

(Uganda) “He Lives” (Luke 24:34): Uganda Easter Conference Report (By James Muhindo)

Date: April 18–20, 2025

Venue: Urlika Guesthouse, near Entebbe

Total Attendees: 88

We thank God for the successful Easter Bible Conference held under the powerful theme “He Lives,” inspired by Luke 24:34. Through this gathering, we sought and experienced a spiritual revival, reigniting our hearts and ministry for the glory of God. This theme remained the golden thread that ran through all six messages that were shared over the three days. The conference opened with a powerful message from John 8:1–11, delivered by Sh. Michael from the Kyambogo Chapter. We were deeply moved by Jesus’ loving kindness and mercy, seeing how He gave a new mission even to a sinner with a painful past. This message reminded us that God’s grace gives us a fresh start and a purpose despite our failures. Following the opening message, Sh. Calvin delivered Main Lecture 1 from Isaiah 53:1–10. We were encouraged to understand the depth and intention of Jesus’ suffering on the cross. His pain was not random but carried the full weight of God’s love and justice. Through this message, we encountered the God who allowed His Son to become the “Man of Sorrows” for our sake. For the suffering Jesus endured on our behalf, we surely do not have any other friend who’s better than Jesus. After the lecture, we heard a moving life testimony from Missionary Grace Kang, who shared how God placed African students on her heart while she was still a young student in a small town in Korea. Her testimony of perseverance and sacrificial love for Ugandan campus students inspired many of us to renew our own calling.

We began the second day with Daily Bread by Missionary Abigail Lu from Hosea 6:1–3, where we were reminded of God’s unending grace that calls us back, even when we act like rebellious Gomer. His heart is always open to forgive and restore. Main Lecture 2 was shared by Sh. Gerald from Luke 24:1–35. We were encouraged by how Jesus revealed His resurrection first to women and then personally to the two men on the road to Emmaus. God’s word is living and active, and through it, He reveals His world mission command and strengthens our

hearts for this generation. Jesus' resurrection has transformative power, and anyone who interfaces with the risen Jesus ought to be transformed. Later, ministry leaders shared updates and prayer topics and discussed the three principles for the transformation of African ministry: self-governance, self-supporting, and self-integration. These discussions stirred our desire to take greater responsibility for the future of our ministry. In the evening, we had a joyful music celebration session where we praised God with songs and heartfelt testimonies. The Children's Bible Fellowship (CBF) also shared testimonies and prayer topics, reminding us of the importance of nurturing faith in the next generation.

The final day began with a morning message by Sh. Isaac from the Kyambogo Chapter. He emphasized our new identity in Romans 6:8-14: though we were once dead in sin, we are now alive to God in Christ Jesus. This identity empowers us to serve as gospel workers in a generation distracted by many things. We should get rid of the desire to hold on to earthly things and focus on the risen Jesus. Main Lecture 3 was given by Sh. Peter from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. He challenged us to accept and hold firm to the truth of Christ's resurrection, which is the foundation of our faith and calling. His personal testimony of struggling and growing as a young leader with a growing family resonated with many. Through his vulnerability, we were encouraged to keep pressing on in our own calling.

We give thanks to God for this life-giving conference, which was fully organized by next-generation leaders. The messages, testimonies, fellowship, and worship sessions all contributed to a sense of revival in our hearts and ministry. We praise God for helping us embrace the conference theme — He Lives — not just as a message for Easter, but as a daily reality that empowers and transforms us. May God help us to hold on to His word, walk in His resurrection power, and live for His mission in Uganda and beyond.

