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## THE HISTORY OF TRINITY CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION

### CHAPTER TWO BEGINS



TCWM and TBI are growing. This past month we began the second chapter of our story. Now we face greater opportunities and many new challenges. Our goal in this chapter is to establish branches of Trinity Biblical Institute in eleven of the open countries of Central and East Africa. You can see their flags below.



We know that God loves the people of Africa and we know that He has commanded us to go with the Gospel to every nation, tongue and tribe. As men and women, we have no power to save anyone, but we believe God is with us and already He has a great harvest of disciples that must be taught all that Christ has commanded.

1. Chapter Two began with the dedication of our headquarters in Eastern Uganda on July 17. It was a great day of rejoicing. Now we have an excellent training facility ready to train Christian leaders from

all over Central and Eastern Africa. Our new facility is called Kirwoko Study Center; Kirwoko is a word from the local tribe which means “a place where the elders gather to discuss important things.”



2. The day after the dedication, we invited our coordinators and teachers from eleven different countries to come to our new facility for a time of training and encouragement. We are training the trainers and giving them excellent materials to teach in their countries and in our branches of Trinity Biblical Institute.



3. After this training, we divided into two teams and proceeded to teach a course, Survey of the Bible, at four branches of Trinity Biblical Institute: in Endebess, Kenya, and in Kapchorwa, Gulu, and Kasese Uganda. We met in unusual places including a big room above a hardware store, under a tent, in a church we had helped plant, and at our new headquarters.

4. During all this travel and many classes, my brother, Sid, who is a retired missionary and physicist, came to Uganda and successfully added an antenna and installed equipment to send broadcasts from our radio station into many more villages in Kenya and Uganda.



5. We began to plan the planting of our next branch of Trinity Biblical Institute, in Kigale, Rwanda in November.

Counting the Cost: Each time we begin a new branch of TBI in a new country, there is a great cost, not just in terms of the funds required, but in prayer, planning, risk management, study, development of a core group, selecting our faculty, locating a safe teaching place, and much more. We go to each country with the determination to establish a permanent presence.

We ask God to enable us through these four-year schools to make disciples from the South Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. Only God can do this great work. We trust him to establish a network of schools throughout Central Africa. Here is the general plan for developing branches of Trinity Biblical Institute:

**2015: Kapchorwa and Gulu, Uganda**

**2016: Juba, South Sudan and Endebess, Kenya, and Western Uganda (Kasese)**

**2017: Rwanda**

**2018: Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania; Strengthen South Sudan, and Rwanda Branches**

**2019: Burundi and possibly Malawi**

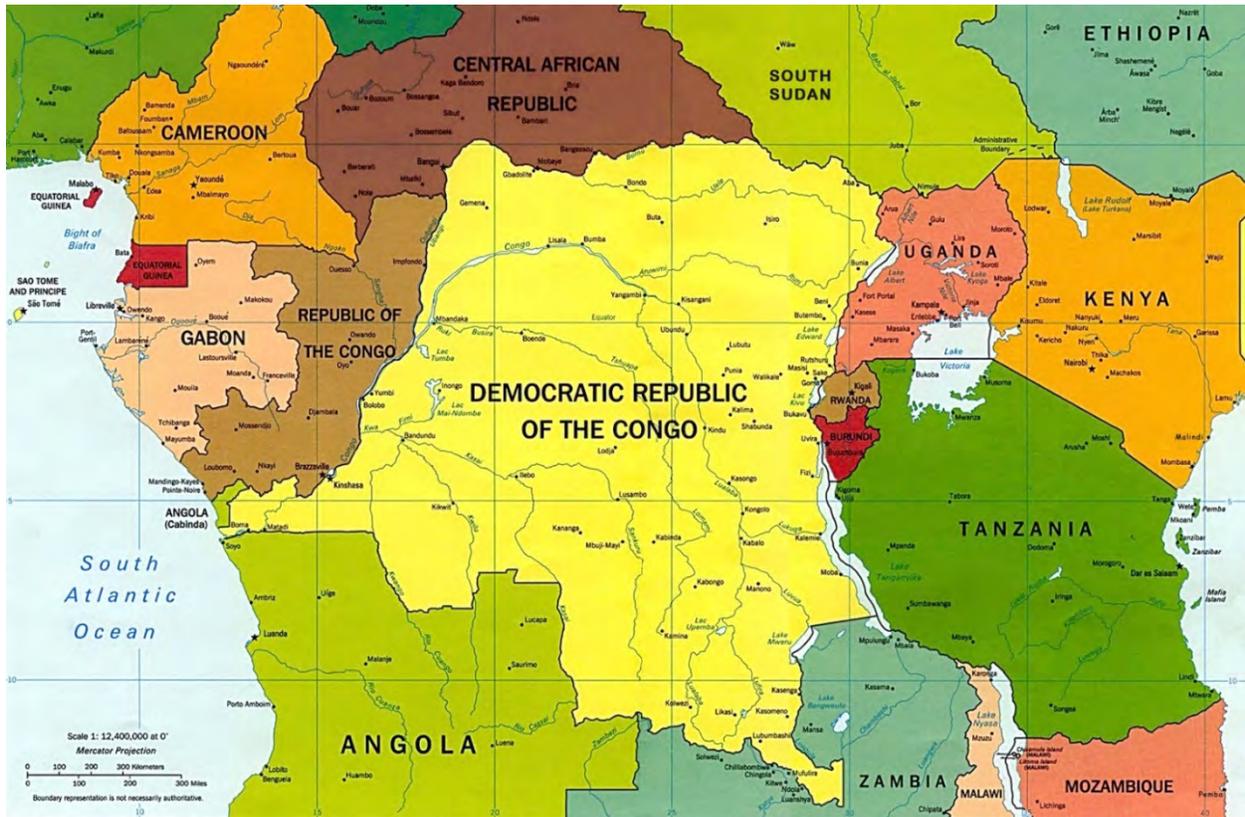
**2020: Ethiopia**

**2021-2023: Zimbabwe and Cameroon**

**This month our coordinators will be busy establishing Bible studies in these countries. Please remember them in your prayers.**

**In five years we hope to see the completion of much of our mission. Already we have the teachers, a headquarters, a strong curriculum and growing schools in East Africa. Now to go forward, our income must increase. We ask for your prayers and gifts; the great needs now are your support in going to**

**Rwanda with a team in November, dormitories for our main campus, and funds for land purchase in Western Uganda.**



**This is the Part of the World Where God has Called Us**

Expecting Great Things From God,

Pete Anderson, Missionary

**Note: The Chairman of the Board of Trinity Center for World Mission is Charlie King. Charlie is a retired Special Forces Colonel, college professor, and a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church in America. Charlie has been in Africa with us for the past three weeks. On the way home, he wrote the included letter. I encourage you to read it. Thanks, Pete**

Friends,

I am trying to get this last email out as Sid and I sit at the Entebbe airport waiting for the midnight flight to Amsterdam and on home. As usual, I am trying to digest all that has happened in such a short period of time . . . First of all, I always challenge the importance of this – the hauling of people half way around the world and crossing cultures for what we believe. How is money spent to send Westerners to places like Kapchorwa or Kasese - or whatever back-of-beyond you want to name – justified? Why not just send a check? And what do we as foreigners add to the Kingdom of God in places like this?

I happen to think that these are legitimate and reasonable questions, and since many of you are contributors to the work of TCWM, perhaps you do as well. But even if you and I are settled in our minds on the value of missions, we need to be able to answer those who ask.

Well, here is one guy's answer:

I suppose in some technical and academic areas we add a great deal. I have great respect for the ability of the Ugandan to make do, to improvise, and to fix the unfixable . . . I could bore you with stories of this, but won't. The fact remains that despite their resiliency and creativity, when it comes to the technical, the academic, and the theological, Western culture (still) has much to offer in Africa. Evangelism, I was taught, is easy in Africa, but discipleship is hard – the exact opposite of the case in the West. But there simply is no way that what we completed at KTR radio could have been done without Sid, or what we built at Kirwoko could have been completed without John, or what we teach at TBI could have been organized without Pete, or that any of it could have been done without the support of our donors. Still, that doesn't necessarily mean that those accomplishments are serving the gospel, or that we are in any way essential. We have to remain vigilant. These accomplishments should provoke only humility and gratitude at being able to serve with our brothers and sisters in Christ who live here, and desire that they not become ends in themselves.

But I am far more selfish than that.

No, the first reason to bring the gospel here in word and deed (“hand, heart, head” as our fellow laborer Doug McNutt says) is because the church at home is strengthened by the work here. How's that? You want a strong church at home? Then get out of your home and tell strangers what you know to be true. Or if you can't, support someone who can. Bring back lessons from those foreign places (and there are abundant lessons here in the providence of God, the humility in which we should approach such providence, and, well, just plain old practical theology). Then water the church at home with those lessons. Furthermore, since we have good evidence that the center of Christianity is shifting to the global south and to Africa in particular, that shift needs to be watered and fed. Why? Because our children and our children's children will need it.

Isaiah tells us that God's word does not return void. Two centuries ago, the greatest missionary movement since the first century of Christianity was launched from Europe and North America going to the rest of the world. That movement has borne fruit in places like Uganda, and in God's time, the maturing of that fruit will be a great sending movement from Africa to the rest of the world. It is already happening in places like South Korea, which only two centuries after proselytization, is now the largest sending country in the world, on a per capita basis. God's word will not return void. Sound strange to consider this globally? Perhaps, but for me, I come to help build up the Kingdom here so that one day missionaries from Africa can go to places that have vacuumed up the gospel and disowned it – and that is more and more the case in the West.

While the gospel may be dying in the West, it's in no danger. From the point of view of an American or more especially a European, the situation may seem dire. But the gospel is alive and well here – and Christ will see his Kingdom built.

Secondly, if we share in love for others, we have to attend to the needs of Africa. Since the time of independence, the physical needs in Africa have been met with an outpouring of money. The African writer Dambisa Moyo shatters the myth of the utility of such aid in [\*Dead Aid\*](#), and tells the story of its waste and harm. What we should learn from this is that the hope of Africa does not lie in policies or programs, and certainly not in dumping buckets of cash and material resources on Africa. The hope of Africa, like the hope of America, lies in the gospel of Jesus Christ. And this is because the fundamental problem in Africa is the same fundamental problem around the world – we are all sinners, in rebellion against our Creator, and living futile lives in ourselves. Yes, Africans are sinners, but so are we.

And so, I head home strengthened. If you have been able to support the work of TCWM in the past, thank you. If you have not, please consider doing so. We rely on the grace of over 300 families and churches, and if we are to continue to grow, we need to continue in that grace.

Cheers and blessings,  
Charlie