

> transforming lives in Uganda

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Andy and Cyprian at new church plant, Bulenge village



Kathy and ladies at Madudu village

## WHAT IS A HEALTHY CHURCH?

Just last week we were sharing our ministry with a group of friends. As we explained our vision to "partner with national leaders to multiply and develop healthy churches in rural Uganda," we were asked "What is a healthy church?" It's a great question, but difficult to respond with a concise answer.

Kathy and I are currently preparing nearly 40 hours of teaching on the subject that we will be presenting during the week of May 16-20 in Uganda. This marks the launch of Frontier

Force Bible Institute in which we have the honor of participating with our partners at Frontier Force Christian Ministries (FFCM).

We are adapting material that was developed by Reach Global and graciously made available to us. We have been studying the material, preparing class notes that will be translated into Lugandan, and previewing some of the coursework with local Africans here in Santa Rosa. Here is a brief outline of what we will be teaching:

1. A healthy church takes its health seriously
2. A healthy church is Christ-directed and missional in all we do
3. A healthy church is committed to a transformational Gospel message
4. A healthy church has a clear and balanced purpose
5. A healthy church develops leaders who equip and empower their people life and ministry
6. A healthy church is engaged in holistic life impacting ministries that lead people to:
  - Love God
  - Love One Another
  - Serve the World

We appreciate your prayers as we present this material and work with our FFCM churches to create assessment and action plans for each village church.

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### >> New Mission Calling for the Sodestroms

In January of this year, Kathy and I joined New Mission Systems International as missionary affiliates to Africa. We will be working with our African partners at Frontier Force Christian Ministries to multiply and develop healthy churches in the rural villages of Uganda. We are confident of His calling and have spent many months seeking His will for our next phase of ministry. God's clear direction has been revealed through prayer, and affirmation of old and new friends alike.

We are faith support missionaries and are blessed to raise ministry partners to support this mission. We are currently at 30% and praying for new ministry partners. We would love to sit down with you and share in more detail what God is doing in rural Uganda.

**Serving the Kingdom with Joy,  
Andy and Kathy**

### prayer requests

- Safe travels in upcoming trip to Uganda May 9-30.
- First session of Frontier Force Bible Institute May 16-20
- Visit with new ministry friends in Mbale, Uganda
- Needed ministry partners for prayer and finances

### praise report

- New baby granddaughter Brooklyn Hope born to Tim and Elayne March 19th, 2016
- New financial and prayer partners
- Upcoming trip to Uganda
- Extended time to spend with FFCM Directors, Cyprian and Margaret Masembe