

UGANDA MISSIONS 2026

By: Pastor Bryan Warren FGCI Assistant General Superintendent.

I am so excited to be able to give such a great report on behalf of FGCI and our ministry in Uganda, Africa. On March 9th of this year, Pastor Jim Yates and I began a week-long journey to bring the men and women of Uganda a beautiful gift. That gift was all of us collectively sowing a seed into a great people who so desperately want more of God.

Upon arriving at our hotel I couldn't hardly believe what I was seeing. They kept us at a place called The Tick Hotel which was absolutely stunning! Right off the bat, I knew that it was their deepest desire to bless the people that were there to represent the fellowship that they were so honored to be a part of. Our host, Pastor Isaac Mbijiwe, was so very honoring and grateful that we were there in his country. We went to Pastor Isaac's school where we met around 300 students from the age of 2 and up. They sang, danced, played their instruments that were so passionately made out of whatever was available to make music to God. The drums that they were using were old buckets or containers that once held gas and anything else that produced tones that would glorify God. We immediately fell in love with all of the students! Upon arriving you could hear all of the children saying "mzunga" in the background. I was so anxious to find out what this term meant, and when asked, I found out that it simply meant "white person". Haha!

We then went to a farmers market, saw many tents filled with souvenirs from Uganda and people carrying baskets on their heads as they walked the city streets. But the best part of all, was hearing the sounds of worship coming out of the houses of God as we arrived at each venue. It was such an honor to assist Pastor Jim as we ordained over 60 men and women into the ministry and the fellowship of FGCI. After each service, they fed us and listened intently as we traded stories of the goodness of God.

On the very last day in Kampala, Pastor Jim and I separated in order to minister in 2 different directions. We ministered in multiple churches that day bringing hope, anointing and healing within a great group of people who love the Lord.

Coming back from a trip like this is always very life-changing. Not only are you grateful to be able to sow a seed into a great people, but you also come back fired up about some of the things that you take for granted on a daily basis. As a church here in the United States, we take for granted our air conditioned buildings, our adequate sound systems, our instruments, technology, and for what? There, they work so hard just to get there. No air conditioning, sound humming in the speakers, the air seems so still, but yet the Wind of God is there. I'm encouraged to do more. I feel compelled to engage more.

So I say thank you. Thank you FGCI for allowing me to be a part of such an amazing Fellowship. Blessings to each of you, and be encouraged as you are a part of touching the world!



MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION

By: Pastor Tim Reeves, Missouri State Presbyter

Thank you to everyone who made the Missouri State Convention possible! Thank you to the Yates Family (all of you) and your incredible church family, Freedom Tabernacle Full Gospel Church! You guys did such an incredible job with rolling out the red carpet to all of us. Your hospitality, the faith, food and fellowship you provided was amazing! I pray the Lord blesses you one hundred fold for all that you poured into the convention. We praise the Lord and are rejoicing with you on your church's impact in your community as well as the completion of your beautiful outreach center!

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the Missouri State Convention! Our Theme of the convention was based on Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus!" The worship team from Freedom Tabernacle kicked everything off and led us into the throne room and into the presence of the Lord and set the table for our Missouri State Superintendent Rev. Darnell West.

Pastor Darnell brought forth a message that was Holy Spirit inspired and anointed Thursday night. He spoke on one word from God can change everything! Pastor Darnell said that, "in worship we behold Him, in prayer we un-fold Him and in our walk we embody Him." He also challenged us. Does our walk have a voice like God's did in Genesis chapter 3?" One of the things that stood out to me is when Pastor Darnell brought up the thought that people may come to our churches for the experience of God's presence and Holy Spirit, but will leave us for a lesser church due to being able to connect at another church. Experience doesn't mean that you are connecting with the people. The F.G.C.I. is not about meetings, but about people. We truly are a fellowship.

Pastor Jim Yates brought the word on Friday Morning after worship. Keeping with the theme from Hebrews 12:2. Pastor Jim brought a hardcore message of love. He brought up the thought, "In order to be Christ-like, we have to know what Christ was like". To read through the Gospels and Acts 3 times in 30 days(12 chapters a day would help us to see what it is like to truly be Christ-like in our own lives. Pastor Jim brought up Ps 34:8 to taste and see that the Lord is good. We are to be the conduit to where people can come and taste and see that the Lord is good. Also in Matt. 23:3 we should always practice what we preach. Stay focused on the people and love them into the Kingdom of God. Pastor Jim said, "If you love right, you'll live right". The main thing is keep the main thing the main thing. Jesus is that main thing!

We also had round table discussions that were profound. Pastor's Rev. Darnell & Rochelle West, Pastor's Rev. Travis & Melissa Watkins, Pastor's Jim & Alison Yates, Rev. Clayton Patrick and hosted by Rev. Will Yates made up the panel. A few notes that I jotted down from those discussions were that we are to do life together in a relationship way as the first century church did in Acts 2:42-45. The experience of church doesn't mean relationship and it doesn't mean that we are equipping people.

We are called to make disciples and not dependents. Learn to delegate and set boundaries. When you walk in the anointing, you walk in its excellence. Procrastination disrupts His presence. We must lead with prayer and preparation and let the Lord have His way.

I could write all day about how good the Missouri State Convention was! The faith, family, fellowship and the food was AMAZING!

Thank you again to the Yates family and to Freedom Tabernacle for hosting. Thank you to our executive board, the Missouri board, the general board and all of the leadership and ministers who were able to be present and represent!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 15-19 FGCI JR Camp

June 22-26 FGCI SR Camp

July 20-23 FGCI General Convention

Oct. 2-3 FGCI Ladies Retreat

@King Jack Park Event Center Webb City, MO



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