

# RICK & TRACY GROOVER

**1st Quarter 2026**

## **OFF AND RUNNING**

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” - John 9:4. When your theme for the year is, “His Vision - Our Mission” you’d better have your running shoes on.



The first three months of 2026 have been filled with ministry and blessings from the Lord. We preached and shared in churches throughout Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina. God has done incredible things as we’ve shared the call for all of us to be involved in His mission. Recently, after sharing the need of land for a new church plant in Uganda, a young man got up and left the service. After the service he handed me a bank envelope he had retrieved in the moments before. He said, “I’ve been saving this for a new gun. I want you to take it and buy the needed land for the church in Africa.” When Good Ole Boys in the south are convicted to give up their gun money for church planting in Africa, you can bet God is on the move! What’s your “gun”?

## **UGANDA**

Missionary Mike Perry and I were led by the Lord to make a quick trip to Uganda in January to pray and do groundwork for our church planting initiative. It was super productive as you will read in the complete Africa Update. Please also pray for us as we head back to Uganda May 10-26th.

## **UP NEXT**

April through June will be full being kicked off by our Global Impact Board Meeting on April 10th. We have a great Board of Directors and can’t wait to share with them all God is doing. They are always full of wisdom and helpful in every way. After that, we will be preaching and sharing across Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina before heading back to Uganda. Please pray for safety as well as the strength needed as we travel. God always uses these meetings in powerful ways.



## **PRAYER AND FINANCIAL NEEDS**

**HEALTH** - My heart is doing great! Please continue to pray for my left hand and arm as it continues to be both numb and hurtful 24/7. Tracy needs much prayer as she has surely had more challenges lately with her thyroid, arthritis and fibromyalgia. Inflammation has been a huge problem, sometimes taking her completely down. Today she is good because they gave her some steroids for an issue in her neck. However, that is not normal. The pain has been normal. Please pray for her, especially for healing and relief. Also pray for her to find a good doctor. She waited a long time to get in with a new rheumatologist who did nothing to help and then sent her for x-rays and a lot of bloodwork. Then SURPRISE - no help, but a \$4,244 bill. What can we do but pray and trust the Lord for help?!

**SUPPORT** - We shared in December how we lost some \$1,800 per month in support due to three churches closing and life changes for some individuals. We praise the Lord that we’ve gained \$200 per month since then. Please pray that God will work in hearts for others to join us in making up the \$1,600 per month still needed. Also, please pray for the \$3,500 needed for our May Uganda trip to train pastors and further do church planting work in South Sudan.

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On Mike and Rick's trip to Uganda in January, God clearly showed them the path to PLANTING AND EXPANDING CHURCHES in that region. We are taking on several current churches, accessing their needs, and preparing paths to support the work of the Lord through them. We also have others that are close to being started. We have listed the current needs of the churches in Uganda and Congo in the chart below. (We will be sharing the needs in South Sudan, Togo, and other areas at a later date.) Please pray about helping these brothers and sisters across the globe.

\* Notice that God is already ahead of us! Some of the projects were supplied for before we even put the word out! \*

**These are the CURRENT GIMI PROJECTS. How will you help?**

UGANDA	PROJECT	TOTAL	STILL NEEDED
Jema Oyiorwoth	House Addition – Glass Windows	\$ 520.00	-0- COMPLETE!
	House Addition - Electricity	\$ 1,200.00	-0- COMPLETE!
Nebbi Secondary School	Dorms – Bunk Beds (187 at \$30 ea)	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 2,800.00
Parombo Baptist Church	New Church Building	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,500.00
	School Building	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
	School - Restrooms (Boys and Girls)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Bibles in Alur (50 @ \$12)	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
	Hymnals in Alur (50 at \$3)	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
	Signage for Church and School	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Nebbi Baptist Church	Bibles in Alur (50 @ \$12)	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Papoga Zalle Baptist Church	Bibles in Alur (40 @ \$12)	\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00
	Hymnals in Alur (40 at \$3)	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Padel Baptist Church	Property for Church Building	\$ 2,000.00	-0- COMPLETE!
	Motorcycle for Pastor	\$ 1,775.00	-0- COMPLETE!
	Bibles in Alur (25 @ \$12)	\$ 300.00	-0- COMPLETE!
	Hymnals in Alur (25 at \$3)	\$ 75.00	-0- COMPLETE!
	Architect Drawing	\$ 100.00	-0- COMPLETE!
Panyimur Baptist Church	Bibles in Alur (25 @ \$12)	\$ 300.00	\$300.00
	Hymnals in Alur (25 at \$3)	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Sayuni Anibu Baptist Church	Bibles in Lugbara (40 @ \$10)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	Hymnals in Lugbara (40 at \$3)	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Dei Baptist Church	Property for Church Building	\$ 1,675.00	-0- COMPLETE!
	Bibles in Alur (25 @ \$12)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
	Hymnals in Alur (25 at \$3)	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Aryek Andhuke Baptist Church	Plaster, Paint, Glass for Windows	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000.00

DR of CONGO	PROJECT	TOTAL	STILL NEEDED
Guna Baptist Church	Bibles in Alur (40 @ \$12)	\$ 480.00	-0- COMPLETE!
Agyero Baptist Church	Bibles in Alur (40 @ \$12)	\$ 480.00	-0- COMPLETE!
Ambere Baptist Church	Bibles in Alur (40 @ \$12)	\$ 480.00	-0- COMPLETE!
Juniyira Baptist Church	Bibles in Alur (40 @ \$12)	\$ 480.00	-0- COMPLETE!
Nyrambe Baptist Church	Bibles in Alur (40 @ \$12)	\$ 480.00	-0- COMPLETE!

We believe that God is going to move on these projects, but will it be through YOU? Don't miss out on the blessing of being a part of the Great Commission in Uganda and Congo! Jump in and make God's Vision Your Mission, too!

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## Enjoy some Photos from the JANUARY TRIP TO UGANDA



### TRAVEL BACK TO AFRICA in MAY

Pray for Mike and Rick as they travel **back to Uganda May 10-26** to facilitate another Pastor Training. In addition to an intensive week-long training, they will be back visiting current church plants and accessing their needs, as well as scoping out areas for new church plants. This is a critical travel agenda, but one that will be sure to continue to shape the direction for Global Impact service this year. **The cost for Rick is \$ 3,500 for this trip.** Please partner with us financially, so he can put his boots on the ground to continue the work of the Lord. This is one way **YOU can be a part** of all that God is doing in this region! Be praying for hearts to be taught, ignited, and spread like fire!

### TOGO, WEST AFRICA

We are excited that Kokou and Yvette have got to be in the United States for these last few months raising funds for the work in Togo. We will be sad to see them go, but they are anxious to get back to their home country to continue the vast work that is being done there through the hospital, radio station, and several church plants. What a blessing it has been to see God move, especially through the acquisition of lots of medical equipment items. We will be working on shipping these items across the sea to be a help to the Togolese people through Grace Hospital.

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## **ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH**

Since the January trip, we have hired three national preachers in Africa who will be the coordinators over groups of churches in Uganda, Congo, and South Sudan. They will be the conduit between GIMI leadership and the individual churches in these areas. They will be crucial in helping us best support these congregations. This will be a blessing on so many fronts, including needs-assessment, reporting, and sharing with all of you what is happening in this part of the world... all for the honor and glorification of our mighty Lord!

We are also looking for more workers to join the Leadership at GIMI. Whether in the Home Office or other parts of the world, pray for us as we restructure the Global organization to best meet the needs of the mission work being done. God is on the move, and we want to be faithful to His leading and expansion in the ministry.

As a side note, if you've been sensing the Lord leading you toward deeper involvement in missions but aren't sure what your next step should be, we would love to walk alongside you on that journey. Whether He is calling you to serve with an organization like Global Impact, become more engaged in your church or local community, support the work financially, or step into one of the many other opportunities to serve, there is a place for you. God invites each of us to take part in His mission—it is the Great Commission.

### **A GIANT THANK YOU**

Tracy and I can't thank everyone enough for your love, prayers, and support  
as we strive together to make  
**His Vision Our Mission.**

Til the whole world hears,  
*Missionaries Rick and Tracy Groover*



If you have not watched our [THEME VIDEO](#) for this year, be sure and check it out!

