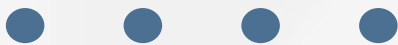




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Information Booklet





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I. About Breaking Ground Missions

History:

Breaking Ground Missions was founded in 2019 after God burdened Justin and Charla Douglas for the people of Uganda. After a short visit to Uganda the year prior, they saw the need for pastor training, evangelism, and church planting in the villages of Uganda. God continued to work in their lives and made it clear that they were to go provide for the spiritual needs they were burdened with in Uganda. After much prayer and seeking the Lords direction, they announced to their home church their desire to be obedient to God's call They sold all their possessions, said goodbye to family and friends, and with a very supportive send church behind them, they boarded a plane with their one way ticket to Uganda.

The calling of the Douglas family and the ministry objectives have always been clear; to train pastors in sound doctrine, reach the lost with the Gospel, and plant churches in needed villages. Breaking Ground Missions has always held to this conviction and has not wavered from the calling God placed on them.

Breaking Ground Missions had humble beginnings as they relied on God to provide for the ministry. They started meeting and training in their living room, and eventually moved to a small shop in Kamuli Town that was rented and renovated to fit 15 pastors for training. They would go and share the Gospel in villages when resources were available, and they also fought to navigate and design the church plant program. In time God provided them with one staff member to help. Many cultural and logistic challenges had to be overcome. From the very beginning God has been so faithful.

Present:

God has far exceeded the goals and expectations for BGM. From 2019 to now they have moved into their permanent training facility which serves multiple purposes: headquarters for the ministry, staff offices, training facility for Eastern Uganda, and Breaking Ground Baptist Church. Since the start, over 20,000 people have come to know Christ through the evangelism efforts with 4 evangelism teams moving weekly in the villages, 40+ churches have been planted, and 2 training facilities have been started. The first, in Kamuli (Eastern Uganda) and the second, in Ntungamo (Southwestern Uganda). The training program has graduated over 150 students from its sound doctrine training program. BGM now employs over 25 Ugandan support and ministry staff to facilitate these programs.

Future Goals:

God is not done yet! It is the conviction of the ministry to have 5 training centers in Uganda placed strategically in needed regions. These centers will provide FREE sound doctrine training to local village pastors who are confused by the false teaching that consumes this country. The hope is to see each training facility act as a central point for evangelism and church planting. As each location grows in trained pastors, evangelism teams and new churches become a reality around these training locations. Ultimately, BGM desires to see the Great Commission fulfilled in Uganda, until all are reached.



II. Breaking Ground Missions Beliefs

Throughout the course of God's call on the Douglas family to go make disciples in Uganda, God has clearly indicated the need for sound Biblical doctrine in all their teachings to the people of Uganda. The Western Church has been in Africa for several centuries now. One of the unfortunate outcomes of several different versions of theology being communicated by so many different cultures and belief systems, is that many of the Ugandan people simply are confused about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The various occult religions practiced by some also add doubt and confusion to those exposed to only part of the Gospel message.

Breaking Ground Mission's primary objective is to bring Glory to God through sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a sound Biblically based testimony. This is exactly what Jesus taught the first disciples to do and they changed the course of human history forever. (Mt. 4:19, 9:9, 10:32, 11:28-30) There is true power in the testimony of a completely committed disciple of Christ. Jesus has called all His followers to, "Go therefore and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt. 28:19-20) BGM believes that this call is placed on ALL disciples of Christ. Each follower of Christ has a role to play in furthering The Kingdom of God.

So what exactly does BGM believe the Bible says about doctrine? First and foremost, BGM affirms the Baptist beliefs as expressed in the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. BGM holds to the tenants of "The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy" published in 1978. This affirms the authority of Holy Scripture and sets the foundation for its application through correct hermeneutical study. BGM believes that The Bible is completely sufficient in all areas of life and application.

BGM believes in God the Father, Jesus Christ His son, and The Holy Spirit as three in one. A triune God complete in every sense of comprehension. Above all known creation, omnipotent, and without equal. (Mt. 28:19)

BGM believes the Church was created to bring Glory to God the Father through His only Son Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 1:20)

BGM believes ALL have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. (Rm. 3:23)

BGM believes that ALL who acknowledge their sins, repent of them and turn away from them, placing their complete faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation will be saved by His atoning blood on the cross and not by any works they offer. (1Jn. 1:9, Rm. 3:21-31, Act 17:30)

BGM believes that salvation comes through faith alone in Christ alone. (Ep.2:8, Jn. 14:6)

BGM believes that those who are completely surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in their lives are made a "New Creation" in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17)

BGM believes in baptism of the believer by full immersion just as was demonstrated by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (Mt. 3:16-17)

BGM believes that Jesus Christ will one day return to this world to call His Church home to heaven where we will worship Him, God the Father and Holy Spirit for all eternity. (Act 1:10, Jn. 17:24, Rev. 22:12)

BGM believes that all followers of Jesus Christ are called to **go and make disciples** utilizing the gifts given them through the power of the Holy Spirit to give testimony of Christ's redeeming work in their lives to the glory of the Father.



III. Breaking Ground Missions Training Program

About Breaking Ground Missions BGM is a registered non governmental and non-profit organization that operates in Uganda (Central Eastern And Southwestern Regions). Breaking Ground Missions exists to train village pastors, equip the saints, plant churches in unreached villages and send these pastors out to reach the nations with the Gospel.

Breaking Ground Missions is committed to training and equipping disciples for the Great Commission. Training is taken very seriously because Christ's work depends on it.

Who Do We Train?

BGM provides training currently in the districts of Kamuli and Ntungamo. The training is provided for men who are called in the ministry to be pastors or church leaders.

How Long Does The Training Take?

The training program is 12 weeks over the course of one year. The students are required to come for training one week per month. Students are given a training time table for the year to avoid unnecessary fallouts and missing classes.

When Do the Students Start?

The training calendar year starts in April for all training programs and ends in March of the following year. Graduation is held after the one year of training is complete.

What Do the Students Need?

The school provides close to 90 percent of what is needed during their time at training. BGM provides food and housing which includes beddings and all the necessary things to use while at school. Students are required to provide their own transport to and from school. Each student is to come with their Bible, notebooks, and pens to use while at school.

**Breaking Ground Missions only provides food and housing for the student while at school during the week of training.*

Kamuli and Ntungamo Programs

The Kamuli training program started small in 2019 and many leaders have been born through training. The Ntungamo training program started in 2021. Both Kamuli and Ntungamo serve as the headquarters of all ministry operations in their regions. Both Kamuli and Ntungamo have two training weeks, one in English and the other in the local languages ie, Luganda (Kamuli) and Runyankole Rukiga (Ntungamo).

School-Student Policy

1. Breaking Ground Missions offers one-year program where every student is expected to attend for the assigned week of training each month.
2. A certificate will be offered only to those students who have attended all twelve courses. No one will graduate if they have missed any session of a given course unit.
3. BGM covers all training costs, specifically fees, meals and lodging.
4. Students are responsible to cover their transport costs both to and from school.
5. Time management is taken very seriously! Each student is expected to report on the fixed date to the school, which is always Sunday. Keeping time while at school is mandatory.
6. Sessions begin at exactly 8am and end at 5pm. Students are expected to be in class for the duration.
7. School time begins on Sunday (arrival) and ends on Friday (departure). Keeping time will be part of your class requirements!
8. No student is allowed in or out of school when it reaches 7pm.
9. If the student has an issue with any employee, it is to first be taken up with the Regional director of training.
10. BGM takes the testimony of it's students very seriously both in and out of school. Any student who does not maintain a good testimony/conduct in and out of school will be terminated immediately.

11. Cheating will not be tolerated in the BGM training program. If any one is caught cheating, they will be required to retake the whole course or will be removed from the training program. This determination will be at the discretion of the National Director of Training.
12. Unnecessary movements out of class while in session will not allowed. Any dodging or missing lessons will be added and may lead to make up or removal from the training. Serious class participation is expected by all students.
13. Each student is expected to handle the school property with care and responsibility.
14. In case of any emergencies, like illness or family death, then any class missed and/or make up of those classes will be determined the Regional Director of Training. Students are advised to bring some money in case of emergency. Note that BGTC is neither accredited nor a charity institution. It exists to help local church leaders get trained for better Biblical ministries.

BGTC TRAINING SYLLABUS

Month	Course	Main Resource	Additional Resources/ Books
April	OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY	ENCOUNTERING THE OLD TESTAMENT BY ARNOLD AND BEYER	-----
May	NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY	ENCOUNTERING THE NEW TESTAMENT BY ELWEL YARBROUGH	-----
June	HERMENEUTICS	GRASPING GOD'S WORD BY DUVAL AND HAYS	LIVING BY THE BOOK BY HENDRICKS AND HENDRICKS
July	DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE AND GOD (BIBLIOLOGY AND THEOLOGY PROPER)	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY BY GRUDEM	NOT BY BREAD ALONE BY WATERHOUSE
August	DOCTRINE OF MAN, SIN, AND CHRIST	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY BY GRUDEM	NOT BY BREAD ALONE BY WATERHOUSE
September	PEUMATOLOGY	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY BY GRUDEM	NOT BY BREAD ALONE BY WATERHOUSE
October	DOCTRINE OF ANGELS, SATAN, AND DEMONS	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY BY GRUDEM	NOT BY BREAD ALONE BY WATERHOUSE

Month	Course	Main Resource	Additional Resources/ Books
November	ECCLESIOLOGY: DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH	BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR BAPTIST CHURCHES -HERMMET	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY- WAYNE GRUDEM NINE MARKS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH - MARK DEVER
December	SOTERIOLOGY	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY BY GRUDEM CALVINISM A BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL CRITIQUE -ALLEN & LEMKE	NOT BY BREAD ALONE BY WATERHOUSE
January	PREACHING AND PASTORAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY PRACTICALS	THE SUPREMACY OF GOD IN PREACHING- JOHN PIPER GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE CHURCH- CONRAD MBWEWE	PREACHING AND PASTORS- SPURGEON
February	CHURCH HISTORY (GENERAL HISTORY OF THE CHURCH)	CHURCH HISTORY IN PLAIN LANGUAGE- Leon Macbeth	A HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN AFRICA-ISICHEI ELIZABETH
March	ESCHATOLOGY: DOCTRINE OF THE FUTURE THINGS	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY/ NOT BY BREAD ALONE	ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE-JOHN MACARTHUR



IV. Evangelism Program

ABOUT EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Breaking Ground Missions is committed to reaching Uganda with the gospel. This is done in obedience to fulfilling the great commission that the Lord Jesus Christ gave to the church. Matthew 28:16-20.

The necessity.

African communities and Uganda in particular have been misled by those who have misrepresented the Gospel. A kind of a gospel that teaches that coming to Jesus means having wealth, good health and no challenges. A gospel which promises that being good in social life and being good religiously is enough to attain eternal life, yet this is not

the true Gospel. The true Gospel is what the communities are craving for and Breaking Ground Missions is in the business of spreading the true Gospel.

How is it done?

Reaching Uganda with the truth of the Gospel is done by having trained evangelists visiting villages of both eastern and western Uganda. On average, 4 teams are sent out every week into unreached villages to do hut to hut evangelism. Each team targets a specific village for two days each week. In the evening on the last day of evangelism outreach, the Jesus Film (in Luganda), is shown to each village. This is another approach utilized to evangelize the community and many have come to know Jesus as their Savior through this resource. This is done in partnership with any born again church that is interested in working with BGM and which the pastor is willing to join our training program. In situations where there is no church in the village that is being reached, that village then becomes a potential location for a church plant.

The evangelism team members are given some funds to help them reach the village, have lunch and then be able to travel back to their homes after visiting houses through the village all day.

On average, 130 people or more place their faith in Christ weekly through the efforts of these evangelism teams.

How does it work Administratively?

At the national level there is a National Director of Evangelism and Church Planting. Serving under him is a Regional Director of Evangelism and Church Planting. From there, responsibilities are shared among Evangelism Team Coordinators. These coordinators work directly under the supervision of the Regional Director.



V. Church Planting Program

Church Planting

Training pastors in sound doctrine and doing evangelism in villages is not a complete task in fulfilling the great commission. Church planting is another portion of the task. BGM plants churches in villages without a church or without a church with sound doctrine.

The Need

Many people give their lives to Jesus Christ through the evangelism efforts but have no place where they can go for fellowship and be discipled to grow. Breaking Ground Missions helps in providing a place for them. There are very many villages that are unreached with the gospel and unchurched in Uganda and Africa at large.

What It Takes

To pastor one of our church plants, the pastor must be called to the ministry, completed the BGM training program, willing to sacrifice and leave every thing he has in his local village, and relocate to a new village to be the pastor of the new church plant. Breaking Ground Missions helps in facilitating pastor relocation.

How It Works

Once a village is determined to be in need of a church plant land is purchased, a pole barn style church is built, a latrine (restroom) is built, a sign post is placed at the church, a set of local drums are provided, along with 20 wood benches, a podium, 20 bibles, offering plate, and help with facilitation for the pastor in the new village.

The week prior to the church launch hut to hut evangelism is done. The church is then launched the Sunday after the all of this is finished.

The Goal

It is the goal of BGM to plant 20 churches per year in villages that are in need. Pastors who have completed the training program and are also willing to pastor a church are always on standby as resources and funding becomes available. If you are interested in planting a church please contact BGM using the communication information provided on the contact page.



VI. Women's Ministry

Breaking Ground Mission's Women's Ministry hosts a women's bible study each month in an effort to grow together in the Word. Because Ugandan women are often overlooked when it comes to biblical training and education, BGM's women's ministry was created to fulfill that need. The bible study is open to Pastor's wives, women from the local church, and any other woman interested in growing in their walk with the Lord. The main focus of this ministry is to teach women how to study the Bible, cultivate a love for the Word, and to equip women to lead and disciple other women in their communities. The weekend meetings are held monthly and include housing and meals for all participants. Each month the teaching is focused on applying Biblical principles to common topics such as marriage, motherhood, and Christian lifestyle.



VII. Breaking Ground Baptist Church

Breaking Ground Baptist Church (BGBC) is located in Uganda, Kamuli district. BGBC started in October 2022 with the vision of reaching the people of Kamuli with the true gospel of Jesus Christ and with sound doctrine. We exist to raise a generation of mature believers in Jesus Christ who are intentional in proclaiming Christ and His Lordship over their lives and preparing them for the work of ministry. As BGBC, we are defined by the following missions: reaching out to unbelievers with the gospel of Christ, teaching saints sound doctrine in all areas of worship, observing the two ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, training and equipping of the saints, planting new churches in various places of Uganda with no sound doctrine churches, and also ministering to the needy in and outside of our church. BGBC also acts as a mother church to BGM church plants, not in an authoritative way but rather in a nurturing and supportive way with the goal of ensuring that all BGM church plants are biblically healthy and are doing ministry effectively.



VIII. Benevolence

Breaking Ground Missions is determined to meet the needs of Ugandans that are suffering in poverty. As serious needs are made known to the ministry, BGM then informs

donors interested in meeting such needs. The body of Christ has been obedient in providing for these needs each time they have been made known. BGM has helped many with medical expenses, school fees, burials for loved ones, housing improvements, supplying food, clothing, transportation, and much more. BGM desires to continue meeting as many needs as we can as support increases. When the local church and individuals give monthly to our "Use as Needed" option on our website it allows us to provide for these needs.

This is an essential part of BGM as it gives credibility to the Gospel we preach. Many hear about the Love of Christ yet never see it lived out in those who preach it. The church has expanded in Uganda by these simple benevolent acts that show these villages that God loves them and so does His church.



IX. Partnerships

Breaking Ground Missions operates solely through partnerships with the local church and faithful individuals. It is by these obedient partners that BGM is able to fulfill the Great Commission in Uganda. As BGM grows in partners, they are then able to accomplish more for the Kingdom. BGM believes that all believers will give an account on how they used the resources entrusted to them while on this earth. At BGM we view all donations as resources to be used for Kingdom work and have set up multiple processes/policies that ensure financial accountability, integrity, and transparency. Breaking Ground Missions is a 501c3 charitable organization in the US and is a registered NGO in Uganda. Annual audits are performed in Uganda and expenses are approved by our US board of directors.

BGM always honors the intentions of each partner with the funds given. You are assured that when you give to a specific aspect of BGM the funds given are used as intended. All who choose to give to the "Use how Needed" option on our website help with the overall ministry that is needed to accomplish the ministry activities in Uganda.

Monthly reoccurring gifts are so valuable to BGM. These type gifts are how planning for the future and for growth can be done. Without monthly partnerships, BGM would not be able to accomplish its ministry goals. If you are interested in partnering with BGM and fulfilling the Great Commission in Uganda please reach out to our stateside advocate, Andy Butler for more information (info in the contact section of this booklet).



X. Team Mission Trips

Breaking Ground Missions hosts mission teams who join with them to do ministry in the villages of Uganda. The focus of mission trips align with the goals of the ministry: pastor training, evangelism, church planting. For more information about mission trips, contact Andy Butler, our stateside advocate for Breaking Ground Missions. His information can be found on the Contacts page.

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