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A note from Stuart



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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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Strategising and planning ahead is something I have always enjoyed doing. The reality that we make our plans but God has the final say, was never more real than in 2020 for each one of us. Like yours, my and my family's life in 2020 had lots of highs and no shortage of unplanned difficulties and challenges. (An example, was not being able to travel to attend our firstborn son's wedding!) The majority of things that were planned, well, didn't go exactly to my plan, but they certainly went according to God's plan.

Thank you and bless you for your support to the ministry in 2020! Never before has giving been more costly and sacrificial than now. In this Africa News, you will see a snippet of the incredible God-given opportunities that Precept Africa had over the last 2 months. **These many people would not have been reached without your financial help and God's enabling.** The pandemic will Lord willing pass, but praise God, the impact of your giving will last for eternity!

I pray the [video](#) on page 16 encourages you. ***This is the impact of your giving in action.*** **Thank you!** What a great example of the amazing ripple effect of impacting one pastor! This Ugandan pastor's life was changed and has resulted in all the fellowships in every home under his leadership being impacted and changed too. Again, thank you! **Your giving is making a difference in the lives of people across the continent!**

It's with the full assurance that God is sovereign over all things that we can enter 2021 with confidence and find peace in His perfect plan for the year ahead. As I look ahead at 2021, I am filled with excitement and anticipation. I **know** God is going to move in ways that will exceed our expectations and plans!

Serving together

Stuart Kemsley
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Precept Africa Institute

English

86 Students from Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, South Africa, United Kingdom, Togo and Ghana spent 2 weeks in intensive online study of God's Word. As a result of this Institute, more than 100 Bible study groups have started!

What follows are some pics from their practical assignment of having to work through the first part of the Gospel of John with 5 people. This builds great confidence in being ready to share God's Word with others.



Addressing Leadership Biblically

Precept Nigeria is passionate to see their young people established in the Word of God. Every opportunity to engage young people in a relationship with God through knowing His Word is used.

Recently a Young Leaders Conference was held where 59 young adults who are in leadership positions at 7 different Nigerian universities, spent time working through the 40-Minute Study: *Rising to the Call of Leadership*.



In a country that is in turmoil, Godly leadership is vital. **How thrilling to think that these young men and women will be the future leadership that God will use to bring a Godly revival to Nigeria.**



What a privilege to walk closely with future leaders! We rejoice knowing the huge impact these conferences have in the lives of young adults at such a crucial time in their lives. The young people at this conference represented 53 different churches from across Nigeria. Some of these young people are now studying in the south, but come from the north of Nigeria where terrorism is at its worse.

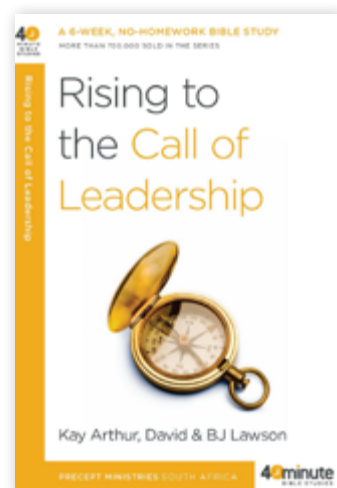


Are you in a leadership position or aspire to be?

Are you looking for a resource to help you mentor young leaders?

Discover what the Word of God says about Biblical leadership through this this 40-min study: **Rising to the Call of Leadership**.

Buy Now →



Precept SA Office Update:

Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9:30am - 1:30pm

For any inquiries please call +27 21 531 1836 or email support@precept.org.za

Please Note: At the moment, we're only taking orders on our [online store](#) due to the current situation in SA. Please allow for up to 14 days for orders to be dispatched via courier. Special arrangements for collection can be made - please email support@precept.org.za.

Empowering women in the Word

Work amongst the precious Ethiopian women continues

Precept Ethiopia has been hosting various workshops encouraging and training women to get into the study of God's Word for themselves. The training they receive has a practical element, allowing them a chance to practice leading in small groups. **This gives them the confidence and tools they need to start Bible study groups of their own.** Women in the Word have such a powerful impact in the lives of their families and homes.



The equipping and raising up of Bible study leaders across Ethiopia has been able to continue, despite the pandemic challenges. We praise God for many new Bible study groups in different churches that are studying God's Word on weekly basis



Adanech & Kassahun, Directors of Precept Ethiopia, are passionate about identifying and training up Bible study leaders.

Building a Marriage

That Really Works

Many marriages in Ethiopia have been restored through studying marriage Biblically using the 40-Minute Study: *Building a Marriage That Really Works*.

We are especially excited to see the resulting impact of these Precept Conferences! Many have come to understand the true Biblical view of marriage for the first time.



*Training up the next generation to be men and women of the Word. At this youth workshop in Ethiopia, they worked through *How to Make Choices you Won't Regret**

Unique Opportunities

The huge COVID curveball that impacted us all, brought so many unplanned challenges, but also unique opportunities that have resulted in bigger things than originally planned. Praise God!



Rwamwanja Refugee Camp



Kigumba Refugee Camp

One such challenge was not being able to hold big Precept Pastor Conferences in rural areas and refugee camps as planned. Rural pastors don't have access to good internet, so online training is not an option. Special permission has had to be given for all smaller intimate trainings, like these ones that Precept Uganda held in various Refugee Camps a few weeks ago.

Despite the challenges, God broadened our access to camps and we had unique opportunities of being able to enter more camps than in the past. **Life in general is hard for all the refugees in the camp, but it's especially hard for the refugee pastors.** Pastoring in a refugee camp comes with no special privileges. They receive no support or encouragement to remain faithful to their calling



Base Camp

These training sessions were wonderful intimate opportunities to focus on the refugee church leaders and to use God's Word to encourage, equip and empower them to persevere. **They were blown away with all they learnt and were filled with excitement to go back and study the Word more deeply for themselves and to encourage their people to do so too.** They were overjoyed to have a study in their heart language, especially *Living Victoriously in Difficult Times*, which is so meaningful to them!



Strengthening pastors' wives

These pastors' wives in Uganda faithfully support and encourage their husbands to be the men that God called them to be. They also play a significant role in ministering within their churches and communities. This training that was held by Pastors Discipleship Network (PDN) was a wonderful opportunity for them to be encouraged to grow in their relationship with God through His Word.

Precept Bible studies form a crucial part of PDN's training program and play a vital role in strengthening and encouraging pastors' wives.



Madagascar



Precept is active in many Bible schools in Madagascar. This group of students are from a Bible school in Tulear, southwest coast of Madagascar.



Believers meeting at a Precept workshop at a local church in Tulear.

Precept Africa Institute

French & Malagasy

Students from Madagascar, Togo, Gabon and Kenya faithfully spent 2 weeks studying God's Word, focusing on church planting/leadership. This online session was held in English and translated into French and Malagasy.

For the practical assignment, the students had to, if possible, go out into their villages to work through Psalm 20 with others.



They showed such boldness in approaching people to do the study. This filled them with confidence in approaching people to study God's Word which made them excited to continue doing this even after the Institute.

The Institute students approached random strangers no matter where they were, to take part in the assignment. Exciting to think of the eternal impact of these assignment studies!





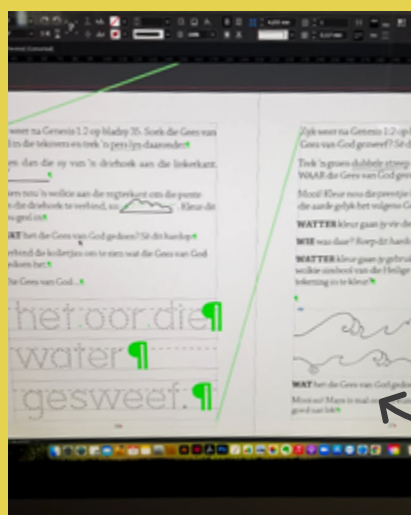
So many people were visibly impacted by Psalm 20 and how we can trust in the name of the LORD. This led to so many wonderful discussion opportunities about salvation.



The students ended the 2 weeks passionate and zealous to continue studying the Word using Precept studies and to start groups. In November (when this Institute took place) **62 Bible study groups started** as a result of the Institute. At a recent follow up, we discovered **there are now 354 new Bible study groups that have started** as a result of this Institute!

Coming soon!

For the first time, a Precept study for children in Afrikaans...



So what is a D4Y Study?

D4Y stands for “Discover 4 Yourself” and these children’s studies are designed to help youngsters do exactly that.

These **fun, interactive studies** help teach children the *foundations of Bible study skills* that will lead to a lifetime understanding and love for God’s Word.

Compelling stories, engaging activities, and fun puzzles create a study ideal for Sunday school classes, home schools, family time and independent study!

Hands-on technique teaches the basic skills of Inductive Bible Study.

A look inside a D4Y Study

Lively narratives and illustrations capture the imagination of kids aged 8-12

Interactive questions and fun activities reinforce truths kids are learning.

With 20 different titles covering a **range of topics and Bible character stories**, these studies will get the children in your life excited about Bible Study!

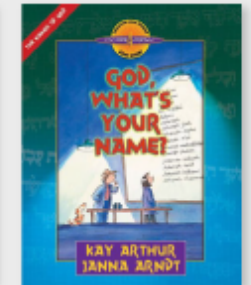
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February

Nehemiah PUP

Starting 22 March // 5 weeks

Mondays 7:00pm (CAT - GMT+2)

Registration opens soon

March

Online Training Workshops

Discover 4 Yourself Kids Series Training

Saturday 20 Feb // 9am-12pm (CAT - GMT+2)

Our 3-hour Discover 4 Yourself (D4Y) online training workshop will equip you to use our fun D4Y studies to help children discover truth for themselves and give them the confidence to share it with others.

[Register Now](#) ...>

February

How To Study & Lead PUP (Using Nehemiah)

13 & 20 March // 9am - 12pm

This workshop will give you the tools and confidence you need to be able to lead a great Precept Upon Precept Bible Study without it feeling overwhelming! Participate in 2 online sessions and work through Nehemiah as you get hands on advice and guidance. You'll also have the opportunity to practice your leading.

Registration opens soon

March

Thank You!

Despite COVID challenges, your partnership has enabled much needed high quality Precept Bible training to continue in Uganda during 2020.

Watch pastor John from Uganda and see how your giving is impacting his life and those around him:



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