

# The Crowder Report

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In my former book, *Theophilus* In my previous Report, friends, I spoke of preaching opportunities and occasions to represent BCM, Candidate Orientation in Pennsylvania, and the International Academy of Suriname, and also informed you of some significant happenings among our other missionaries. Things like those are happening every day.

I have two more preaching engagements this month and I'm excited about the Easter one. My sermon title will be *Where Would You Be Without Jesus?* It would serve us well to remember from where Jesus has brought us when we entered his kingdom of light. I think this will be an important message which I will use again in an entirely different setting.

My trip to Uganda is quickly approaching. Most of the logistics are now in place and I only have to prepare more lectures. This, along with sermon preparation is how I've been spending my time.

I will head for Uganda on May 4 and return on May 24, Lord willing. Tickets are purchased and the visa has been granted. I've had emails and Zoom calls with my BCM Uganda host and with the Coordinator of Holiday Studies in the Department of Theology and Foundational Studies at Africa Renewal University. With the help of a learned friend, I now have a syllabus and class notes for one subject completed. One more course remains.

Africa Renewal University (AfRU) is a Christian university in Buloba, Uganda and provides extension courses in the city of Arua.

***Africa Renewal University (originally Gaba Bible Institute) was founded based on Africa's great need for Christian leaders to rise up to share the compassion of Christ and the gospel of hope in a society that is desperately longing for transformation.***



*In January 2007, the school began with 35 students and a commitment to equip Christian leaders for the transformation of society. Today, there are over 600 students from 45 different tribes in Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Sudan, Eritrea and Kenya who are being equipped as leaders in ministry and community development. We commit ourselves to develop a new generation of Christian leaders whose lives are transformed*

*by rigorous study of Scripture, impassioned love for God, and faithful service to the nations as the body of Christ.*

AfRU's doctrinal statement is based on the Confessional Statement of The Gospel Coalition.

I'm excited that BCM and I have the privilege of working alongside this institution to equip Christian leaders for African countries. Could there be some future BCM workers among them? Could this significantly impact the countries AfRU serves? But, this is also an intimidating experience. Only God can see me through this successfully, and I pray I will not disappoint him.

I am to lecture for two, three-day intensive courses on Old Testament Survey and Hermeneutics. I have never done that before. But the preparatory work is now complete for Hermeneutics, and I must get on with the OT Survey course right away as syllabi need to be submitted about the middle of April. **Please PRAY that I will think clearly and with understanding as I prepare. PRAY also for safe travel.**

While in Uganda, I will also meet the BCM Uganda Board, participate in the dedication of land for a new BCM headquarters, meet Ugandan religious leaders, speak on a radio broadcast, and possibly preach in a church. I expect I'll have to deal with jetlag and attempt to ward off illness. **Please PRAY for health and strength.**

The AfRU representative has already asked if I would be willing to come back again soon to teach more courses. Aside from the amount of work required to prepare lectures and class notes, a trip like this is quite expensive. This trip alone will cost about \$4,000 CAD, the most expensive trip I have ever made. For that reason, would you consider a special gift to this ministry to help cover these expenses? If so, you can send your gift to the appropriate office identified at the bottom of this letterhead, marking your gift for account 18071-Uganda. Your generous gift and prayer are your participation in this ministry. Thank you.

I am grateful for the many people who support BCM's Member Care ministry. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you make possible something I could not do on my own. Over the past year, I have had 41 contacts with missionaries, helping them work through issues they were facing. Healthy, happy, and productive missionaries work hand-in-hand with the Holy Spirit in God's mission here on earth. What a privilege it is for you and me to be included.

Blessings.

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