

A BUSY BEGINNING

Travel | Training | Testimony

KENYA

In early January, the National Coordinators (NCs) from Zimbabwe and Uganda came to Kenya for the first East Africa **NC annual planning meeting**. Taison, Jonathan, Zephaniah, and Paul met to plan activities for 2024. The time was well spent and the team grew closer together as a result!

UGANDA

In mid January Paul traveled to Uganda to train Zephaniah, teach Module 10 together, and to celebrate the **graduation of the first group in East Africa** to complete the five-year TCT training!

ZIMBABWE

In late February, Paul traveled to Zimbabwe to train his colleague, Taison, teach Module 5: Money matters together, and to introduce the TCT program to a group of 25 interested pastors. Many expressed that this training was a **direct answer to their prayers** for their churches.



LEFT: One of the TCT pastors & his wife in front of their home in Uganda.



RIGHT: Group of New Master Trainers ready to share their learning.

Transformation Spreads

One of the highlights of Paul's travels during the first quarter was celebrating the **graduation** of the first group in East Africa to complete the five-year TCT training: Deliverance Church. As a result of the transformation this church has experienced, they have now committed to implement the TCT program in ALL of their churches around Uganda, utilizing the TCT Master Trainers who graduated from the program, like the pastor pictured above. They have already begun replicating the Truth Centered Transformation on their own without our input! This is exactly what we have been praying for: the Truth spreading because the church has been transformed - Thanks be to God!

Paul celebrating the first graduation from TCT in East Africa. The group was so excited, they even borrowed graduation gowns to mark this milestone!



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Excitement Grows

The second week in Uganda, Paul, Zephaniah and Mweemba Mwaamba (new Southern Africa Regional Coordinator) hosted a 3-day intro to TCT with interested leaders from five denominations.

Initially everyone seemed a bit unenthused, expecting "just another program" being brought by a foreign group. But by the end of the three days, everyone's attitudes had changed, and they **expressed genuine excitement** about what they had learned. Pray for them as they determine if they want to partner with Reconciled World for continued training.

Back at Home

Back at home, Paul hosted the Reconciled World **Values Orientation** and trained **Module 7: Salt and Light** with Jonathan for the Gospel Evangelical Church of Kenya (GECK).

Trainings also continue with our Dorobo partners, and Isaiah was able to join Paul for a day to help out! (See pics at right.)

Onward to Zimbabwe

In Zimbabwe, Paul and Taison were joined by Azevedo, the NC from Angola. After a training together in Harare, they took an early morning flight to Bulawayo and implemented the first **TCT Orientation** in that region.

Many denominations were present.

ALL expressed gratitude for the training and interest in the program. Several pastors shared that they had been praying for something like this, and now God had answered their prayers. This was a great encouragement and a reminder that our work is worthwhile!



To experience a bit of their talent and enthusiasm, listen to this group singing together in praise! [Insert link here.](#)



Paul with Taison, Zephaniah & Jonathan.



Isaiah "assisting" at a training.

Join us in PRAYING...

- That God continues to grow TCT throughout Africa.
- That God will give Paul wisdom as he builds up the training teams in each country.
- For the National Coordinators as they each grow into their roles:
 - ✦ Kenya - Jonathan Mureithi
 - ✦ Uganda - Zephaniah Mukalere
 - ✦ Zimbabwe - Taison Mumpande

FINANCIAL REPORT

A Narrative Summary

How do Our Finances Work?

While our funding fluctuates from month-to-month, we are blessed that over the course of the year, our daily living expenses are covered.

Expenses that fall into other categories, on the other hand, seem more difficult to fulfill. These include:

- ✦ Bi-annual **flights** to the United States
- ✦ **Health** Insurance
- ✦ **Retirement** Investment
- ✦ **Home** Maintenance / Improvement
- ✦ **Savings** for higher education

Everything that we earn, invest or save comes from the gifts of others. Our mission organization does not provide benefits or retirement contributions, so we are entirely dependent on gifts.

To help offset our education costs, Elizabeth teaches part-time for an online school, but her availability and earnings are limited by the fact that she also homeschools all four boys. Right now, she is able to cover the boys' academic expenses (curriculum, online course costs, cost of annual standardized testing, etc.), but our options are still quite limited by her earnings and the cost of educating the boys rises each year.

What Are Some Challenging Features Financially?

It might be helpful to explain some of the features that make our financial picture different from what it might typically be in the States:

Our cost of living in Kenya, overall, is not less than the cost of living at home. While some goods and services cost less, others cost significantly more. We also don't have the benefits of tax-based goods & services, like education, public safety, publicly maintained roads, etc. Any costs for those goods and services come out of our personal funding.

Another feature of living here is that our teenagers are not able to earn a wage or have a job. They are not legally allowed to work for pay. Other informal opportunities to earn (i.e. mowing lawns, part-time jobs) are simply not available to them because those jobs are necessarily filled by the local adult workforce. This makes saving for college difficult. This summer, Inman & Owen have an opportunity to take Driver's Ed and have a part time job in MI. This is a great opportunity that we think they need, but their earnings won't cover their airline tickets.

How Might You Consider Joining & Advocating in Prayer & Finances?

Opportunities for face-to-face sharing about our work is infrequent. If your **church, coworkers, community of friends**, your **Bible Study group, Sunday school** class or **Youth Group** would be interested in learning more about our work, we'd love to be introduced so that we can share more via Zoom or through other creative ways of connecting virtually. We would love to grow our community of partners so that our work can be more financially stable and so that we might build relationships with others who might like to partner with us from afar. If this sounds like something you'd like to pursue, please reach out to us: kaufman@reconciledworld.org.

Would you consider sharing our work with others?