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Such encouragements!

“Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land” (Proverbs 25 v25)

Deaf and dumb Muslim lady- now in the church choir

Steve and I could not manage the follow up visit to Mutumba as Steve was still recovering from malaria and was too unwell that day to drive - but praise God: both Fred Makubuya and Jane Wagaluka were able to get to this remotest of villages independently. There they found three hundred people waiting for them, all hungry for more teaching. There had been a lot of disunity when we first visited nearly three years ago, but all that has changed now, and twenty-five pastors are humbly dedicated to working together. Most of the day was spent teaching, but a door - to-door evangelistic time resulted in forty-eight precious new souls. Praise God!

One of the lovely stories that the pastors shared was that during one of their earlier door-to-door visits, they had prayed for a deaf and dumb Muslim lady. Saved and healed, she is now a regular member of a church **choir!**

Practical help to the most vulnerable

Uganda is one of the countries worst affected by malaria – which is the number one killer in Africa.

This was brought home to me in a most painful way this year. A bonny little baby boy, Moses (whom I had held in my arms last June), was orphaned when his mother did not survive his

birth. Moses himself caught malaria and died this January at the age of just nine months - to the great distress of his new foster mum, Rita.

Thanks to the generosity of many, we were able to buy over 500 double sized mosquito nets this year. It was humbling to deliver these directly to some of the most vulnerable of families.



Trying out the new net which we put up

A happy ending

Ten days after little Moses died Rita married Matthew, a pastor she had met in May last year when he preached at her church. God immediately spoke to them both there and then, telling them that they were to be married.

Matthew had been born blind with such severe spinal defects that he could only crawl on his stomach “like a snake”. His father rejected his parents, and his mother locked him in a storeroom at home for eleven hours a day whilst she went to work. At the age of twelve, however, he attended a crusade and gave his life to Jesus. **There and then, God gave him both sight and the ability to walk and leap! He has since planted two churches and is pastoring a third near Makono.** It was such a pleasure to visit Matthew and Rita, and to witness their deep happiness together. Thanks to some great support, Rita has recently been able to rent some shop premises which, when stocked up with groceries, will provide some welcome income.



Rita- in her new shop

Rita is now pregnant and their baby is due in October.

Witchdoctor’s football team defect to Mission Africa side

Following the defeat of the witchdoctor’s football team at the tournament held in Kasokwe on Christmas Day, many have now defected to the Mission Africa side.

Most of the parents in the youth team of Mission Africa have seen an amazing transformational change in their sons’ characters, and have also given their lives to Jesus as a result. Praise God for the impact God has made on the community through this initiative.

Daniel Kato - now a full time evangelist!

I had a precious time with Daniel and his family encouraging him further in his new ministry that started only this January. God is already giving him much favour and he will be heading up our next mission in just two months time.



Daniel, Grace, Joel and Jemimah

Godfrey- friend of prisoners

It is always a pleasure when I come across people who have been impacted by our previous visits. One such person was a local headmaster, Godfrey Kayire. Nine years ago we held a mission in Wobulenzi that included a visit to a nearby prison. Godfrey was part of that team and his first visit ever to such a place. He was greatly touched by the needs of these desperate people, many of them in rags. Accompanied by a team of ten, they visit prisons on a weekly basis and take in food and clothes. He has seen many hundreds of prisoners come to Christ over the years. Ten of them walked ten miles to Godfrey's church last Christmas having just been unexpectedly released!



Godfrey Kayire

Church quadruples in size

As our team gathered for its retreat by Lake Victoria we were thrilled by the accounts of what God has done during the past year. Here are a few of the highlights!

One church alone in Mbuyendi, where we held a mission two months ago, has **quadrupled** in size 105 to 466, with pastors in the area coming in to help with this huge surge of new believers. Jane Wagaluka told us that following our mission to Kamuli six years ago, when we built a church to replace the tiny thatched roofed one, she now has a congregation of **500** people each Sunday. Originally there was no unity amongst the churches. In a few weeks' time she is arranging for a gathering of **three hundred** pastors!



Pastor Jane Wagaluka

A God of multiplication.

I also met pastor Samuel Ssesanga again. At a mission that we held in 2004, Samuel was transformed by God into a mighty soul winner. He is now seeing some **3000** people coming to Jesus as a result of six missions that he is arranging each year in rural areas. At the same time he is training up even more evangelists. Praise God!

Bibles

It is a joy to provide many hundreds of bibles each year to new believers after the missions.

This year we were thrilled to be able to give an additional one hundred Bibles and books of Bible stories to the older children at Steve's rapidly growing primary school at Toggo.



Reading the creation story

Foot washing - Team "blown away"

Our retreat was a truly valuable time together seeing how we could be more effective and planning all the new missions right up to January 2015. We then had a time of washing the feet of the team. They were just blown away by this simple act, many of them in tears. It was a really precious moment. It felt as if Jesus was Himself in the room with us.

Please pray:

- *That we will be able to provide sufficient bibles to give to the many new believers in Mbuyendi.*
- *for the preparations for our next mission in September in to be led by Pastor Daniel Kato in Nakaseke, (just seven miles from where Mission Africa first started its work back in February 2000)*
- *For a safe pregnancy for Rita and a smooth delivery of her baby in October*

With thanks so very much once again for all your amazing support.

with our love,



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