

GIVE OR GO

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15)





#### Mark Guthrie

For over 33 years, Mark has passionately administered and taught at the college, high school, and middle school levels and has directed national and international Christian schools on three different continents.

He has developed an international reputation for godly character, inspirational leadership, solid work ethic, mission focus, academic rigor, and purposeful relationships with staff, parents, and students.

God is now calling him to be a catalyst to a much larger movement He is orchestrating in East Africa to capture the hearts and minds of thousands of school administrators/teachers and millions of vulnerable children and their families.

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

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Jim Wolfe was born and raised in Greensboro North Carolina. After graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill, he began his custom home-building company, Wolfe Homes, in 1980. He and his wife Alice now employ 60 people and provide the highest quality home construction in the local region. Jim and Alice have 5 grown children and 14 grandchildren. Their desire is to love and glorify the Lord and make him known through their lives."

**Pearce Landry serves as Chief Executive** Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Granville Capital, Inc., an alternative asset investment firm. He oversees Granville Capital's funds of hedge funds, their private equity strategy which he started in 2004, and their investments in energy infrastructure. Pearce attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Morehead Scholar and graduated Phi Beta Kappa earning his BS in Biology (with Highest Distinction) and a Minor in Chemistry in 1995. Pearce has actively served or led in various community organizations including Search Ministries, Hope Academy, and Young Life. Pearce has been married to his loving wife Anne for 27 years and they have three grown sons.

Ted Guthrie serves as SVP. Finance and Accounting, for Mansfield Energy Company in Gainesville, GA. Mansfield provides energy solutions, including fuel management, transportation and natural gas services, to multiple industry verticals in the US Ted began his finance career at KPMG in Atlanta, GA and is a licensed CPA. Ted attends Providence Church in Duluth, GA where he leads worship (for over 20 years) and serves as church Elder (for over 15 years). His wife, Jennifer, is the church pianist and leads the women's ministry and mentorship program. Prior to attending Providence, Ted and Jennifer led the youth ministries for many years at churches in Lilburn, GA and Bonita Valley, CA.

Todd Guthrie serves as CFO of Place Services Inc. (PSI), a national construction company focused primarily on grocery-retail remodeling. An active CPA, his experience spans public accounting and VP and CFO roles with domestic and international manufacturing and services companies. Todd has an established track record of value creation in all areas of financial, cost accounting, and operational management in high-growth and high-change environments. Todd leads the accounting, acquisition, treasury, human resources, and information technology teams of PSI. He and his wife, Kimberly, also served as sponsors of the College & Career Fellowship and counsel individuals and couples as they take the step into their adult lives. They live in Suwanee, Georgia, and have three sons, one daughter (in law), and two cats.

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Tim Wrinkle is the Sr. Product Manager of Vocational & Medium **Duty trucks and represents Mack** Trucks at industry and press events. Tim has more than 18 years of commercial vehicle experience, including leadership roles in engineering, aftermarket, product planning, and marketing. Tim has extensive international travel experience through Volvo and Mack Trucks and with overseas mission trips in the Cooke Islands, Central and South America, Europe, and Africa. He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Oklahoma Christian University and an MBA from the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Deborah Proehl-Moser is a 20 year veteran in the real estate industry. Her passion to help people led her to start her business in 2003. Before transitioning to real estate, Deb spent nearly 16 years as a journalist on television. She was a producer, reporter and anchor from 1987-2002. Writing and meeting new people are two of her joys. She interviewed hundreds of people during that time. One of those interviews included the current President, at the time, Bill Clinton. Deborah is originally from the Northeast. She was born in New York City, spent most of her childhood in New Jersey, and graduated from Emerson College in Boston Mass. She is married to Greensboro NC native Stafford Moser for 30 years. They have two children; Ford and Victoria and a sweet English Labrador they call Bronx, named after the place Deb was born.

Nickole Huffman is wife to Greg (21 years) and mother to Josiah (18) and Samara (13) and currently lives in Greenwood, Indiana. Nickole is a graduate of Purdue University and majored in Child Development and Family Studies, with a specialization in At-Risk Youth and Families. Nickole wears many hats as the wife of an entrepreneur, a volleyball coach, a teacher, an athlete (volleyball and softball), a mentor, a cheerleader to her children and their perspective sports, a consultant, speaker, and as a member of various Boards of Directors (The African Hospitality Institute, Indy Genesis Volleyball, and Johnson County Citizens of Active Disasters). She is a world traveler whose second home is Uganda. Nickole is passionate about her Mesiah, health and wellness, athletics, her friends in Uganda, and helping others feel seen, heard, and understood. Her life experiences have given her opportunities to see the brokenness of the world and yet the redemption of a King who promises to make all things new.

Dana Wrinkle is a nurse anesthetist and adventurer with a heart for Africa and lives in North Carolina with Tim and their four children. She specializes in OB/GYN and outpatient anesthesia at Atrium Wake Forest Baptist Health. Dana served as team leader for Kenya Relief's Gynecological/General Surgery Team and was the stateside leader for Kenya Relief's inaugural Breast Cancer Screening Clinic in Migori, Kenya March 2022. God has sent Dana on four medical missions to Africa and one Godordained call to a water well. Dana is a contributing writer

for <a href="www.freedtoflouish.com">www.freedtoflouish.com</a> and is passionate about encouraging others to say yes to God and find life in unexpected places. She continues to share her journey to a water well at churches and women's events.

# The Issues



Uganda is an extremely poor country comprised of 44.3 million people



50% of the population is under the age of 15!



41% of people live in poverty
The average person lives on
Less than \$1.90/day



76% of the population live in rural areas



Among the world's highest fertility rates at 5.5 children per woman



Their main opportunity for employment is agriculture



More than 1 million refugees seek asylum in Uganda from neighboring countries



Uganda is comprised of 134 districts and 1 Capital



45.1% are Protestant, 39.3% are Roman Catholic, 13.7% are Muslim



Only **53% of children** complete primary education

Source: CIA.gov



## The Opportunity

The Association of Christian Schools (ACSI) Uganda has recently been asked by the Ugandan Anglican Church to provide administrator/teacher training, curriculum development, biblical integration, and discipleship instruction to their 6000 Ugandan schools. Mark has been asked by ACSI Uganda to lead this effort.

This position allows Mark to apply the same classical Christian philosophy/model he used at The American School of Lyon (France), Caldwell Academy (NC), and The Amazima School (Uganda) to introduce hundreds of thousands of Ugandan educators and millions of students to Jesus Christ and give them the tools to become the men and women they are created to be.

"Give me a child until he is 7 and I will show you the man."

Aristotle

# THE PROGRAM



This program allows Mark to teach teams of teachers and administrators (cohorts) to implement Christian Education beginning with 14 regional directors in 2023.



Through this program, each cohort reaches 10 schools



Each school averages anywhere from 200 to 5000 students



REACHING MORE THAN

3 MILLION STUDENTS
WITH THE GOSPEL IN 3-5 YEARS!



## The **Challenge**

Since 2014, Mark has been actively engaged in the educational system in Uganda at all levels. The many challenges include:

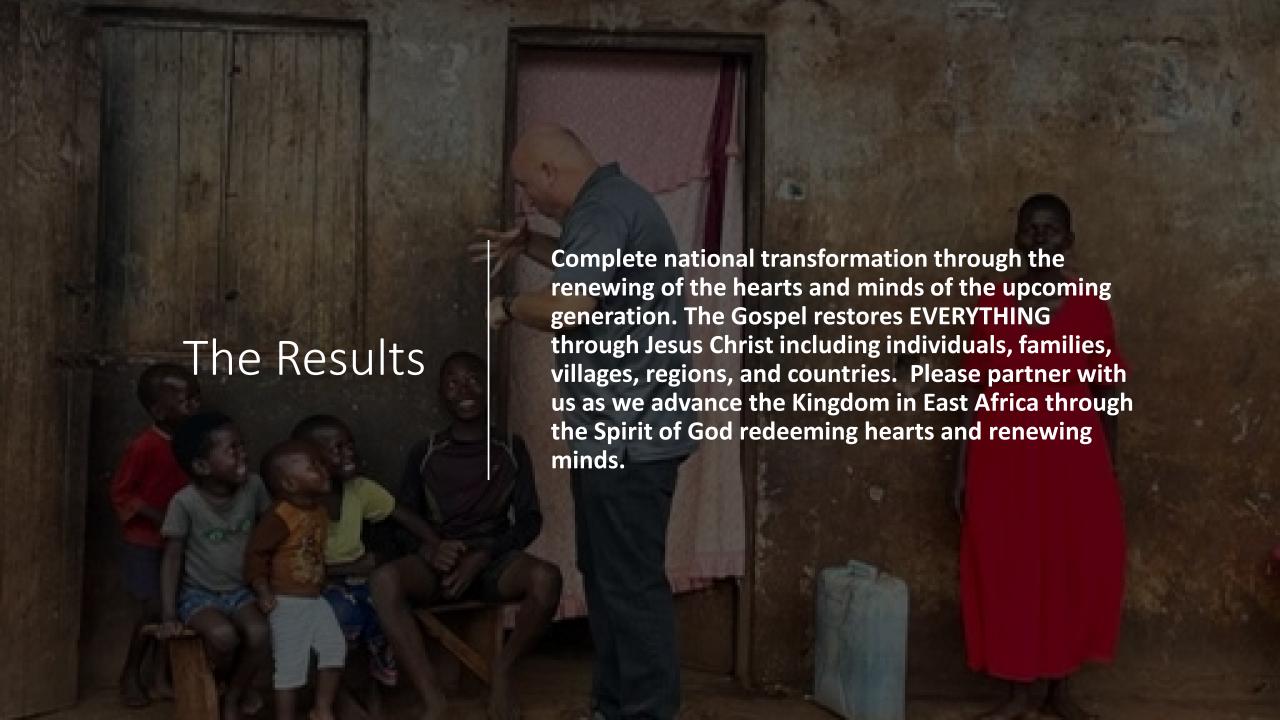
- Government and private school's philosophy and values do not align with the Bible
- Overcrowded classrooms: Average ratio of 1 teacher to 60-80 students
- · Public and private schools focus solely on rote learning
- Dangerous travel for most children to and from school in the dark
- School week extends into Saturday and Sunday
- Clean drinking water and sufficient food available only on a very limited basis
- Excessive corporal punishment (beatings) daily administered in schools for minor infractions
- Many upper primary and secondary girls are sexually harassed/abused in and out of school
- Extra-curricular clubs and sports activities are limited or nonexistent
- Schools primary focus is the testing results of Ugandan standardized exams: Primary Leaving Exam (PLE), Uganda Certificate of Education Exam (UCE) or Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education Exam (UACE)
- In some districts, over 50% of the teenage females did not return to school after the pandemic because of work, pregnancy, and child marriage.



## The Rationale

- True transformation can only occur through nurturing life-on-life relationships with transformed and trained administrators, teachers, mentors, and house parents.
- A person's character and personality (who they are) are largely shaped within their first 10 years of life.
- Training children "in the way they should go" will produce godly, ambitious, critical thinking, productive adults.
- Giving vulnerable children a loving, safe, and healthy environment enables them to become the men and women they were created to be.
- Every child is an image-bearer of God to be seen, loved, and valued daily.
- Providing creative avenues allows children to passionately develop their God-given talents and abilities
- Honoring vulnerable parents and guardians enables us to serve as their partners in the Biblical educating and training of their children
- These schools will serve as the national model for all other schools in Uganda and East Africa
- A new national narrative in Uganda must begin with the children

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14





## The Testimonies

"Exceptional Christian education exemplified by Mark Guthrie's current work here in Uganda will be the best means to respond to a massive opportunity to rescue a generation at risk and raise them to be leaders that can transform a nation. The future is at stake if we do not reach the disrupted generation."

**Pastor Julius Rwotlonya**, Senior Pastor of Watoto Church – Uganda's largest church and children's homes



The Testimonies
"The philosophy and approach to education and discipleship Mark Guthrie brings is a powerful tool in God's plan for redemption. Although we live in a broken world, with broken people constantly breaking everything, this Biblical discipleship approach explicitly proves that by prioritizing the valuing of people and building quality relationships centered on Christ, God demonstrably and dramatically transforms people for their good and his glory.... even the most disadvantaged among us."

Kelly Miller, Vice President of System Applications and Products (SAP) and inaugural Director of Student Life at The Amazima School in Uganda

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"The Amazima School (secondary Ugandan school Mark Guthrie developed, launched, and directed) helps the students understand the role of God in their academics. This is done through praying before every lesson and biblically integrating lessons. The school puts God at the center of everything through devotions led by our mentors each morning. Sometimes the students lead their fellow students in the study of the Word of God. Instead of dormitories like other schools, we have houses led by family mentors. They treat us like their children, mentoring us into good citizens, connecting us where we go wrong, and most importantly, discipling us. The school has used the staff and training here to transform my mind and heart by living exemplary lives. For example, their families, how they treat others, how they put in all they have to serve the Lord has inspired me to be the lady God wants me to be and according to the purpose. In 2019, 11th November, I gave my life to Jesus and since then my life has never been the same."

Gladys Babirye, S4 Student at The Amazima School

