

About Francis Okech

I am glad to have heard from you again.

Thank you for your willingness as a church to start supporting me. You requested to know more about me and so below is a brief summary of myself.

I was born on 20th February 1963 (now 43 years old) in rural part of Eastern Uganda to a Catholic family. I received education from a Catholic Seminary from the age of 14 to 19 with the aim of being ordained a Catholic priest. I later on joined a High School and thereafter got admitted at our National University for a Bachelors of Science Degree with Economics and Psychology. I graduated from the University in 1991 and then got postgraduate Certificate in Management from Uganda Management Institute in 1998. While at the University, I joined a denominational Union in the 90s but later on heard the truth, believed the gospel, got baptized, got converted in the first half of 2004 and became a Christian. Because of zeal, commitment and love for the word of God, my Christian growth was very rapid. I began teaching and preaching almost immediately. For more information, I joined banking industry in 1992, just after graduating from the University, the job I held up to recently. Because **'The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into His harvest'**, Luke 10:2, I opted for full time preaching work last year after seeing a great need to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Now I am in a very active preaching and teaching work. I have done numerous baptisms ever since I started preaching. It's enormous and incredible how the word of God has been received here.

I studied with Dave Beckley, Paul Williams, Alan Fox and Fred Liggins, all of South Africa, March to May 2006.

I married my late wife in 1995 and got my first child with her in 1996 (Mercy Akola), the second child, Samuel Okech was born in 2000. Benjamin and Mary were born in 2004. During their (Benjamin and Mary) birth, my wife passed away shortly after an operation. All together I have 4 children.

Mercy studies in Primary 6, paying Ushs 572,800 (USD 318.22) per term, Samuel studies in Preprimary, paying Ushs 313400 (USD 174.11) per term, school requirements for both Mercy and Samuel Ushs 160,000 (USD 88.88) per term. Benjamin and Mary will start going to school in January 2007 on day care program.

About my income, at the moment I do not have any earning.

When I left the bank I had some little saving which got exhausted after a few months but I have been receiving one time support from brethren (every support has always been a one time support so far). You know this is uncertain income by nature and therefore worrying.

I don't know if I have told you all you expect to hear from me but I will be very willing to give you more information at your request.

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