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April 2013 News Flash!!!

Well this will be a little different. Please take a seat.....

Q. Rumors have been circulating that you are stepping down from YEA Ian. What's going on?

A. I am stepping back not down; Subtle but important difference. When I return from my Europe visit in August I will cease to be supported by YEA and will have a reduced and different role.

Q. Is this a sudden decision?

A. Not at all. Since I came to Uganda 16 years ago I have felt (and said) that for us to survive long term and grow YEA should become an indigenous movement with local ownership. This is what is happening.

Q. Why now?

A. 3 years ago I took a tentative step back from YEA. In the past year I have felt clearly that it is time to hand over much more control to the team. It is always difficult to say "now is the right time" for something, but I do feel ready to take the plunge.

Q. Have you lost your vision for YEA?

A. Absolutely not. In fact I would say I am more passionate and committed to our vision and the young people of East Africa than ever before. This transition is part of fulfilling the vision.

Q. Will you still have a role in YEA?

A. Yes. I will remain as non-executive director, pastor to the team and I will still be the regular communicator with you, our partners around the world. It is the day-to-day operations of our work I will step back from.

Q. So what is next for you?

A. I have been offered and accepted the post of Youth Pastor for Kampala International Church where I will be responsible for developing the youth ministry of 3 congregations around the city. It is an exciting and challenging move for me.





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Q. Tell us what YEA will look like with you out of the day to day picture

A. My co-director, Collin, will have an increased role and Eugene will take on new responsibilities. We have an excellent local board in place and we are currently recruiting 3 new volunteers. I believe everything is in place for this big change.

Q. What are the financial implications of this transition?

A. I knew someone would ask!! We still need your support. I hope that by becoming independent financially I will be releasing vitally needed funds into developing the team and covering the ever increasing costs of our up country work. Inflation has been high in Uganda over the past few years and we are currently struggling to cover our regular expenses.

Q. How best can we pray for you, the YEA team and the work during the next few months?

A. Big change is scary and even when all things appear in place it can be a bumpy ride. Please pray that we all remain focused, listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and adapt well to new roles and responsibilities. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. We all need energy, vision and perseverance to achieve what we believe God has called us to do.

Personally I feel I need a good long rest while I am in Europe. Please pray I get this and return to Africa refreshed and full of enthusiasm.

Q. If we still have questions what should we do?

A. Please email me and I will do the best I can to respond. youthworx.ea@gmail.com

God bless and hope to see many of you during my visit.
Ian.