



Uganda MAG Teams – Youth Camps January, 2024

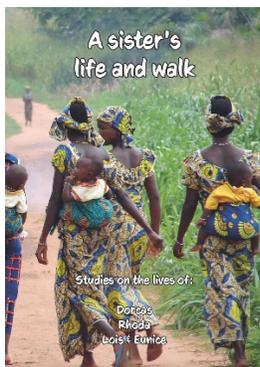
It is with grateful hearts that we look back on our time in Uganda with the MAG teams for the youth camps. Once again, the Lord has done marvellously, **“He has done great things which we cannot comprehend.”** Job 37:5.

The exercise for these youth camps is to present the word of God to both young men and young women who have a desire for a better understanding of the truth presented in the word of God. There are two camps for girls, and two for boys, hosted by local assemblies in Uganda, and supported by the MAG teams. We attempt to register 100 people for each camp, but have experienced an additional 25 to 50 percent over that, with young people simply showing up after hearing of the camps and desiring to attend. These young people come from local

assemblies in both western and eastern Uganda, as well as those associated with groups with whom the local brethren are in contact with via outreach and teaching ministries.

Girls Youth Camps

The participants in the girls MAG team were, Paul and Renate Meijer, Adriana Redekop, Claudia Schlawer, Ellen Meijnen, Kathryn Ajami, and Janessa Redekop.



They took up the subject “A Sister’s Life and Walk”. This was studied using the examples of Dorcas, Rhoda, Lois and Eunice over a three-day period that ended on a Saturday. On the Lord’s Day, there was the normal Lord’s Day meetings followed by a Gospel meeting particularly

geared towards several Muslim women who are regularly attending the assembly meetings.



The scripture passages chosen for the youth camp were printed and provided to each camper in a small booklet with questions on each section. After teaching the lesson, these questions were discussed in small study groups where the MAG team participants directed the discussions to help answer the questions, which are then taken up a second time with the entire group.

Day 1 – Dorcas (Acts 9:36)

- Many have a Catholic background; show that works don't come first, but after salvation
- She gets sick, dies, and is then raised by Peter; an opportunity to speak about where miracles fit in (cf. Mark 16:20)
- Encouragement: look at how we should show our faith by our works

Day 2 – Rhoda (Acts 12:13)

- Emphasis on prayer (for Peter in jail)
- Peter knocked, Rhoda was shocked, and the people mocked
- Peter could sleep because he knew Who was in control

Day 3 – Lois and Eunice (2 Timothy 1)

- Importance of the role of the mother in bringing up children for the Lord
- Practical teaching for how to treat one's wife
- Instilling the word of God in the family



The girls team also prepared a craft for all the girls, which helps with learning practical skills that enable them to use these skills in daily life. They worked on these crafts each day after the bible study sessions.

During these days of camp sessions, Paul Meijer visited with local brethren where they had opportunity to have bible studies on various subjects, responding to questions that brethren were asking.

Boys Youth Camps



While the girls' MAG team was in Busia, eastern Uganda, the boys' MAG team was in Mpondwe, western Uganda in a rented school facility.

The boys' MAG team participants were, Phil and Anne-Christine Hadley, John and Nancy Redekop, Mike Redekop, and Eric Clermont.

The boys studied the early life of David over the course of three days.

Day 1 – Saul, the man of the flesh (1 Sam. 8-15)

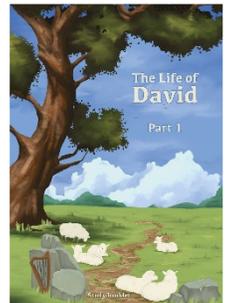
- Israel rejects Jehovah and Saul is the people's choice
- Saul offers a sacrifice and God rejects him
- The Amalekites are seen as an enemy that is a type of the flesh

Day 2 – David, a man after God's own heart (1 Sam. 16)

- Samuel looks at the outward appearance
- The sons of Jesse have the name and appearance but not the heart
- David has the qualities of a leader with his experience as a shepherd

Day 3 – The battle belongs to the Lord (1 Sam. 17)

- Philistines typical of religious energy without reality (Satan's counterfeit)
- David's weapons more suitable than those of the man of the flesh
- Goliath defeated, a picture of Christ destroying Satan and the power of death



This is a typical schedule for a day at the boys camp:

-  7:00 Breakfast
-  8:30 Singing / prayer
-  9:15 Lesson 1
-  10:45 Break
-  11:00 Small group study 1
-  12:15 Lunch
-  14:00 Lesson 2
-  14:45 Small group study 2
-  15:30 Break
-  15:45 Large group discussion
-  18:30 Supper



These camps also ended on a Saturday, so that the camp schedule would not conflict with the regularly scheduled assembly meetings on the Lord's Day. This allowed for additional ministry in the local assembly, home visits, and further Gospel meetings.

Visits with Sisters and Children



While the boys' MAG team was occupied with the camps, Anne-Christine Hadley and Nancy Redekop had opportunity to visit with the sisters from the local assemblies in their homes. This allowed for personal talks with the sisters, as well as devotional times sharing scriptures for the encouragement of all. Many opportunities were afforded them to have lessons for the children telling them bible stories and giving bible lessons to them.



Outreach at a University

After the first two camps were completed, there was opportunity for both MAG teams to be together for a day prior to the commencement of the final two camps. This allowed us to go to a local university campus near the capital city, Kampala, where we were able to sing many songs while handing out gospel tracts, and calendars. It was very interesting to observe that all who were approached with this Christian literature, received it except for one Muslim lady who saw what we were doing as she approached. She abruptly turned around and walked away.



We can only give thanks to the Lord who has allowed us to share in presenting His word through these camps and visits. It is His word, and He has promised in it that it will not return to Him void, but it will accomplish the purpose that He pleases (Is. 55:11).

As a result of what the Lord has done and is doing through these camps, we can give testimony that:

- A young man has been restored to the Lord, and has since been baptized.
- A young man was assured of his eternal security in the finished work of Christ after asking how many times he needed to be saved.
- Simultaneously to the young man above, another young man came to know Christ as his Saviour. (Simon in Orange Tee Shirt – pictured on the right)
- One sister who had been attending the assembly meetings came to know Christ as her Saviour.
- Others have since been baptized and also received to the breaking of bread.



It is only the Lord who is able to do this, and we give all the glory to Him who is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think.

We would also like to thank the many who participated with us on this trip both in prayer as we journeyed and ministered the word, as well as the many who supported the work financially. These camps can only take place with the support of the saints from abroad. All costs of travel, accommodation, food, and facilities have to be looked after through this support as the young people do not have the means of attending the camps otherwise.

In closing, I would like to share the testimony of one of the participants on the MAG teams. “At the beginning of the trip I wondered what I was doing there, and now that it is over I would recommend every young person needs to participate in this at least once.”

Thank the Lord that in the ever-growing darkness that surrounds us in this world, He has not finished His work and the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them (2 Cor. 4:6b).