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## Christian Leaders Commissioned in Salt Lake City

### BORI LY

To understand Bori Ly's passion you need to know about his Cambodian family's background. In 1975, the Communist Party took over Cambodia. Thousands escaped the harsh rule and found refuge in the neighboring country of Thailand. In 1979, the U.S. government granted the Cambodian refugees passage to America. In 1981, they came here to Utah. The vast majority of the refugees believed in Buddhism and many converted to Mormonism. However, Bori's community was welcomed and introduced to Christ by a small church in Salt Lake City.



The church was led by an American who taught the Gospel to these refugees. Despite providing a translator, there remained a language barrier. Up until 1984, there was no Cambodian pastor. It was then that the American church recruited and trained Cambodian leaders. In 1987, *Community Christian Reformed Church* started and soon realized the critical need to connect with the next generation that

is being raised in America and mainly speaks English, while still relating to the older generation.

Bori Ly, a man very connected to his heritage, wants to make a difference in his community. He's especially burdened for his generation. During his course work at *The*

*Vine Institute* he accepted the call to be his church's pastor and now serves during the transition to new leadership.

### ANDRE MUHIMUZI



Andre Muhimuzi's passion to know Christ and lead others to know Him guides him in his life here in the US. Originally from the DR Congo, Andre dreams and works tirelessly to assist his people. Through *the Vine* courses he has received valuable training to equip him in many ways for the work of the ministry to reach the Congolese people as they resettle here in Utah. Completing action plans through his courses enabled him to plant a church for new arrivals in their heart languages of French and Swahili. Andre organized prayer vigils for men at his church and coordinated with his church Sunday School leaders to offer English classes in the form of Bible studies to improve language learning.

### CHRIS BEANE

Chris Beane started taking classes at *The Vine Institute* to grow his skills for his full time ministry at the *Rescue Mission of Salt Lake*. He teaches Bible classes, provides biblically centered addiction recovery counseling and oversees the discipleship program. Since he began taking courses through *The Vine* he has also taken on more responsibilities in his home church, K2 the Church, where he leads a small group with his wife and serves as a "shepherd" among leaders.



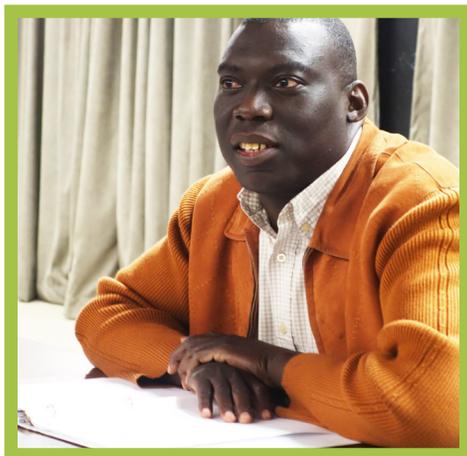
Chris has always felt called to help those who struggle to claim the victory that Jesus has won, and recently heard God speak to his true identity with the words "counselor, encourager, warrior." Though this feels bold and outside his comfort zone, these are words that tug on his heart and hasten his call.

Chris' desired goal for Kingdom of God change is to help others with their ongoing freedom from addiction as both he and those God brings into his life mature in faith.

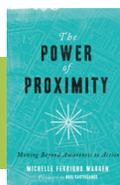
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## ROBERT SIMBE



**R**obert Simbe was born in Entebbe, Uganda. At the age of six, Robert, his siblings, and his parents fled the civil war in Uganda to Sudan, the country of his parents' origin. In 1991, he again fled from his home town of Yei in the southern part of Sudan back to Uganda and then later ended up back in Khartoum in northern Sudan. Drawing on his own history, Robert has served in many local nonprofit organizations that focus on em-



## The Power of Proximity

*Moving Beyond Awareness to Action by Michelle Warren*

powering refugees. He currently serves as a board member at *The Vine Institute*.

Robert's training at *The Vine Institute* has enabled him to lead and participate in ministry at *Christ for the Nations Church*. He used the lessons—for example the study about *Teaching the Christian Faith*—to help prepare lessons for his Sunday School class. He says, “*The Biblical Preaching* course has taught me how to prepare a sermon. This training for me is the beginning but I would like to even go further if there are opportunities beyond this certificate. I am using what I have learned to help my local church and for God's glory.” 🍷

**W**e can see evidence of injustice all around us, whether in continuing incidents of racial inequality or in the systemic forces that disenfranchise people and perpetuate poverty. It's important to learn about the world's inequities and to be a voice for the voiceless any way we can. But in an age of hashtag and armchair activism, merely raising awareness about injustice is not enough.

Michelle Warren knows what is needed. She and her family have chosen to live in communities where they are “proximate to the pain of the poor.” This makes all the difference in facing and overcoming injustice. When we build relationships where we live, we discover the complexities of standing with the vulnerable and the commitment needed for long-term change.

Proximity changes our perspective, compels our response, and keeps us committed to the journey of pursuing justice for all. Move beyond awareness and experience the power of proximity. 🍷

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