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Uganda: Pastors Training.
Malawi: Mission Update Video.
Give gifts of hope: Christmas 2026.

This month we're sharing the amazing work of two EI projects and partnerships in Uganda and Malawi and launching our 2026 Christmas catalogue which helps to fund projects like them throughout the world. We pray you will be both blessed and inspired by what you read.

- Simon Taylor - EIUK

The training cohort shares their action plans

Rooted in the Word: Equipping Leaders in Northern Uganda.

Mike Botting – Country Director, Uganda.

Across Northern Uganda, churches face a challenge familiar to Christian communities worldwide: too few leaders have access to the training they need. Our partner churches recognised this gap and asked us to help equip more church leaders, not only with theological knowledge, but also with the discipleship and practical ministry skills needed to serve faithfully and effectively. In response, a partnership developed between the Churches, EI Uganda and the Timothy Leadership Training Institute (TLT)

With learning materials and trainers provided by TLT, we have been working with an initial cohort of 41

church leaders for more than a year. Attendance has fallen slightly since the programme began, but those who have continued have shown impressive commitment. They have made time alongside their existing responsibilities to study, practise new skills and apply what they are learning in their churches and communities. Their perseverance reflects both the value of the training and their desire to lead well.

Trainee pastors with their workbooks

Our most recent module, held in August, focused on biblical preaching. Participants explored several essential questions: How can we read and understand God's Word faithfully?

How can each sermon point to the gospel and reveal what God is doing in Scripture and in our lives? And how can preaching encourage practical change that reflects God's Kingdom in everyday life?

The module was demanding, but it was also deeply encouraging. reparing a clear, faithful sermon requires careful reading, thoughtful interpretation and an understanding of the people who will hear it. The church leaders worked through these challenges together before putting their learning into practice by writing and preaching their own sermons. As the sessions progressed, we saw their confidence grow. Participants became better able to handle Scripture carefully, communicate its message clearly and connect biblical truth with the realities their congregations face.

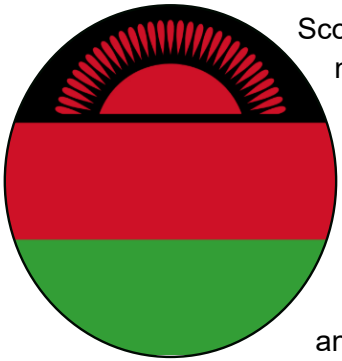
At the end of the module, Tonny explained that the training had done more than help him preach better: it had helped him understand God's Word more deeply. Testimonies like his remind us why this work matters. Strong churches need leaders who are rooted and grounded in Scripture, who model faithful discipleship and who can help their congregations follow Christ obediently. By investing in these leaders now, we hope to strengthen the witness and ministry of local churches for many years to come.

A Training lecture in progress

Two modules remain before this first cohort completes the programme, while another 40 church leaders are already waiting to begin. Their eagerness demonstrates both the scale of the need and the opportunity before us. Each trained leader can influence a congregation, encourage other leaders and help biblical teaching take deeper root within a community.

Thank you for supporting this work. We believe that strengthening local church leadership is one of the most lasting legacies EI can help build in Northern Uganda. Some senior leaders with whom we work today were themselves trained, in part, by EI missionaries 20 years ago. That long-term fruit gives us hope. **We pray that, 20 years from now, the leaders being equipped today will still be serving God's Kingdom, guiding their churches and nurturing faithful, practical discipleship throughout their communities.**

On Mission in Malawi: A Video Update



Scott and Lorilee Maclean have been serving in Malawi for many years, becoming a valued part of their local community. They recently created a video for their home church and supporters, offering a glimpse into their work and the difference they are making in the lives of friends, neighbours, school-children and leadership students. We hope you'll find it encouraging and inspiring as you see how God is at work in Malawi.

To watch it the video, visit www.eiuk.org.uk/malawivid or by using this QR Code

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