We bring light into darkness!

Returning to Sissa Village a year later

We went back to Sissa village to visit Gertrude, my sponsored child. It was an incredible blessing to be her again and bring her some new clothes, along with food for her family. Please pray for her little brother whose growth and ability to talk are both severely stunted.



Last year when we were in Sissa village, we shared the Gospel with an elderly man and then prayed over him that the Lord would do the miracle of capturing the man's heart. During this year's visit we learned that the man had passed away. Uncertain of the man's eternal condition, we thanked the Lord for having given us the opportunity to share the gospel before it was too late... Moments later, we were approached by the man's widow, who is now desperate and without food. In that moment, we were given the privilege of praying for her and providing her with some essential food. Please pray that the Lord will do that which only He can do... Please pray that our great Lord & Savior will capture her heart with His amazing grace.

[The village widow](#)



It has been 2 years since we last met with the ladies from Nabuto's village (where she meets with them each week to share the truth of the gospel with village women and encourages them with God's Word, God's mercy and God's love. Many of these village women suffer from depression and AIDs... This year, upon our arrival, we were greeted by a woman who was sitting next to a distinctive blue bag. I (Christine) asked her if I could see her bag. She responded *"This is the bag you gave me when I met you last time! I have it with me where ever I go!"* **It was the anchor bag from The BRIDGE.** Both the woman and Barbara (Moses' mom) posed with the anchor bags they continue to carry.

Returning to Nabuto's Village 2 years later



The woman explained that her bible (which was included in the bag we gave her) was stolen. As a result & in response, Christine gave the woman her own Bible (that Pastor Charlie had handed down to me). Please pray that the Lord will do a mighty work with this notes-rich bible!