



Julie's Heart Cry

Bringing Hope to Women Globally

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RAISING UP FUTURE LEADERS



Youth in this Ugandan church, at left and on back page, are being given an active role in church ministry as they are mentored on how to become the next generation of effective church leaders.

Dear Friends and Partners,

A few years ago, I had the privilege of attending a church service in Uganda that gave me a deeper appreciation for youth ministry. The degree of the youth's involvement was impressive, to say the least.

The pastor and his wife oversee all the services and activities during the week. He preaches on special occasions; however, the youth – ranging in age from 11 to 28 – handle most everything else throughout the week. And this is not by accident. The church leaders believe we must be intentional about consistently immersing young people in serving the Lord.

They understand the need to teach and put the next generation to work early as they come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. The leaders took an

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*That they may set their hope in God,
And not forget the works of God,
But keep His commandments;
And may not be like their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation that did not set its heart aright,
And whose spirit was not faithful to God.
~ Psalm 78:7-8*

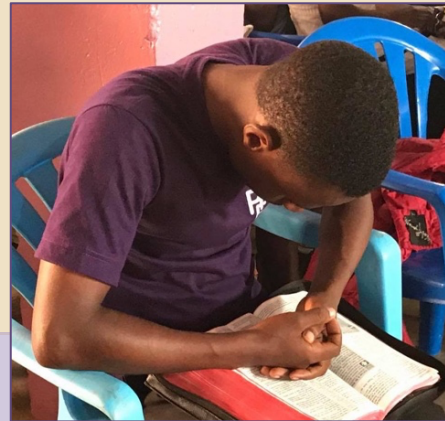
interest in informing, inspiring, involving, investing and ultimately discipling them along the way in all aspects of church ministry. Some of those areas included ushering, janitorial, Sunday School teachers, worship leaders, door-to-door evangelism, preaching, hospital visitation and rural ministry, to name a few.

A lasting impact

During the week, the youth are trained in Bible study, preparing lessons, and teaching or preaching to their peers. Since the church adopted this lifestyle, it has seen steady and sustained growth with an impressive youth retention rate.

This experience has impacted me deeply. So, I have decided to extend a platform to young people to share what God is doing in their lives, no matter their age. We recently had several young guest writers for this newsletter, with the youngest writer being 10 years old. As God permits Julie's Heart Cry to grow, the youth will regularly contribute to this ministry.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, may we be intentional about including the youth around us in different aspects of ministry – raising the bar for those who have a sincere desire to grow and serve the Lord. If a youth pastor in Uganda can make this work, we surely can do the same by the grace of God.



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