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Stuart Kemsley
Global Area Director - Africa



Our mission & vision:

To engage people in relationship with God
through knowing His Word.

&

To see every believer in Christ living out
God's Word every day.

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a
light to my path”

(Psalm 119:105)

May this newsletter
bless you!

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Thank You!

Looking back and reflecting on all that has happened since the start of the pandemic. I am once again **humbled and in awe of all the Lord has done through Precept Africa!** I praise God for His faithfulness!

Words cannot express how thankful I am for you. The compassion and love you have shown during these trying last few months, through your prayers and giving to the various Precept Africa projects is truly incredible. So many people are in urgent spiritual need around the continent, and **you answered the call.** You immediately responded when the pandemic began to sweep the world and the need for spiritual hope was made more clear than ever.

Thus far, despite the pandemic, your giving has brought spiritual hope to people in Uganda, Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, Comoros, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Madagascar, Kenya, South Africa and many other countries.

By giving, you put your love into action and demonstrated God's love to some of the most vulnerable and hurting people across our continent.

Thank you! You have made an impact that will endure past this pandemic and last for eternity.

Privileged to serve with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart'.

Stuart Kemsley

Global Area Director - Africa

Free Resource

Sermon on the Mount

DISCOVERY STUDY

How can I be blessed?

DOWNLOAD NOW



YouVersion

NEW Precept Afrikaans reading plans

AVAILABLE NOW



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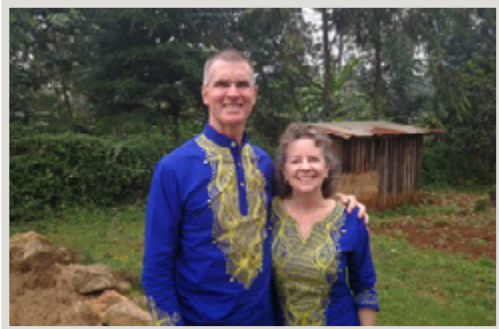
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Meet Bob & Sherry

Precept Seminar Leaders - Kenya



Originally from Austin, Texas, they have been living in Kenya for 2 years, currently in Nanyuki. They are volunteers for Precept Kenya and help with training and distribution of Precept studies around the country.

"Our desire is to see Kenyans gain confidence in studying the Bible, and they then go out and train others with the knowledge they have gained from our trainings."



Stuart with Bob and Sherry on their way to a South Sudan refugee camp



Bob and Sherry training



We asked them a few questions to get to know them better:

When were you first introduced to Precept?

Bob

It was actually while doing *The Sermon On The Mount* in 1998 that God truly saved me! God used the hard Words of Jesus to break my hard, prideful heart. I had religion, but no relationship with Jesus. When the class studied the "Parable of the Soils", I for the first time, at age 37, came to understand that I had played games with God all my life.

Sherry

My first Precept Study was *Lord I Want To Know You* in 1995.

How did you first link up with Precept Kenya?

By seeing a video on Facebook in 2018 of Stuart and Teresa in South Sudan under a tent holding a 40 Minute Precept conference. We were in ministry but God stirred our hearts to do this full time.



Bob at the Pastors Institute in Uganda

How have Precept Studies helped you grow Spiritually, especially while in Kenya?



With the Precept Africa Team

Bob

Since most churches lack quality Biblical teaching from God's Word, **Precept studies are our life source**. Also, the Inductive study method enables us to study many Books of the Bible on our own,

Sherry

Precept studies allow me to slow down and really observe what I am reading, examine what it means, and ultimately how to apply what I have learned to my life.

How have you found the Precept resources/tools effective in your calling to ministering to the Kenyan people?

Bob

The 40 Minute Studies especially are short enough and powerful with Scripture to make the students **hungry to keep coming back**.

Sherry

The Precept resources are *invaluable*! They are excellent materials for every age group. I am so grateful also for the rich resources that are included inside the study books such as maps, charts, insight boxes, timelines, and much more.



Children in Kibera they have worked with

Would you say that the church in Kenya & Africa would benefit from Precept training and Bible Studies?



Bob and Sherry with a group they trained in Mfangano Island in Kenya.

Bob:

ABSOLUTELY, they are dying without it!

Sherry

Most definitely churches throughout the world need to train the people how to study the Bible on their own.

We praise God for Bob and Sherry! They have a heart for the people of Africa and give of themselves so sacrificially to see the continent of Africa established in God's Word.

Far reaching impact continues

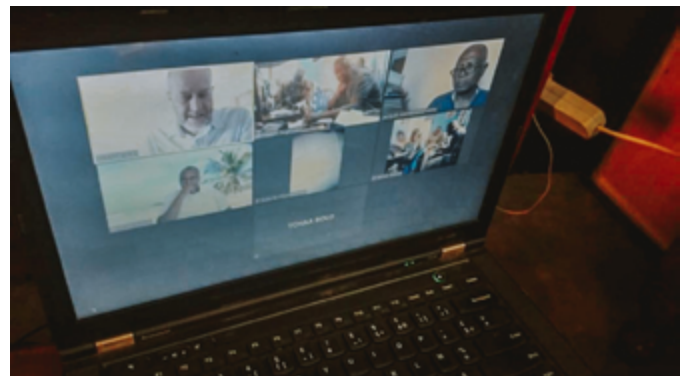
We stand amazed at how God is using this unprecedented time in history to reach countries as never before!

Despite being unable to travel, Stuart has been able to continue encouraging and equipping leaders across Africa using technology. This training was held with church leaders from **Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar and Comoros.**

Africa is hungry for hope and peace found in the Word of God.



Online training in progress!



Online Youth Training

Precept Nigeria recently held it's first ever **online Youth Conference!** Young people from **Nigeria, Sierra Leone and even the USA** participated! Pastor Yemi, our Nigeria National Director, trained them to be able to use The Precept Method and resources in their youth groups.



Some screenshots of the participants and training resources

Here's what some of the students had to say:

Faith Azeez (Student Ibadan Nigeria)

"I was really blessed and the truths of the text kept ringing in my heart."

Funsho Abolarin (Missionary, Jos)

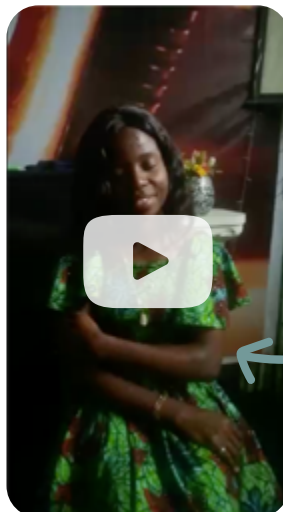
"I was really exposed to another way of digging deep into God's word."

Pastor Amen Turay (National Youth Leader Sierra Leone)

"I am grateful for being able to participate in the training, [it] was amazing. I have understood how inductive beats deductive. I was also able to see the text deeply and I was blessed"

Israel Akinloye (Lagos)

"I was blessed through the teaching. I learnt much with the Inductive method, especially the 5Ws and H as I have learnt how to identify and mark characters in the Bible which I haven't thought of before."



See how these 2 students have been blessed by this study

Click on the image to watch the video

We are excited with the many classes that have started as a result of this conference!



Youth in Nigeria fired up!

It's so exciting to see the youth in Nigeria getting fired up about starting their own Bible study groups!

Here is a group of passionate young people at a recent Precept workshop. They were given the training and tools needed on how to work through a 40-Minute Study and lead their own groups.

9 of them have already started their own groups and are studying the Word together!



4-in-1 Training

In South Africa we are thankful for the new opportunities that God has made possible despite the pandemic and not being able to gather. This exciting new 4-in-1 training held in July was a source of encouragement and equipping for all that attended.

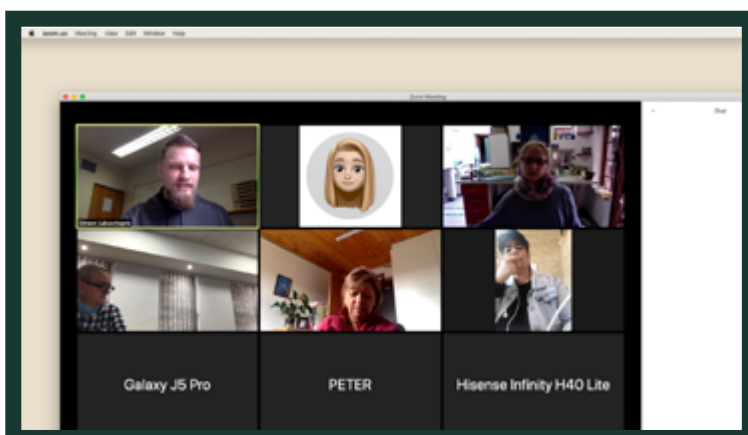
The workshop was excellent. For me, being fairly new to the Precept way, it was a simple yet effective manner in such way that it gave me confidence and zeal to put it all into practice!

It was great to have a chance to experience "leading" a group - to have the chance to practice hands-on in a "safe space" - where we could make mistakes etc. It was also great to learn from each other in the small groups as everyone made suggestions when necessary which really helped

I enjoyed the workshop, it was extremely well presented. I enjoyed the small group a lot because I usually step back in larger groups to give others a chance. The small group allowed me to interact and enjoy the teaching.

After 15 years of not being involved in Precept Bible Study, I felt a bit unsure of myself. It was good to realise once again that I'll only be facilitating and that God is in the leading role...

Keep an eye out on our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page for upcoming 4-in-1 workshops



Team Time

Our Precept SA team has just started a group study on the *Sermon On the Mount*, and we're loving it!

Although we can't all be at the office, it's such a blessing to be able to connect and study the Word together, from a distance!

Interested in joining a Precept online Bible Study?
Contact us at support@precept.org.za and we'll help you find one!



Walking a road

Precept Uganda is walking a road with the local rural pastors and helping them equip people to study the Word for themselves. This is huge!

Many people in the rural areas are completely reliant on their pastors for their spiritual growth. With the churches all shut due to the pandemic, this was **proving devastating!**

Now families and small groups are gathering in homes on a Sunday morning and studying the Word of God for themselves using Precept resources! **They are growing spiritually and leading others to do so too,** despite not having church. Praise God!



If you haven't seen what's been happening with bible studies in Rural Uganda, click [here!](#)



The Workshops Continue

As you've seen in the last Africa News, there is lots going on in Madagascar! Small workshops and training in person or over the phone are full steam ahead!

We are thrilled to see the Madagascan Church becoming more and more passionate about empowering their congregation to study the Bible in depth for themselves. They are reaping the rewards of this, as they see individuals engaging in a deeper relationship with God.

Translating our resources into the main local heart language is vital and something we are intentional about. The translation team in Madagascar have been busy with continued translation work into Malagasy and African French. **Look out for the 4 brand new translated titles coming out soon! Three in Malagasy and 1 in African French.**



To support our ongoing efforts in Madagascar, click [here](#)



Pastor Nirina, ND in Madagascar is making use of every opportunity that is allowed to encourage people to study God's Word.

Thank you!

What you have seen in this Africa News is **just a snippet** of all the Lord is doing through Precept.

Your prayers and giving are fuelling the ministry and enabling all that you have seen (and more) to continue.

Watch this thank you from pastor Luke in Uganda as he explains how your support is helping his community!



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