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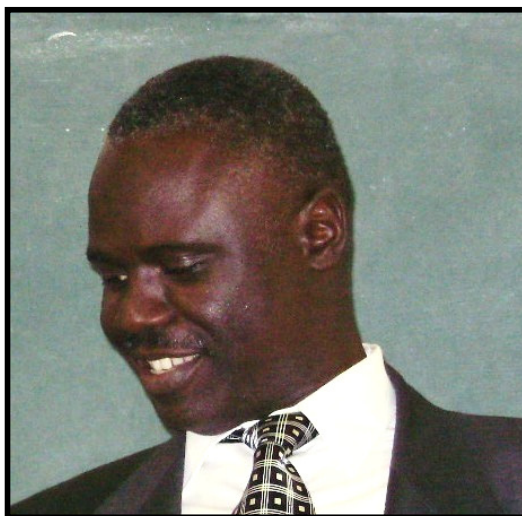
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Francis Okech Comes From Uganda For Back Treatment

Francis Okech, about 46, is the only faithful gospel preacher in Uganda, as far as I know. When Keith Sharp and John Welch were with him in Uganda for two weeks, they found him suffering badly from a painful back and leg. They gave him money so he could come to South Africa for treatment.

Francis arrived in Durban on February 27. The orthopedic specialist advised him to have physiotherapy rather than surgery, and he was able to be treated in Eshowe. He improved remarkably and was able to return to Uganda on March 18.

I was able to have some classes with Francis while he was here, and he preached very useful sermons twice. We enjoyed having him in our house.



He writes that the plane trip back to Uganda was very uncomfortable, but that he is doing well. He has bought a firm mattress, found a physiotherapist (in Kampala, I think), and is careful to follow the doctor's orders. You can write to him at: okech_cocug@yahoo.com.

Zimbabwe Relief

I relayed to you the appeal of the five Zimbabwean preachers who attended our gospel meeting in December. They said their area—Mutare/Harare—had received no money for poor saints, and that the brethren were in great need. I was able to send money, and some others of you responded as well.

However, I received a report that some of the money was not used properly, and I held off sending any more money until David Beckley came back from America and made a trip to the area. He did this and returned this month. He took loads of food to the brethren there and was able to get a very good idea of the needs. He told me that the money we sent was used properly. He said that Moses, the preacher who sent the false report, lied about several things and married a second wife a year ago, thus is living in adultery. I was very sorry to hear this about Moses, who is a very personable fellow.

David recommends that when sending money to anyone, several preachers be informed. In this way the money can be seen to be used in the right way.