



## Meet Pastor Kaleb and Village Church



**At 10 years old, Kaleb Kagabo was an orphan in Uganda...** Kaleb's parents separated when he was small, so he spent his first formative years living with his father in a small village. Around his 10th birthday, tragedy struck. Kaleb's father died. His mother took him in after his father's passing, but it was not a welcoming environment for Kaleb. His mother had four sons from a previous marriage, and all four hated Kaleb. It was not a happy time for him.

In the midst of this loss and transition for Kaleb, tragedy struck once again. His mother died unexpectedly. The area

was remote, and there were no organizations or orphanages that could help Kaleb. So at the age of 10 years old, he was left alone - in the bush - to fend for himself. Thinking about this time, he says, "I lived like an animal, ate like an animal, slept like an animal..." The people in the nearby villages were afraid to take him in. They were fearful that he might die in their care because of his poor health, and thus cause problems with the local police. "I was rejected and isolated - everyone hated me, and I hated everyone," Kaleb remembers. "My body is filled with the wounds and scars from this time." Kaleb managed somehow to survive this way in the bush until he was 17 years old.

And then, in one "chance" meeting, Father God set Kaleb's life on a new path. In 1997 an evangelist pastor named Edward met Kaleb on the road and said two things to him: "Jesus loves you," and "When are you coming to church?" *In all of Kaleb's 17 years, he had never had anyone tell him that he was loved.* He was amazed that someone did. And so Kaleb told Edward that he would be at church that next Sunday.

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## Thank You!

Usually, for Thanksgiving, we would send a simple letter expressing our thanks and gratitude *for you all* and all you are to us. But this year, we could not wait to share about the new relationship the Lord has established with Pastor Kaleb and Village Church. As you read the the story, I am sure you will be humbled as we are. As I think about all that Kaleb has gone through and all that he is doing now, I can't help but think how *easy* my life has been. Even in the ministry of TSF, we have been able to serve out of an abundance. *Even when our support is low, the Lord still provides for our needs.*

This blessing of abundance comes through all of you who give, attend our classes, pray for us, and support the ministry in so many ways. We can't begin to express the full

depth of our gratitude for all of you who make our work possible. *Because of your gracious support, we are able to provide most of our resources for free on our website and keep the cost of our classes low.* Your support allows us to continue to teach the Truth of Christ. In the days to come, we are praying that we will be able to increase our fruitfulness through partnerships like the one that is beginning with Village Church Uganda. Without you, this would be impossible.

***Would you please keep TSF in your prayers. November and December are important months for us in terms of giving and support. We are praying that the Lord will continue to provide and that we will continue to do the things that are pleasing to Him.***

*We hope you all have a blessed and joyous Holy-Day Season.*

**A REMINDER:** As you know, we closed our office on Estate in July when Joyce retired. We have moved our “operations” to our house but our phone number is still the same: **901-685-3385**. Our mailing address for donations and correspondence is also the same: **PO Box 17931 Memphis TN 38187-0931**. If you need anything, please don’t hesitate to give us a call. We are still here, just in a different place!

### ...Pastor Kaleb

Sunday came, and Kaleb was at the church, just as promised. The people there were afraid of him and suspicious, thinking that he might be there to steal their Bibles, but their hostility didn’t budge Kaleb. At the end of the service, Edward asked, “Is there anyone who wants to give his life to Christ?” Kaleb put up his hand and said, “I told you I was coming, and I DO!” And so, on June 29, 1997, Kaleb accepted Christ, the course of his life forever changed.

In the two years that followed, Edward and his family took Kaleb into their home, where Edward taught and trained him in God’s word. After this initial phase, Pastor Edward sent Kaleb to be discipled by another pastor in the area. Kaleb began preaching and sharing Christ. He took on roles in youth work. He worked with church planting. And in the midst of all this, God was restoring Kaleb. His wounds - both physical and spiritual - were healed!

In 2007 the Lord spoke to Kaleb and told him to start a ministry in the capital city of Kampala. But Kaleb delayed. Seven years later, in 2014, the Lord called again. Once again, Kaleb delayed. He says, “the more I delayed, the more I suffered...” In 2021, the Lord spoke to Kaleb again, and this time he acted. Kaleb moved to the city and began going door to door in neighborhoods, sharing Christ to any who would listen. From this beginning, Village Church was formed.

**But the story doesn’t end there.** A few months ago, Kaleb was online and “accidentally” found another Village Church, this one located in Knoxville, Tennessee. Since it had the same name as his church, he impulsively reached out to them. Our own Matthew Thornton, the president of the TSF board, is a member of The Village Church in Knoxville. When he heard about Kaleb, he saw a possible opportunity for Truth Seekers to partner with Kaleb and his church. He connected us with Kaleb to see how we could help him with

his goals - to disciple and train leaders to spread the love of Christ in Uganda.

After talking with Kaleb, I sent him pdf copies of our MilktoMeat workbooks to see if they would be helpful. He wrote me back the next morning saying, “Brother, I stayed up most of the night reading your material. I am so, so, so thankful. This is exactly what we need!” As I have talked with Kaleb over the past couple of months, I have been humbled by his commitment. Kaleb joined our Zoom class on Luke-Acts on Thursday nights, which means he has to be up at 3 AM in Uganda to join in. *He has not missed a class.*

Through this regular contact with Kaleb, I have learned more of Village Church’s needs. This church is located in a slum area in the city, and the people there have very little. Many do not have jobs. Work is hard to find. They have to rent the space for their meetings - an outdoor tent - and they must pay two months in advance. They must also rent a PA system, taxing an already small monthly budget. In addition to these issues, the only access Kaleb has to the Internet is an old phone he uses. Resources are slim.

*There are many more details to share about Pastor Kaleb and Village Church; too many to put in this letter.* The Board of Directors of TSF has agreed that the Lord has made this connection so that we can assist Village Church’s work in Uganda. Kaleb wants to begin a Bible School/Institute to train his people. They hope to start a giving fund to assist single mothers in the area. They also want to expand their evangelism efforts in the city.

All of us here in the States have such an abundance of resources and opportunities. *We have been blessed so that we can be a blessing to others.* We know that some of you will want to assist in this mission. We have set up a page on our website to provide more information about the ways you can partner with us and Village Church in Uganda. ***There is also a video of Pastor Kaleb sharing his story and prayer requests.*** You can find all the information at [www.tsfmemphis.org/uganda](http://www.tsfmemphis.org/uganda). You can also scan the QR code on the right to go directly to the page.



We are excited about what the Lord may do with this relationship and look expectantly to the days ahead.  
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