

Our Story

In 2001, Pastor Ed Hildebrand, founding Pastor of the Seine River Church, felt the call of God to minister in Africa. For the next 18 years, along with a team comprised mostly of SRC members, and under the Auspices of Life Links International, Pastor Ed traveled repeatedly into Eastern Africa to train and equip Pastors, often fresh to the Christian faith, to plant local churches, teach Biblical truths and spread the gospel of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit throughout their region. This outreach led to Churches, Schools, Orphanages and Clinics being setup through the generous gifts of SRC and its members along with other Canadian sponsors. Thousands of people have received ministry and benefited for eternity from these years of service and outreach. I had the privilege of joining these trips starting in 2004 and with a couple of exceptions, was able to travel every year with Ed – this work changed my life.

In November of 2019 Pastor Ed suddenly passed away and this, along with the COVID Pandemic further halted the ministry undertaken over those past 18 years. WOEFA began developing a plan to ensure that support for these missions and Pastor Ed's legacy would not be compromised again, through the establishment of an Evergreen Fund. Thus, the Wings of Eagles for Africa Fund, was borne, with Jeremy Hildebrand, Roy Hildebrand and Kevin Janzen as Founding Directors.

The Wings of Eagles for Africa Fund has been setup to provide ministry oversight, funding and partnership to African pastors and educators with the expressed vision and purpose to Equip, Educate and Evangelize. These are our 3 E's –

EQUIP – support the recruitment, training and sending-out of local Pastors into church planting and church stewardship through training conferences and mobile seminary administration.

EDUCATE – support the training up of local Administration and Teachers to provide Christ-Centered education to children in remote villages and orphanages.

EVANGELIZE – partner with regional leaders to organize and deliver public meetings and outreach with the expressed intent to spread the Gospel and provide platforms for the Holy Spirit to be seen and heard.

Our Focus

Our focus is the villages and highlands of Eastern Africa, where there are hundreds of villages without a local church, and very few opportunities for the residents to encounter Christian ministry. It is in these regions that Wings of Eagles for Africa seeks to continue to serve and support Christian outreach. As part of that outreach, we seek have established support for Patrick Kibirige in the Kagavu region of Uganda (Good Shepherd Foundation which includes a school, an orphanage and a medical clinic) and other missions as selected and approved by the Funds Board of Directors.



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Special points of interest

- Good Shepherd Foundation Uganda website— [click here](#)
- Seine River Church Lorette website— [click here](#).



Praying ministry— James 5:14-16

Pray ministry is a powerful and essential component of our mission's trips, offering spiritual support and guidance for both our team and the people we serve. We prayed for the various aspects of the trip, including the team's safety, spiritual readiness, and the effectiveness of their ministry. Before the trip, our team prayed for the team's spiritual preparation, unity, and

flexibility to adjust to unforeseen circumstances. We prayed for boldness in sharing the gospel and discernment in knowing God's plan for the trip .

Depicted on the left are Gorette and Janice praying for a women with malaria.

Uganda 2023 Pastor's Conferences— Kasambya and Kagavu Village November 14th to 27th



The Fruit of the Spirit—Jade Lebrun

This teaching series from Galatians 5:22-23 was very well received at both conferences. In this series Jade taught that the "Fruit of the Spirit" refers to the characteristics or virtues that are produced in believers as a result of the Holy Spirit's presence and influence in their lives. These virtues are not something one cultivates independently, but rather they are a natural outcome of being filled and guided by the Holy Spirit, according to some sources.

Most notably Jade made the point that these traits are not to be seen as 9 individual traits that can be possessed individually, but rather that all 9 should be present in each of us. They are not simply good traits to have, but they are the outward manifestation of the Holy Spirit's work in the lives of believers. They are evidence that a person is walking in the Spirit and is being transformed into the image of Christ.

Depicted on the left is Jade preaching and teaching at a Pastor's conference in Kasambya, Uganda.



Pastor's Conference at Kagavu Village, Uganda



A Touch of the Master's Hand

In His sermon series entitled “A Touch of the Master’s Hand”, Kevin shared a story about a broker who was given the task of selling the house and belongings of an old man who had died. Little by little he sold each item until he came upon an old violin. You see this violin was old, it was battered and covered in dust. It was not in very good condition at all. The broker thought it really wasn’t worth his time but he had a job to do and so he held up the old violin with a smile. “What will you bid for this old violin?”, he asked. “Who will start the bidding?” Someone from the crowd offered 1 dollar and the broker then asked who will give me two? Another person raised their hand and offered 2 dollars and then the broker asked for three. Yet another person offered the 3 dollars and thinking he had done well, the broker tried to finalize the sale.

“Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice; going for three -” But, before he could complete the sale, a gray-haired man came forward and picked up the bow to the violin. He wiped the dust from the old violin, and he tuned up the strings. He played a song that was so pure and so sweet, that it sounded as if angels were singing. When the song ended the broker, with a voice that was quiet and soft voice, asked again, “How much will you give me for this old violin?” “One thousand dollars, came the reply and then two thousand and then three thousand dollars! Realizing what was happening, the broker said “Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice; Sold for three thousand dollars. The people cheered, but some of them cried out, “We do not understand, what changed the violin’s worth? The broker’s reply was swift. It was “The Touch of the Master’s Hand.”

All of us are like that old violin. Our lives are out of tune. Life has beaten us down and we are scarred from sin. But in the master’s hand, we can be used to make beautiful music.



Uganda 2024 Conferences— Fort Portal and Kagavu October 29th to November 11th

This year our team consisted of Kevin and Goretti Janzen and Darlene Oldcorn from Prairie Rose EMC. This was the first such trip for Darlene. Once again we were able to hold two conferences; one was for families, held in Fort Portal and the other was a leader's conference held in Kagavu, at the Good Shepherd Foundation compound. Keeping with WOEFA's 3-E's, educating, equipping and evangelizing, we saw many lives changed, including our own.



A New Girl's Dormitory-

Early in 2024, WOEFA and SRC were approached by Patrick Kibirige, director of Good Shepherd Foundation, asking for assistance in building a new dormitory at his Kagavu compound. Local authorities were threatening to remove 200 orphans from housing due to over crowding. Through separate fundraising efforts SRC and WOEFA were able to raise the necessary funds to build a new dormitory, which opened in February of 2025.



Completed Dormitory, January 2025

Birthday Girl—Goretti

What a surprise and pleasure it was to have Patrick's home church hold a surprise birthday party for Goretti; complete with a cake and rousing rendition of Happy Birthday!



Teaching in Uganda

This year Darlene had the privilege of teaching about Canada at Destiny High School in the Kagavu compound of Good Shepherd Foundation. Her topics ranged from the seasons and climate, sports, population, government and the political structures, including our provinces, Premiers and Prime Minister.

Depicted on the right is Darlene in a high school classroom.



"This trip to Uganda brought me closer to God and changed my life forever. I am thankful that God paved the way for me to see His love for all people, alive and thriving. The Ugandan people showed me that I can worship and trust God in the most difficult of circumstances."

- Darlene Oldcorn

Youth night at the Kagavu Compound



This year's trip was full of the unexpected. During our first conference in Fort Portal, I had the opportunity to preach on live IPTV, which reached most of the continent of Africa and parts of Europe. On our first night in Kagavu the youth performed

several songs and dances. Kevin had the honour to preach and teach to over 300 Pastors and church leaders.

Wings of Eagles for Africa and Seine River Church have partnered together to provide the equipping, educating and evangelizing of East Africa. WOEFA takes a direct role in fundraising, promotion, funds allocation and use of funds, reporting, fund management, and project development, while SRC provides the means to carry out our goals and objectives, as the local church.

Next Mission's Trip

Plans are underway for a mission's trip in the fall of 2025 or winter of 2026.

Stay tuned!

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