



Dear Friends:

Happy New Year to all of you. I trust you had a wonderful time with your families over the holidays. I am excited about 2012! I believe that even with all the economic, political and moral problems our nation is facing, our light is going to shine brighter in the darkness. I pray this is a year of great fulfillment and advancement for you.

I am writing to ask for your prayers over the next 2 weeks. **I am leaving this Monday, Jan. 16, for Uganda.** I will be conducting conferences for both men and women as well as numerous other ministry events.



...**I made my first trip to Uganda in 2010.** Around that time, Ugandan president **Yoweri Museveni** was dragging his feet on signing the nation's first law to criminalize domestic violence. He finally did sign it that year, but so far the law has not been enforced, and reports reveal that domestic violence is actually *increasing* in the country. Women are at a great disadvantage in Uganda.

... **The latest statistics reveal that 68 percent of married women between 15 and 49 have been abused physically or sexually.** Most women are reluctant to file a report of abuse for fear of retaliation from their husbands. What is most shocking is that *60 percent of men and 70 percent of women believe wife-beating is acceptable if a woman disobeys her husband, burns his food or refuses sex!*

...**The answer to this cruelty is the gospel.** My team and I will be addressing these issues forcefully and challenging Christians to lead the way in bringing healing and reform. After the Christians embrace change, it can happen in the wider culture.

...**I will be working for the first week in Masindi, Uganda, with my dear friend Robert Kaahwa (pictured below).** I met Pastor Robert in Kampala two years ago. He sat on the front row of my 3-day women's conference and soaked up all the teaching. The he told me he felt called to take Christ's message of healing to the women of Uganda. He is like a son to me now. Robert is a brave church planter and a humble servant. We will be doing a conference in Masindi with 500 women, and then a men's event, along with radio programs that will reach up to 1 million people.

## ABOUT US

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...After we finish the events in Masindi, we will drive to Kampala to work with **Rev. Medad Birungi (below)**. Medad is a Pentecostal Anglican who has much favor and influence in the nation. We will do a women's conference with Medad, and then we will hold our first "Bold Venture Africa" event with men there. I am so excited to encourage these men in their efforts to disciple other men. We will also speak at several churches. Medad is a true warrior for the Lord in Uganda and we know God has called us to work together for life.



...I am so grateful to have a team with me on this trip. **Pastor Marc Longoria (below)** from San Antonio, Texas, will travel with me and minister in all the events. I met Pastor Marc when I was in Ecuador last fall. I will also have **Melissa Burgess** and her friend **Diane Presley** from Mobile, Alabama. They will be preaching to the women and ministering to them extensively.



## Important Prayer Requests

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\*\* Obviously we need your prayers for safety and health on this trip. Traveling

to Uganda is difficult. Please ask the Lord to station His angels all around us. Driving on rural roads from Kampala to Masindi and back is dangerous. (Our brother **Leo Godzich** and four others died last year in a car accident there.) I am not afraid, but I do ask for your prayer covering.

**\*\* Please pray for a rich anointing to flow through me, Marc, Melissa and Diane. We want Jesus to break every yoke, heal the broken-hearted, empower the weak and also convict men who need to repent for abusing their wives. Pray that the Lord will give us the words to preach in every situation, including the radio interviews on Jan. 21.**

**\*\* Here are the exact dates of the events, for those of you who can pray daily:**

Jan. 16 Begin our journey (flying from the U.S. to Uganda through Holland)  
Jan. 18 Drive 3 hours to Masindi; Women's conference begins  
Jan. 19-20 Women's conference  
Jan. 21 Men's Conference and radio programs  
Jan. 22 Radio programs and church services; drive back to Kampala  
Jan. 23 Day of rest  
Jan. 24 Women's Conference in Kampala  
Jan. 25 Women's Conference, Bold Venture Men's Conference begins  
Jan. 26-28 Bold Venture Men's Conference  
Jan. 29 Preaching at Francis Chapel on Makerere University, depart for U.S.

**\*\* Also, if you would like to help support this mission, you can go to our web site at [themordecaiproject.org](http://themordecaiproject.org) and make a donation.** I am investing about \$5,000 to host the conferences in both cities. I am also planning to bring Robert Kaahwa and Medad Birungi to our Bold Venture men's event in the U.S. in March. Your donation will help me make this important investment in their lives.

**Thank you so much for your faithful support and love.** Deborah and I feel so blessed to have people in our lives who care about us and the Lord's harvest fields.

**Lee Grady**

**\*\* Don't forget that our Bold Venture discipleship events are happening soon.** Go to our web site at [bold-venture.com](http://bold-venture.com) for all the details. The women's event with Barbara Wentroble is Feb. 23-25 in Dalton, Ga. The Southeast Regional Men's event is March 22-24 in Dalton. And the Northeast Men's Regional event is April 19-21 in Philadelphia.

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