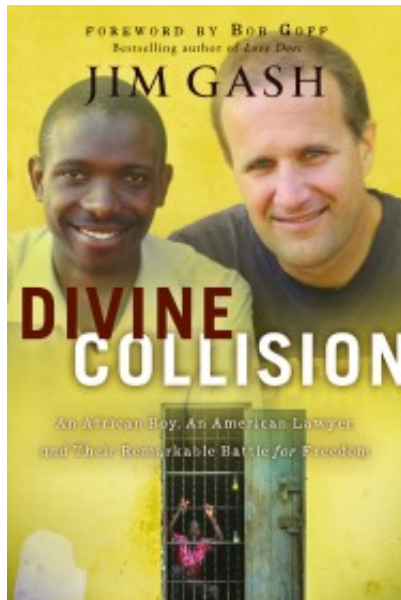


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**AN AFRICAN BOY, AN AMERICAN LAWYER,
AND THEIR REMARKABLE BATTLE FOR JUSTICE**
BOOK RECOUNTS HOW THEIR “DIVINE COLLISION”
HELPED REFORM UGANDA’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



Nashville, TN — Jim Gash was living a comfortable life as a Los Angeles lawyer and law professor at Pepperdine University. Henry was a teenage boy wrongly accused of murder, languishing in a Ugandan detention center for almost two years without trial. Henry was losing hope, and prayed for a sign from God. Halfway around the world, Jim Gash listened to attorney and philanthropist Bob Goff encourage lawyers to use their legal training to help imprisoned children in Africa. Jim felt an irresistible urge to respond to this call and told Bob to count him in. Little did Henry know, his prayer had been answered.

Gash recounts their inspiring true story in his new book, *Divine Collision: An African Boy, An American Lawyer, and their Remarkable Battle for Freedom* (January 26, 2016, Worthy Publishing). A documentary entitled “Remand,” produced by Revolution Pictures and releasing early 2016, will highlight portions of Jim and Henry’s story. Henry will join Jim Gash for a U.S. media

and speaking tour during February 2016.

Gash’s first trip to Uganda (2010) was a two-week trip as part of a global justice project at Pepperdine University; their goal was to provide pro bono legal assistance to children caught without representation in the Ugandan justice system. When Jim arrived in the heart of Africa, he was introduced to Henry, a courageous teenager languishing in a juvenile detention center. Their friendship grew stronger as they battled for the next five years to prove Henry’s innocence and secure his freedom. *Divine Collision* recounts the full story, which reads like a fast-paced legal thriller, and features eight pages of photos, as well as links to online videos.

At the beginning of his career, Jim had worked endless hours as an ambitious lawyer, and he later launched into teaching at Pepperdine with similar zeal. He was never able to slow down, to live the life he wanted to live. Until he went to Uganda. “You’ve heard that story about the boy throwing starfish back into the ocean,” says Jim. “A bystander looks at the hundreds left on the shore and tells the boy he isn’t making a difference. The boy responds, ‘I made a difference for that one.’ Well, I went to Uganda thinking I was the boy in the story, hoping to toss some starfish back. But today I’m convinced I was never the boy. I am the starfish.”

The “divine collision” that brought Jim and Henry together has also helped to bind their nations in a unique relationship. Jim Gash became the first American to argue a case in Ugandan court, and today a close partnership between the Ugandan judiciary and Pepperdine University is helping to create a criminal justice system that offers speedy due process to all Ugandan citizens.

Ken Starr, President of Baylor University and former Dean of the Pepperdine University School of Law, commends *Divine Collision* as “a compelling narrative of Jim’s passion to protect children forgotten within the web of the Ugandan justice system and his desire to obey the biblical command to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.”

Bob Goff, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Love Does*, has penned the foreword for *Divine Collision*. As the attorney who first encouraged Jim Gash to visit Uganda back in 2009, Goff comments, “It never would have occurred to me in a thousand years the things I’ve seen Jim do in Uganda. That’s what happens when you say ‘let’s go do this together.’”

Jim Gash graduated first in his law school class at Pepperdine in 1993. Over the course of his career, he has clerked with a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, worked at one of the top law firms in the country, and served as Pepperdine Law’s Dean of Students. In 2010, Jim traveled to Uganda on a juvenile justice project where he met Henry. Since then, he has returned to Uganda sixteen times. In 2012, Jim Gash became the Specialist Advisor to the High Court of Uganda and in 2013 became the first American ever to appear as an attorney in Ugandan Court. Today, Jim directs Pepperdine’s Global Justice Program and is scheduled to become an official citizen of Uganda in 2016. Jim and his family live in Malibu, California. Jim blogs at www.throwingstarfish.com.

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