

## **August 2007 Report**

Once again, many thanks to congregations, churches and brethren who have continued to send support for the work in impoverished country of Uganda. Without these supports, spiritual and financial, may be we wouldn't be doing what we do. May the Lord increase them and their children. May the Lord who made heaven and earth bless them and their families and increase their lives, Ps 115:14-15, because they have blessed the Lord, not men.

The Lord has continued to prosper HIS work in Uganda amidst hardships, disease, sickness, poverty and accidents, to mention but a few.

One lady is right now in hospital admitted with breast cancer. She is in great need. She has 6 children, 4 pairs of twins, yet abandoned by her husband. Please pray for this lady and the rest of us.

### **August Baptism**

The Lord our God, and the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has remained very faithful to me. He has always added my joy all through. I baptized 5 women and 1 man on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007 after a series of bible studies and this has brought great joy in heaven among the Angels of God (Luke 15:10) to the glory of God Almighty.

As the Lord continues to bless what I do, I get encouraged to work harder. I have plans to start preaching across the lake and the other part of the city, as the Lord adds the grace.

I covet prayers of brethren all over the world.

### **Lakeside Church of Christ, Jinja**

The attendance has remained stable, just about to clock 60 on Sundays and 20s within weekdays.

This was the third month in a row I have taught about on 2Cor 5:17. Here in Uganda, I fish people from witchcraft, traditional worship, commercial sex, idolatry, and others. I am concerned that brethren **MUST** be taught to forget what is behind and press forward (Phil 3:13-14) and to avoid evil company so as to protect good habits (1Cor 15:33, 2Cor 6:14-18) that are in God.

I have encouraged brethren not to 'call to mind that country from which they have come out, lest they desire to return,' Heb 11:15, that brethren should desire a heavenly country Heb 11:16. This was my main focus for the last three months in a row in all the congregations I preached in the month.

Brethren must grow up therefore I continued to preach about Christian maturity. I am working hard to start another study group soon.

Please keep praying for us.

### **Kampala Church of Christ**

The stability of Kampala church has added great joy to us. Again I have continued to give teachings that helps saints becomes teachers rather than learners as I mentioned above.

The attendance is between 30 and 35. The Lord God has remained faithful to this date. We still study once a week during the week and have evening services on Sundays.

I am teaching and encouraging saints to participate in bringing non-believing neighbors and relatives to church the Cornelius (Acts 10:24). From this exercise, some make appointments for bible studies. This exercise works well for me. I don't know if it can work in other countries. I have seen people getting converted as a result of the exercise.

### **Tororo Church of Christ**

I have continued visiting the church in Tororo. The attendance is well over 30 with many zealous brethren. Its not easy to tell that these saints are very rural poor and needy. Their faces have lots of joy.

We still haven't secured shelter for them they are still worshipping in grass thatched temporary shelter. Continue praying for them to get a better shelter. I have taught them to evangelize the Cornelius way (Acts 10:24). I am yet to see if they will participate in spreading the gospel the Cornelius way.

### **Rosemary's Efforts**

A sister in the Lord has encouraged Sister Rosemary last month with some support in recognition to her work among women and children.

I continuing to appeal to brethren to continue praying for Rosemary for encourage. She is persistent and committed to the work of the Lord.

Her children and mine are won holidays. We are yet to pay their school fees and buy school requirements. Please pray for us.

### **A visitor soon**

I have invited a brother and a preacher from Nigeria to Uganda to come and teach the word of God in Uganda.

Brother Gert will also visit us in next year and teach the word of God. In this way brethren in Uganda will be blest spiritually, Please pray for this plan to prosper.

### **An Automobile**

I managed to acquire an automobile. This will ease my routine movements. This automobile will also help bring destitute saints from their slums to church. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless all those who sent support and prayed for me for an automobile.

### **Prayer Need**

Rosemary and I must pay children's school fees this month. Rosemary \$550, myself \$680. Pray for us to have the fees before 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2007 so that our children do not miss the term.

**Francis Okech, Uganda**