

# MISSIONS UPDATE

January 2026



*"To be disciples and to make disciples"*

# A NOTE FROM THE MISSIONS PASTOR

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Kia Ora church whānau,

I heard a quote once where someone said **“The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity”**. However, I actually believe it's both!

**Without the generous people who fill the seats in our church campuses each week, there would be no prayer support, pastoral care or finances to bless those that we send.**

**I know this as I sit in both spaces where I am a local church pastor who carries missions in my heart all at the same time. Having lived with some of the poorest people for 3 years who were so hungry for Jesus changed my life, but it was a local church in Australia that helped form, care and pray for me.**

**Saying all this** I am once again so thankful for all God has done in and through our missions partners in 2025 and carry a great hope for 2026. Hearing some of their stories from last year brings such a joy to my heart, and I'm always so challenged by the very real needs they have and the situations they face.

I am also very thankful for everyone who gives, prays and goes to help bless our partners. I believe that we all have a part to play in the mission of God both locally and globally.

The vision for 2026 in mission's is what it has always been at Grace, “To be disciples and to make disciples”. However this year we seen the need for more training and development in this area, as well as exposing the next generation to mission.

On the 9th May we will be running our first missions training course here at Grace. This will cover four topics: Biblical, History, cross cultural and strategy of mission. We see this course as a helpful pathway to those who want to join one of our overseas trips in the future. It also helps open our hearts for the many nations that have come to our Aotearoa who haven't heart the gospel yet. Your neighbour across the road could be the most effective missions trip you ever make!

All information for the missions training, trips we do and the partners we support are on our website. Also look out for our regular missions gatherings that happen once a quarter. The next one is on March 9th. We also have missions month happening on the 12th, 19th and 26th April.

Blessings,

**Timmy Holah**

# TANZANIA

## JON AND SUSAN BOYCE



### Highlights of 2025

It is hard to have one highlight for 2025. God has been very kind to us; we have seen Him do amazing things. The biggest highlight perhaps has been the opportunities of discipleship we have created for many people.

One example is we partnered with a team from the US; we trained 16 people in sharing the gospel and a practical skill, 10 with how to simple medical care and 6 in fixing motor bikes. Also, we have started a literacy school for urbanising Maasai, many Maasai people spent their childhood tending livestock, and they have come to the city having never set foot in a classroom, we have had some incredible success with two people learning to read at a high level in less than 3 months. We currently have 2 young men going through a ministry training program, teaching them to become pastors. Along with that, we have seen steady growth in the church.

### Prayer points going into 2026

We have vision to start planting churches, here in Dar es Salaam and in further away Bagamoyo, Bagamoyo is a Muslim Strong hold in Tanzania. Our prayer requests would be that we see a church plant in Dar es Salaam. And that we see continued discipleship among our people here in Tanzania.



# ETHIOPIA

## NICK AND EMILY LING

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### Highlights of 2025

- On a short trip back to Bahir Dar where we previously lived for 6 years ministering amongst the LT People, we were able to reconnect with many people in the community, and run a special program for the kids who were previously part of our education project. During the discussion about a story of Jesus, one of the kids said she wanted to follow Jesus! We are encouraged to see deepening relationships and some spiritual openness even though we are no longer living there.
- Nick helped to organize and run the first ever Youth Ministry Leaders' Summit in Addis Ababa which was a huge success and encouragement to many of the youth leaders who are generally not well supported by the churches. This will become an annual event.

### Prayer points going into 2026

Nick has been working on developing relationships with local churches to run a Disciple Making Training in the Muslim areas of Addis Ababa and the surrounding rural areas. Pray for:

- The right people to be recruited for the upcoming training
- The training to be effective and fruitful, so we can extend to other areas
- For the 2 young men, John and Mikir who will be working with Nick to train and mentor the trainees

# PHOTOS FROM ETHIOPIA



# JAPAN AND MOZAMBIQUE GRAEME AND LUCY FAWCETT



## Highlights of 2025

The highlight of last year was our Family Camp. In a tough year with a lot of sifting, we still had over 300 attending, just a little more than the year before. Awesome times of celebration, being encouraged and filled up. 14 baptized in Osaka and 1220 washed in Mozambique. It usually runs at about 1 here for every 100 in Moz, so it was a good year here!

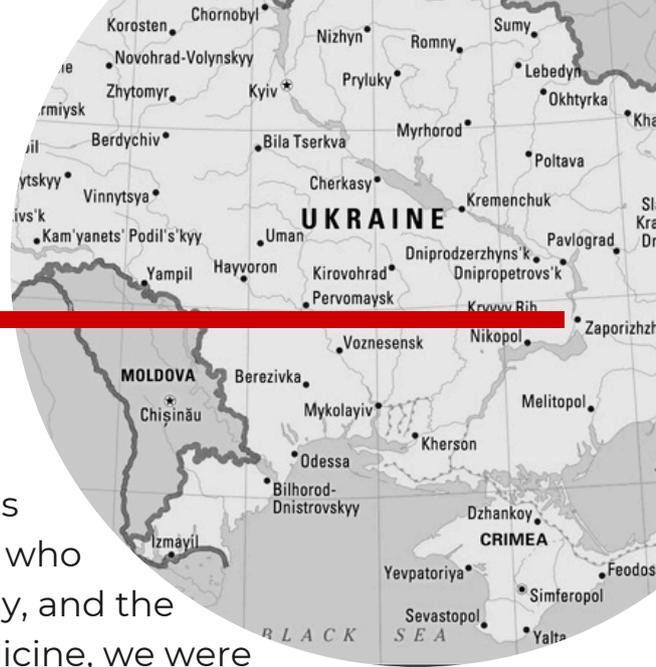
## Prayer points going into 2026

For 2026, we pray for many more to be saved, baptized, and filled with the Holy Spirit! And an awesome Family Camp in September, with David and Lis MacGregor ministering!



# UKRAINE

## HARRY EKSTEEN



### Highlights of 2025

One of the most profound highlights of 2025 was witnessing hope come alive in the eyes of those who are so often overlooked—the children, the elderly, and the forgotten. As we shared food, supplies, and medicine, we were reminded that these simple acts carry deep meaning. In those moments, it was clear that God’s love was being made tangible through practical care, genuine relationships, and the gift of encouragement and prayer. Seeing dignity restored and hope renewed is something we will carry with us for a long time.

### Prayer points going into 2026

As we look toward 2026, please pray for peace, and for the continued work on the ground in Ukraine—particularly in the eastern regions, where the need remains great. We would also deeply appreciate prayer for our key ministry leaders: Tudor, Sasha, Pasha, and Alla, as they serve faithfully in challenging contexts. Please pray too for the renovation of church buildings in Moldova and Ukraine, and for the Living Pearl home for children—that these spaces would become places of safety, healing, and lasting hope.



# LESOTHO MOLULA MATOBA



## Highlights of 2025

- The highlight of 2025 was going to Cambodia on a Mission's trip with a Grace Vineyard missions' team, training farmers how to produce healthy vegetables and acknowledging God up in the rural area of Cambodia. Seeing the Word of God shared to different groups of people and military men and some of their wives getting baptized was one of the biggest highlights for 2025.
- Also, one of the biggest highlights for Hope Farms was starting Chicken poultry farming, this initiative brought a huge change in Hope Farms, staff's lives and in supporting our local church in obeying God's command by bringing the tithe into the storehouse. Malachi 3:10
- Starting Seed of Hope Pre School with Makhanya Mokonyane (Pictured below) was an answered prayer. We started with nothing and God provided beyond our imagination. Our key milestone was having Makhanya as a fulltime paid teacher, paying the Seed of Hope Preschool start up loan and getting essential materials for Seed of Hope Pre School. And this was made possible by the funds from Grace Vineyard. And we are very grateful; we will have total of 20 students as of February 2026 looking at our 2026 registry. We are believing for more before the end of 2026.
- Having market breakthrough for Hope farms produce was also one of the biggest highlights for 2025. We produce vegetables and eggs for a local government School and for a fruits and vegetables store.
- Saturday girl's bible study growth, was also beyond my imagination. They are growing in such an amazing way. It is by small things that I see growth, they know in situations that are beyond them, they need to call upon the name of Jesus, just knowing that only God can come through for them moves my heart.



# LESOTHO MOLULA MATOBA



## Prayer points going into 2026

- Please pray that the Saturday Bible study girls will continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord and that God will reveal more of Himself to them and that they can give their lives to Jesus, coming to know Him as their Lord and Savior.
- Please pray for Seed of Hope Pre School growth, more students, for favour over preschool land ownership and developments of the school. We can only do permanent developments once we have documents that shows the land belongs to us as the school owners, to get documentations is complicated now as we do not have a community councillor. Unfortunately, we cannot do much because we are afraid, we might get kicked out of the land later.



# CAMBODIA PASTOR DEAR SOUEM



## Highlights of 2025

- We dug two wells and installed solar panels for a primary school and the military base. We also installed water filters for each location to access clean water.
- We have built a concrete road crossing the river, 55 meters long for the community to use for different purposes.
- We have built four mission houses, one is for a discipleship training center and the three others are for accommodation for short term and long term missionaries for mission work and short term for students stay for training to equip the churches.
- Our churches are still meeting regularly; everyone enjoys their time at the Sunday services worshipping God.
- We Thank God for the blessings for the team from Grace Vineyard church lead by pastor Timmy to help strengthen the churches and community and distribute school materials for school students just one week before the war start.

## Prayer points going into 2026

- Prayers need, pray for peace in Cambodia.
- Our churches have the vision to reach out and have one church in every village for Christ.
- To build capacity for young adults at the churches to grow them in the Lord, focus more on leadership training, and equip leaders for churches.
- We need a generator for electricity at our new training center.



# UGANDA

## JACQUI WHITE



### Highlights of 2025

- Seeing two groups of disabled young adults move into their own homes.
- Building maternity services at the Derrick and Emily Hospital with 3 - 6 babies born there every week.
- Helping a community build their new church building - almost ready to put the roof on!
- Worship Encounter retreats

### Prayer points going into 2026

- Funds to build a maternity wing on the hospital.
- More people encountering Jesus and being discipled towards life transformation.
- Establish more discipleship groups in communities.
- See the roof go on the church building in Lira.

### Missions Trip

We have a Short-Term Mission trip going to Uganda on 20 June for 3 weeks. [Here](#) is some information about what we'll be doing. We are holding an information gathering on Sunday 15 February at 4pm at City Campus. [Applications](#) to be in by 23 February.



# PHOTOS FROM UGANDA



# MEXICO

## THE EDMONSON'S



### Highlights of 2025

- Finished the Mentor Home and hired an amazing staff to run the home. Grace Vineyard generously donated the funds to purchase all the windows and tiles for this new home!
- Cared for 41 kids at Rancho la Hermosa Orphanage - reunited 10 kids with a family member and transitioned 5 to another orphanage with a higher level of care.
- Provided 1,500 counseling sessions to orphaned kids.
- Entered into escrow on another property to build a third home for orphans in Baja.

### Prayer points going into 2026

- Pray for the three new kids who just came to Rancho la Hermosa Orphanage, that they would begin to heal from their trauma that led them here, and that they would feel the presence and love of God.
- Pray for the house parents: These ladies and men take such good care of the kids and work tirelessly through the days and nights to show them love. Pray for longevity, renewal, and fresh strength.
- Pray for the young adults leaving their orphanages for the first time and coming to the Mentor Home to begin their new lives in February.



# UGANDA

## JAYNE BAILEY

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### Highlights of 2025

A highlight was celebrating 10 years of Alakara Home. 2 of our 37 girls have been here right from the beginning. We have seen our girls come to faith, gain an education with 4 finishing courses and now entering the job market. These were experiences they never thought they would have. We thank God for his continual faithfulness and care toward us.

### Prayer points going into 2026

- Fort the girls to do well in their studies and always be faithful to God. Funding, manpower and creative wisdom to be able to complete our high school for opening Jan 2027. We are so thankful to God for looking after us.

**Photos** - our celebration dinner and our hall building at our school.



**19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**

**Matthew 28:19-20**