

Title: More Re Uganda Trip

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Greetings all,

Just a short note to share excerpts from an e-mail I just got from Kati. As you will probably remember, she and Mary Beth are leaving TODAY for Uganda. The note below provides some additional details and also specific prayer requests. Pray as you feel lead.

Blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

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Excerpts from recent note from Kati:

This trip is unique from the others in that it is entirely focused on Immanuel Prayer—training others to use the Immanuel Approach in their lives and to help others around them as well. Also unique is that a colleague of mine, Mary Beth Bussert will be accompanying me the whole time. This will be fantastic to have not only a travel buddy but someone who is very qualified in IP to help facilitate the teaching and training clinics. So wonderful! I think we'll have a lot of fun together :)

The beauty and power of this experience is equipping regular folks to minister to one another in a way that can consistently 1) build intimacy and trust with Jesus AND 2) address unresolved pain and trauma in their lives. IP doesn't require a trained therapist or pastor. It is incredibly transferable and applicable across cultures. Amazing! What a gift to bring.

We'll be doing two trainings:

May 5–7: Ugandan women: these women are internally displaced people from the North, living in poverty in a squatter community of thousands who've fled the North due to the civil war (Kony). I began training with a small group of women in 2012 and hope to "finish" the training enough that these women can actively do IP with each other and extend it as a means of healing for others in their community. One of the main challenges is teaching IP without relying on writing or reading...we'll incorporate song and repetition tools to help them really know the material. We will have a luxurious THREE DAYS of undivided attention with them (contrast that to 1-2 hour sessions over 4 days on my last trip). We've raised above and beyond the needed finances to cover all the costs for these (10?) women to be with us.

Prayer suggestions:

- MB and I will be healthy enough to do the training well, with creativity and clarity
- the women would be blessed deeply by the time away to just focus on themselves (this doesn't happen for them...ever)
- "religiosity" wouldn't get in the way of genuine connection w Jesus
- each woman would be able to experience IP for themselves 4-6 times
- each woman would experience Jesus meeting them in places of unresolved trauma and pain...to the point of resolution and restoring joy
- they would catch the vision of being facilitators of healing for their community and beyond
- the language and cross-cultural challenges would become blessings and gifts to us all

May 9 & 10: Expats & Nationals: these are folks from Kampala International Church (John Willison is the pastor); they are mostly Westerners from U.S., Australia, UK, E.U., etc., but also some Ugandan nationals who speak English fluently. On the surface this is an "easier" training, yet it has its own version of challenge as well! KIC has sent an invitation to the training to other church communities...so I don't know everyone who will be in attendance. I'm guessing 15-20 total. Super excited to take this community deeper in their intimacy with Jesus and invite them into experiencing healing of unresolved pain from their lives.

Prayer suggestions:

- the Western "head vs heart" split would not get in the way
- we would graciously and adequately address various forms of resistance so that it would free people to step in and receive
- they would catch vision for sharing IP with others...and actively practice IP after we leave
- the group would bond well and build trust and openness more quickly than would typically happen (these are quite self-sufficient, independent-type folks!)
- MB and I would work well together, have fun, laugh a lot and inspire the group to encounter Jesus more fully

Thanks for being part of my support team. I am very aware that this powerful and sacred work has been covered, enabled, and sustained by many prayers each time. This trip is no exception...not possible to do alone, nor would I want to!

Because God is with us,
Kati