## MISSIONARY PROFILE



## Phil and Twyla Tolstad

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*Phil* was born on November 11, 1952. He speaks English only. His missionary involvement includes:

- Bible school
- teacher development
- evangelism
- constructing churches
- printing literature
- leadership seminars
- apostolic doctrine seminars
- orphanages and primary schools

*Twyla* was born on August 13. She speaks English only. Her missionary involvement includes:

- teaching Bible school
- programs for feeding babies in danger
- primary and secondary school director
- Sunday school director

## **Biography**

Phil Tolstad was born in Montevideo, Uruguay, to missionary parents. He attended Conquerors Bible College where he met and married Twyla. After assisting in three churches in the Northwest, they accepted the pastorate in Berryville, Arkansas, where they pastored for seventeen years. In 2000 they received missionary appointment with the UPCI to South Africa. After a few years, their responsibilities were moved to the fields of Malawi and Mozambique where they were involved in the Bible school, established a printing plant and had the oversight of the national work.

Upon transferring from Malawi to Uganda in 2007 the church has experienced great revival and growth. From thirty-one churches and 3000 constituents to 876 churches and 182,621 constituents the church continues to grow. Bro. Tolstad is the superintendent of the United Apostolic Church of Uganda and leads the church with the vision to reach every village, trading center and city in the country. The goal of every church is to plant a new church each year. Another goal is to hold an open air crusade each month in an unchurched village. Each week Bro. Tolstad is in the bush teaching and preaching across the nation. Bro Tolstad also supervises the Apostolic Bible College. With the development of their new campus just outside of Kampala the National Conference Center and Apostolic Bible College campus is training and developing leaders in Uganda. In 2017 thirty-three students attended the first year of the new facility.

Sis. Tolstad is the director of the Apostolic schools in the capital city of Kampala. With over 1,000 primary and secondary students, its major commitment is to reach young people with the gospel and education. Sis. Tolstad also leads the Sunday school department in Uganda, and with fifty percent of the population being under fourteen years of age, it is important to teach the youth about Jesus Christ. In 2016 the Bible school had 34 students.