

### My Word ... by Les Lofquist

There is an old saying, "the world is run by people who show up." There is some truth in that. It certainly is true in our churches. All of us pastors have had this experience: what seems to be a great man comes to church with tremendous potential to become a deacon or an elder someday... but he only attends church sporadically. Will he become a deacon or elder that way? No.

IFCA International is the same. You can show all the potential for leadership in your Regional or at the national level. But if you only attend your Regional meetings sporadically, and hardly ever attend the Annual Convention, your leadership potential in IFCA International will not be utilized and you will become frustrated. "Why don't they see my potential? Why don't they use me?" Perhaps the reason is this simple: if you don't show up, we don't know you well enough to ask you to lead.

IFCA International is structured in such a way that we "run the organization" at our Regional meetings and at the Annual Convention. The Regional meetings and Conventions are not simply Bible Conferences. The Conventions and the Regionals are where:

- ◆ we plan
- ◆ we organize
- ◆ we communicate
- ◆ we select leaders

If we don't have a strong and representative attendance at the Regionals and Annual Conventions, we will falter as an organization. Therefore, I urge you to attend your Regional meetings faithfully and do everything you can to attend the Annual Conventions. Will you be in [Springfield, IL June 28-July 2](#)?

I urge you to commit yourself to doing everything possible to make the IFCA a better organized group achieving our stated goals of helping churches become

more mature and working together as healthy churches to achieve Great Commission objectives.



### UGANDA PASTORS CONFERENCE REPORT

IFCA churches have been "working together" in Uganda to plant churches and train native pastors. Though Monument View Bible Church, Grace Bible Church of Collbran, Rocky Mountain Bible Church, and Frontier School of the Bible will send evangelism and church planting teams later this summer, the Uganda 2010 Pastor's Conference was completed at the end of March. Bibles and resource books were distributed to pastors. Pastor Andrew was installed to lead a new church planted in Tuba. Countless heard the Gospel in schools, prisons, over the radio, and "hut to hut." And thousands of churches have been strengthened by training and equipping leaders. Praise the Lord! And thank you, thank you, thank you.



Along the main highway between Mbale and Tororo, in the village of Tuba 800 people, mostly new converts, met for the first time March 28. The Tuba church plant combined the efforts of several existing churches – including the leadership of Pastor Timothy, Pastor David, Pastor Charles and their choirs. American churches included Grace Church of Glendora (Pastor Gene Wood and John Dix), First Baptist Church of Hemet, CA (Pastor Mark Henry), and Grace Bible Church of Colorado Springs (Pastor Jeff Anderson). That same Sunday morning American team members returned to celebrate the first birthday of the Luaboba church.

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**Every IFCA church can be and ought to be involved in Vision America on some level.** A church that commits to stay abreast of the needs and developments of, and to regularly pray for, an existing church plant; to encourage the church plant through regular contact and opportunities for joint fellowship; and to receive special offerings for the church plant to help underwrite special needs or projects can be a sponsoring **PROMISE CHURCH**.

A sponsoring **PARTNER CHURCH** networks with other established churches, each one contributing what it can in addition to Prayer and Encouragement, toward the establishment of the new IFCA church plant. The Partner Church may contribute personnel, periodic but regular offerings or budgeted funds, ministry teams and leadership to help cover the ministry bases as the new church plant gets established.

A sponsoring **PARENT CHURCH** gives birth to a church plant, supporting the new church plant in all of the ways previously mentioned and doing it on their own.

*There are not many churches that can be Parent Churches. **Every one of our churches in IFCA International can be, and ought to be, a Promise Church.** Many of our churches could be Partner Churches. **What is YOUR church doing? We'd like to know! You can tell us by sending an e-mail to: [vainfo@ifca.org](mailto:vainfo@ifca.org)***

Pastor Steven and the church are thriving, leadership is developing, and they are reaching new converts and making disciples.

The Pastor's Conference emphasized "family," teaching mostly from Ephesians 5. Again, hundreds professed faith in Christ and thousands were encouraged and strengthened by sound doctrine and expository preaching. Over 8000 copies of the MacArthur Study Bible were received with indescribable joy and commitment. Two pictures describe it best: after running to receive the Bible, pastors lifted both hands toward heaven and knelt in an open field giving thanks! Imagine 8000 voices resounding with upraised Bible in hand, "I will study the Word. I will obey the Word. I will preach the Word!" Alleluia! The shout of praise shook the earth!!

Expository preaching will continue to equip pastors and Christians surrounding Mbale throughout the year as Impact Radio will broadcast sermons from Philippians by Pastor Mark Henry and messages from The Gospel of John by Pastor Jeff Anderson. Week-day 30 minute broadcasts cost only \$5 and reach an audience of 250,000.

Finally, thousands of key pastors and theological students received "Changed into His Image" from BJU Press and "The Crescent Through the Eyes of the Cross" from Dr. Nabeel Jabbour. These books will greatly bless the church in East Africa to understand and teach Biblical sanctification and to understand and reach Muslims with the Gospel of Christ.

The Uganda Project is just one example of IFCA Churches working together. Your church can be part of Vision America and Vision world – for more information visit [ifca.org/vavw/](http://ifca.org/vavw/)!

## PRAYER PROMPTERS

- VISION AMERICA
- VISION WORLD
- IFCA FINANCES
- CONVENTION 2010
- HAITIAN RELIEF WORK
- PRODUCTIVE WEEK OF PRAYER
- LES LOFQUIST IN HONDURAS THIS WEEK

## Financial Update

A comparison of income vs. expenses at the end of February showed us an estimated \$7,000 ahead of where we were at the same time in 2009. The end of March showed us only \$6,400 ahead. Praise God and please continue to pray!

## IFCA Week of Prayer May 2-9

Join IFCA Related Churches around the country as you lead your people in praying for needs relevant to IFCA International around the world.

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## 2010 Convention Springfield, Illinois

June 28 - July 2, 2010

Featuring: Dr. Charles Petitt, Alex Montoya, Bobby Scott, and Gary Gilley



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## Dr. Lofquist Audio Message

Have you listened and responded to the recent audio message from Dr. Les Lofquist? This important audio message contains some very important things for you to consider as Dr. Lofquist shares his heart's burden for IFCA International, and asks for your assistance. The audio file was attached to an e-mail to IFCA members on March 21. If you overlooked it, please use this link to listen to the message now: [www.ifca.org/vamessage](http://www.ifca.org/vamessage). Thanks!

