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Dear

Once again, dear dear praying friends, thank you so much for all your support. As you can see from the following account prayer is what has made all this possible!

Rioting in Kampala

We landed on the Friday morning only to find a city in the grip of a full blown riot! This had been triggered by the King of Buganda having been prevented by the President from travelling to a youth rally. Many police stations were on fire, and major exit roads had been blocked by burning vehicles. Sadly, many had been killed, and hundreds injured. Several radio stations had also shut down.



We were concerned what effect this would have on our ability to assemble as a team. Would we be able to get the Bibles and other last minute provisions? Would the riots prevent us from being able to travel to the mission field on the Monday morning?

Thanks to your prayers, all of us had an overriding sense of peace. One of the most obvious answers to prayers was to see the King backing down on his intention to attend the rally. As a result of this – and some pretty hefty intervention by the police and army, in the course of which several hundred people were arrested – peace was restored amazingly quickly by the Sunday afternoon. We praise God that we were therefore able to travel as planned the following day, unhindered.

Mission to Gomba 14th-21st September- a huge spiritual resistance

Driving into Gomba we noted that many of the mission posters had been torn down or destroyed. On arrival at the crusade ground for the first meeting we found – no one there. The place was totally deserted! Not even any members of the local churches! What was happening?

A few people eventually began to gather but there was clearly major spiritual resistance to what God was doing. It was hard unploughed spiritual ground with nearly all the homes having witchcraft items in them. Some examples:



- *Parents were warning their children that if they became born again they would have to leave home.*
- *An 80 year old man named Joseph gave his life to the Lord on the first day and received both healing and deliverance. We burned*

his witchcraft items on the stage(see following picture). Every night he was seen dancing with joy (despite the family threatening to cut his head off!).

On giving his life to Jesus, a fourteen year old boy was chased out of his home by his Muslim guardians (A host pastor has given him a new home).



During the following days we both prayed and fasted and sought additional prayer support. It was about now that the Lord spoke very clearly in the night to Carol, my wife: “My word will not return to me empty!”

Breakthrough!

By the end of the week, thanks both to these prayers and the team pressing through, the whole atmosphere had changed. A breakthrough had occurred. A real sense of joy, release and freedom came on us. Suddenly the ground was full of people dancing and celebrating. In a place where the spirit of drunkenness had had such a strong hold, bar owners were now complaining of a lack of customers. A mere trickle of salvations at the beginning of the week increased substantially, including a number of Muslims.

On the last Saturday, Steve was preparing to give a particular talk to the leaders. This is a much anointed one and I have often noticed that often he does not get to the end of it without the Holy Spirit falling. On this occasion the Holy Spirit fell before he was even able to start!

There was a long time of shaking, weeping and deliverance. As a result Steve never did get to give his talk!

That evening Fred Mudde went to the house of a witchdoctor. He was out. Fred then came across a large group of Muslims celebrating the last day of Ramadan. Thirteen of them gave their lives to Jesus!

In the end we saw the wonderful total of **two hundred and forty three** people in this remote area gave their lives to Jesus (we praise God that a new church will be built close to the crusade ground to look after these new people- there being none other nearby)

Follow up visit to Kyerima 23rd- 26th September

Five of us went on to make a visit the following week to this village (which we had visited four years previously). After refresher training, fifty four people went out for door to door evangelism. They returned two hours later totally re-energised and re-envisioned by the fact that they had been used to bring **eighty-one** people to the Lord (including Muslims) in that small space of time.

Healings a plenty (and a new ministry discovered!)

Right from the very first night, healings were a major feature of this trip. Even in one of the training sessions for the leaders five testified to having been instantly healed as a result of them praying for each other during a five minute period. One of these had had sharp stomach pains, another had not been able to lift her hands in the air without piercing pain.

So often we have the privilege of seeing God birthing new ministries in people who come on mission with us. This was no exception. God really honours and uses those who are prepared to ‘step out of the boat’. Jeremy Penwarden, who was on his first mission trip, had been used by God to heal only one person before coming to Africa. He had also never previously preached anywhere.

As well as preaching effectively in churches and on the crusade ground, God used Jeremy in a major way in the area of healing. He prayed individually for well over sixty people, nearly all of whom testified of a substantial or complete healing. (Jeremy also demonstrated a heart to teach and empower others to do the same). Who knows how God will develop this new ministry?

Some examples:

- *An old man who had not been able to cycle easily for many years because of a pain in his bottom testified that he could now ride again normally!*
- *Another elderly man who could not sleep properly (because of pain incurred as a result of a car accident forty years ago) was healed and could now have a sound night's sleep*
- *A lady with an abnormal heart beat was completely healed*
- *People with malaria stated that all their symptoms had gone*
- *Many severe back, stomach, chest and joint pains were completely healed*

God's continuing protection

A witchdoctor kept asking why the team were not sick. She had clearly been cursing us and could not understand why we were still standing up. Thanks to your prayers, apart from two minor cases of diarrhoea (which quickly cleared up) the whole team were kept in excellent health.

Some more encouraging feedback

- *In **Wobulenzi** where we were five years ago there had been no unity. Now there are forty two churches working together monthly on door to door evangelism. In just the last **two** months they have seen **two hundred and ten** people come to the Lord. In addition, a local teacher who came into a prison with us has since started up his own prison ministry and has personally seen **well over one hundred** prisoners give their lives to Jesus.*
- *In **Buliro**, which we visited just nine months ago they have already planted **four** new churches in the area.*
- *In **Lugoloire**, which we visited two years ago, and where there had been no unity at all, there are now **thirty three** churches working together to do evangelism on a monthly basis, and running new believers classes weekly.*
- *In a visit to a village near **Fort Portal** five years ago, we baptised one hundred and five new converts. One of these is now pasturing a flourishing church of ninety people!*

To God be the glory!

What a team!

God has blessed us with an amazing team of African pastors to work with. I am constantly astonished by the new things that I find out about them.

For example, whilst I was aware that Fred Makubuye had personally planted forty churches in the last fifteen years, when we asked him if he had seen any miracles during that time he

replied that he had been used by God to raise two people from the dead. At this point our mouths just fell open. All we could say was **WOW!**

There was an extraordinary sense of love and unity in the team, which was frequently commented on. It greatly impacted both the host pastors and all who had contact with us. We praise God for this, and thank you so much for your prayers for this to have happened.

Praise Points

- *For 325 new souls (including many Muslims) who came to the Lord. To this figure can be added some 100 plus children who also responded when I spoke at a school on our last day.*
- *For the spiritual and physical protection of all team members*
- *For the unity that flowed so strongly in the team*
- *For the large number of very many wonderful healings*
- *For the safe travel (in particular the rapid calming of the situation in Kampala) and protection from infection*
- *For the 243 Bibles that we were able to buy (it was a delight to see one of the ladies dancing with joy as she clutched her new Bible)*
- *For the new healing ministry that God has given to Jeremy*
- *That the churches taking part in the mission seem to have really caught the vision of working together in future evangelistic outreaches*
- *For God's immense faithfulness and His continued financial provision.*



Jeremy presenting bible

Ongoing Prayer Pointers (They are all equally as important!)

- *For those who have found the Lord on this trip to be used by the Lord to disciple many others,*
- *For the churches to continue to work together in effective evangelistic outreaches in both the regions that we visited*
- *For the new church plant in the crusade area to be well established, and for the necessary financial support for the new pastor*
- *For ongoing spiritual protection, both for members of the team and for those whose lives have been recently touched*
- *For the new found unity among the local pastors to flourish and continue.*

Thank you so very, very much for all your prayers, support and encouragement. As you will realise from the above report they have played an enormous part in all that God did!

Your fellow workers in His harvest field,

Terry Charlton and the Mission Africa team



New Believers class - Gomba