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Dear

Once again, dear praying friends, thank you so much for all your support. It is difficult to put into words just what a sense there was of God having gone ahead of us and doing His work through us.

Journey mercies

Closed by snow until late afternoon, Gatwick, eventually opened – to my great relief – to allow an evening flight from Jersey to land. As a result, I was able to make my connection to Africa from Heathrow as originally planned, What a contrast the intense heat and humidity were in Uganda compared to freeze block Britain!

Steve greeted me at the airport with the exciting news that his church was ready to embark on a year of evangelism. Many had been fasting for the whole of the previous week. Could some of his people come on the mission to get some training and experience? They could indeed! The result was the biggest team ever: 23 members. Hallelujah!

Mission to Kaiti (in the district of Numutumba)- a huge spiritual hunger- many healings!

Having crammed this greatly expanded team – plus equipment – into the back of a hired truck and one spare car, we arrived to an enthusiastic welcome in an open sided grass roofed church. Such was the yearning and hunger for God, and the sense of His presence in the place, that right through the week, from the first evening, people came up to pray the prayer of salvation even before any altar call was made.



*60 year old Bonefancio (left) a well known drunk received **immediate healing** to his eyes that first night, gave his life to the Lord and announced that he would take to court any one who tried to persuade him to drink again!! He was still testifying a week later to the delighted crowd that he had been set free of addiction. People came out of the crowd giving him new clothes and shoes- he came on the stage to dance in these- never ever having had shoes in his whole life. A man utterly transformed by the life and power of Jesus!*

Over 700 people gave their lives to Jesus during this first week in that very rural location, including a good number of Muslims. We saw God perform many healings amongst them. Even during one of the first of the morning training sessions, which was attended by over 60 leaders from 17 churches, we saw God heal eleven of those attending in the space of just ten

minutes after asking them to pray for each other. These healings included instant restoration of defective hearing and sight. Wow!

*Inspired by all this, folk went out in pairs to visit people in their houses. One couple came across a Muslim lady named **Zahar** (right) who had been housebound and unable to eat or walk properly **for eight years**. She gave her life to the Lord, and then **walked one mile** to the meeting to testify on the platform of her healing and her new faith. Praise God!*



Bars closed

Drunkenness was a huge problem in this village. One of the ‘cottage industries’ is the brewing of a strong local liquor called *Waragi* from sorghum, banana or sugar cane waste. We praise God that two bar owners gave their lives to Jesus, one standing on the platform testifying what she had done and urging her former customers to do the same!

Powers of darkness driven back



As well as being in the grip of drunkenness, the whole place had been very bound up by witchcraft. Many well known people testified about how they had been delivered and set free from demons. On the final Saturday we had the joy of burning witchcraft items that had been surrendered on the stage. There was great rejoicing and much dancing!

Prisons wide open

We went initially to a small remand home where there were just six inmates awaiting trial. Preaching to these barefoot prisoners in the shade of an avocado tree it was a delight to see **every single one** pray the prayer of salvation – plus a wife and child who were visiting that afternoon (a whole family coming to Jesus – hallelujah!)

The next day we travelled to a larger prison. I was just about to preach to the twenty two who were there when a barefooted work party of forty more returned in their yellow uniforms. Of these sixty two, **forty eight** (including some Muslims) prayed the prayer of salvation, nearly three quarters of the prison population! To God be all the glory!

Door to door harvest – a new ministry found - a new church planted

Just as the disciples in the New Testament who went out visiting people in their homes returned with much joy and singing, three people from Steve’s church came back two hours later having led no less than twenty people to the Lord. They were mightily encouraged.

One man cycled up to one team member saying ‘don’t speak to me – I have only three minutes – please may I pray the prayer of salvation? Such was the hunger for the Gospel.

Daniel Matove, another member of Steve’s church, who had never done any door to door work, and very fearful about doing so, visited a village over two miles away. He saw two people come to Christ as he did so. Returning to follow these up the next day three more gave their lives to Jesus. The following day he was approached by two teenage girls from that village pleading for him to return. This he did along with the host pastor. They found a group of forty people in a compound and had their own mini-crusade there. All gave their lives to Jesus. Returning there yet again the following day yet another thirty people prayed the prayer of salvation – more than **seventy** in total. The result is **a new evangelistic ministry for Daniel – and a new church will be planted in that village. God is on the move!!**

God's protection

Thanks to your prayers the team were kept in very good health.

On the last Saturday evening during the showing of the Jesus film, a cobra was spotted in the darkness emerging from the crowd and heading straight for the P.A. team. One of them immediately managed to kill it. We were amazed and praised God that no one was bitten!

Follow up visit- Kikandwa – what a welcome!

Nine of us went on to make a visit the following week to this 90% Muslim township which we visited three years previously. The journey took five hours, much of the last thirty miles being spent travelling at walking pace. Paul, our driver, in the heavily overladen vehicle, had to negotiate his way around the deep gullies that etch the surface of the road, as a result of the earlier rainy season.

A wonderful welcome awaited us with a group of ladies whooping, dancing and running in delight towards the vehicle to grasp our hands. I wondered to myself afterwards: if this is the sort of welcome we receive on earth what will our welcome in heaven be like?

After refresher training (in which many once again received physical healing), twenty two people went out for door to door evangelism. They returned two hours later with a new spirit of joy. The first couple who returned testified to having led sixteen people to Jesus including six Muslims!

One very moving moment came when a young couple turned up just after breakfast having walked **seven** miles to the house we were staying in, carrying their baby who had a fever.

Our short visit of just two days was crowned with an impromptu celebration in the host church. Many living nearby were attracted by the sound of the worship. It was an unexpected delight to see over forty people give their lives to Jesus at the end of this.

After the battering from Satan that the local church had been going through recently, we are praying that God will continue to move in mighty power once more in this place.

Blessed unity!

Once more, 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. The unity was such that they could not believe that we weren't all from one church. We praise God for this, and thank you so much for your prayers, which helped to make this happen.

Visit to David Sseruwagi's orphanage and school

It was also a delight to visit David's place once more. This was where I was so mightily impacted on my first visit exactly ten years previously. We also discovered that, with help from a number of people including Mission Africa, the financial position of both the orphanage and the schools is beginning to improve. Positive steps are being taken to get the ministry back on to a much sounder financial footing. As the greatest bonus possible, over forty children gave their lives to the Lord when I spoke to a group of them. Hallelujah!

Praise Points

- *Well over 800 new souls (including many Muslims) came to the Lord.*
- *For the spiritual and physical protection of all team members, and the unity that flowed so strongly in the team.*
- *For the large number of wonderful healings*



- *For the safe travel and protection from infection*
- *For the 247 Bibles that we were able to buy and distribute*
- *For the new evangelistic ministry that God has given to Daniel Matove and*



- for the new church already planted in a nearby village*
- *For God's immense faithfulness concerning every aspect of this mission.*

Ongoing Prayer Pointers

- *For those who have found the Lord on this trip to be rooted and grounded in the gospel and become great soul winners themselves as follow up work is carried on in both places.*
- *For the churches to continue to work together in effective evangelistic outreaches in both areas and for this unity to develop and increase even further.*
- *For the new church plant in the crusade area to be well established*
- *For ongoing spiritual protection for members of the team, and for those whose lives have been recently touched.*

Thank you so very, very much for all your prayers, support and encouragement. As you will realise from the above report God did exceeding more than we could have thought or hoped as a result of them!

Yours in His harvest field,



*Terry Charlton,
Steve Trint
and the Mission Africa team*

