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CREEK MISSIONS

UGANDA RECAP



KATOOGO SLUM IN KAMPALA

This slum, located just a few minutes from Gaba Community Church in Kampala, is the home to many single mothers (many of whom were abandoned). It is not uncommon for 2+ feet of water to fill their homes, sometimes in the middle of the night. These women and families are day laborers, who at best are eating one meal a day.

EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The ECDP, run by a faithful Gaba church member named Annette, allows mothers from Katoogo and other areas in Kampala, to drop their 1–3-year-olds off at day care, so that they can go and work. At the ECDP, kids will receive two meals, hear the Gospel, and get attention and learning they may not otherwise. The mothers hear a devotional and receive basic food items upon pick up of their children.

STORY

One young boy at the ECDP would go home and pray to Jesus before his meals. He insisted his parents, who happened to be Muslim, pray with him. After this had gone on for a while, the parents came to the ECDP and said they wanted to know the Jesus their son prayed to... and gave their lives to Jesus!

MUBENDE-JABEZ + MULEETE

A husband and wife moved to these two areas, separated by about 20 minutes, and planted two churches. Today, both are comprised of about 1,000 people. In Muleete, they are working on building a church to accommodate the growth. In Mubende-Jabez, around 800 people come and sit in a field every Sunday to worship. Mama Juliette, widowed in 2020, is currently raising 45 abandoned kids in her home, whilst leading a church.

AFRICA RENEWAL MINISTRY UNIVERSITY

Through AFRU, students are being equipped as Christian leaders in business, medicine, labor, agriculture, and ministry! They have about 1,100 students. Approximately 1/3 of these are online students from other African countries like Nigeria, South Sudan, Congo, and Tanzania. Currently, there are many students who have the qualifications to go to university but lack the funds. Will you consider sponsoring a university student today?

NEXT STEPS

PRAY

- For transformation of society through "ARM Hubs"— An area in which there is a church, a medical Clinic, and a primary and secondary school.
- For the Gospel to save many who are recipients of care from local churches and ARM affiliates.
- For gifted Bible teachers to go and equip pastors to better equip the saints for the work of the ministry.

SUPPORT

- Begin Sponsoring a Child.
- Begin Sponsoring a University Student.
- Begin Supporting a church plant/mobile bible training program/medical clinic/school.

Important Dates

For more information and registration visit curreycreek.com/events

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Bakery Day

Next Steps

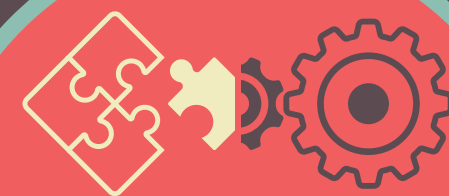
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Baptism Sunday

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DISCOVERY CLASS

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One of the most disturbing trends to hit the American church in the last twenty years is the consumer mentality of western Christianity. We have become a consumer of spiritual products with no commitment to a local body. What I mean is we will go to one church for its preaching, another because our kids like the youth group there, and another because we prefer its disciple

making program. We are teaching the next generation that commitment to a local church is secondary to our preferences and in practice, denying the scriptural teaching that each one should use whatever gift they have been given to serve one another (1 Peter 4:10). We have traded service to the body of Christ for serve-us!

One of the important components to someone's spiritual health is being an active part of a multi-generational community of believers that contributes to world evangelization, makes disciples, and celebrates the two ordinances of believer's baptism and communion. In other words, an active, participating member of a local church. Here at Currey Creek we communicate that we want members to be attached and functioning. Perhaps some background would be helpful to understanding what we mean.

Tragically in 2001 my mom suffered a massive stroke due to a collapsed carotid artery. After Mom was stabilized, we learned that there was significant paralysis but remained hopeful that she could recover. Over the ensuing weeks and months, it became

evident that Mom would not regain her speech or the use of her right arm. Although Mom's arm was attached, it was evident that it was not functioning as designed.

The Lord made it clear to me that this is the condition of many Christians in our churches today. They are attached through some type of membership, but they are not functioning and over time will atrophy just like my mother's arm. No doctor would look at my mom's condition and declare her arm to be normal or healthy. Neither should we declare a church member that is attached but not functioning (serving, giving, active) to be normal or healthy. The tragedy is that while my mom's condition was out of her control, an atrophied church member is the result of personal choices. The good news is that what has atrophied spiritually can be strengthened again through spiritual disciplines and restored to health!

Let me encourage all of us to recapture the purpose of the church and our desire for everyone to be attached and functioning by pointing us to scripture where Peter continues in chapter 4:11 saying, "...whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." The ultimate reason we want everyone at Currey Creek to be attached and functioning is God's glory. Together we can bring God the maximum amount of glory as we serve the Lord and one another at Currey Creek.

In Christ,
John Free



Serving

To serve is to love others well. In Philippians 4:13 we find it being told to value others better than yourself, to not look to your own interest but for the interest of others. This should speak to our way of life, not just serving within the ministries of Currey Creek. Our life should be an act of service in order to love each other well and most importantly glorify God well. Within Currey Creek's context, serving within the church means sacrificing time in order to bless others. In each ministry there is a service opportunity. To serve is important because it brings a level of freedom to someone. A parent can feel a peace knowing someone is caring for their child. An usher can relieve stress by helping someone find a place to sit in the worship center. A greeter brings comfort and makes all feel welcome and so on and so forth. No role of service is too small. You are blessing others when you serve. Within these walls we practice our acts of service in order to better carry it out in our daily lives. Let's pray that the Lord allows us to bless each other well, to serve each other well.



Small Groups

One of the ways you and your family can function within the body of Christ at Currey Creek is to be part of a small group. Just about every ministry we offer at Currey Creek includes a small group component. You will see children in small groups during their time in Creek Kids. You will see middle school students and high school students in small groups during their time in Upstream. You will see men and women in small groups during their time in the Creek Men and Creek Women Bible studies. You will see adults in small groups when they are part of our Creek Group ministry. This is by design and this format of small groups provides an opportunity for people of all ages at Currey Creek to function as the body of Christ as they:

- Study God's word together and pray for each other (Acts 2:42)
- Share what God is doing in their lives (Phil 2:12-13)
- Listen to and encourage others regarding what God is doing in their lives (Heb 10:25)
- Walk with others through difficult times (Gal 6:2)
- Rejoice with others in times of joy (1 Thess 5:11)
- Serve others in times of need (John 13:14)
- Confess sins to others for the purpose of healing and redemption (James 5:16)
- Make much of Jesus so that others will come to know Him and be transformed by Him (Matt 28:19)

We believe in building up and equipping the body of believers here at Currey Creek. Small groups are a vital component of ministry here at Currey Creek. Make a commitment and find some time for you and your family to be part of a small group in one of the ministries we offer. The rows we provide on Sunday morning are just the beginning of functioning at Currey – we want you to function in circles also.



Membership

As you read through the New Testament, you will find letters addressed to specific churches. This shows us that shortly after Jesus' ascension, Christians were organizing themselves into specific bodies of believers called churches. At Currey Creek, we see church membership as choosing to belong to our specific church body. Church membership involves alignment in biblical doctrine, beliefs, and mission as well as a submission to biblical church leadership. Members should be attached and functioning in the body, attending regularly and using their gifts of time, energy and resources for God's kingdom purposes. Church membership helps the leadership know the flock so they can appropriately disciple church members and care for church members in need.



DISCOVERY CLASS

We are honored that you have visited our church! We would love to invite you take the next step and attend our Discovery Class! The Discovery Class is our new interest and membership class that is offered monthly. The purpose of Discovery is to familiarize yourself with the church and help you get connected into gospel-centered worship, community, service, and discipleship. Our hope is for you to be connected to the life of Currey Creek and the body of believers. You will hear from our pastors and ministry team leads about Currey Creek's story, mission, and beliefs, as well as how to get plugged in. These classes are offered after the third service in the Connections Room each month. Lunch and childcare are provided. To find out when our next class will be, go to the events page on our website.