

REPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK IN WESTERN UGANDA

“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24).

We are again thankful to the Lord, who keeps opening more and more opportunities for us to make visits not only to the local assemblies and new groups but also to colleges and schools. With support from brethren, we were able to make these visits in the months of August, September, October, and November. We are thankful that in spite of many challenges and troubles, the Lord can still encourage us to do His work. Please pray that we do not get discouraged in all that we are going through but rather that we continue serving in full dependence upon the Master.

The following are some of the groups and assemblies we visit, and in this report, we provide a brief report.

Bundibugyo

The brothers Kasangaki, Apoliner, and Mathekere continue to faithfully serve the Lord here, and for the past few years they have also been visited by brothers from Kasese to help during the Gospel outreaches in the villages of Burondo and towns of Bundibugyo and Kakuka. During our visits, we were able to speak with some of their relatives and neighbors and had an opportunity to share the Word of God. We are also thankful that brothers Dungu Daniel (from Kampala) and Wapukhulu James (from Busia) joined us and have enough time to make more visits in the area. Brother James has expressed willingness to make another visit to Bundibugyo, Lord willing, so please pray with us for the Lord's provision to make this possible.

We continue praying for these three responsible brothers in Bundibugyo to continue in His work. More visits are still needed to help them answer questions they have about the “Truth of the Assembly” as well visiting students in schools and colleges.

Rukungiri – Kigezi

The Lord's work began here through brother Winterson; he spent time working in Kasese and had much time to visit the Kasese Bible Center where he received books that helped him to know the truth. The brother wished to have this truth known to the people back home. He started visiting homes and churches in his home area telling them about the Gospel and Assembly truth. He invites church leaders and young people to attend the annual youth camps and Bible conferences in Mpondwe. This has been so beneficial for us to have more and more in contact with them. In the last few months, we were able to make two visits to Rukungiri, where we made home to home visits. Three of them have expressed their willingness to start a Bible group; they meet in one of the brothers' homes (he also gave us one of the rooms to be used as meeting hall for the Bible studies). Brother Winterson also continues to make weekly visits to Nyarusanje and recently a Bible study group has started there. May the Lord give us the opportunity to keep visiting them and help Brother Winterson.

Hoima/Wairagaza

Our brother Kasereka, who had begun the ministry of preaching the Gospel in this area, put us into contact with new groups four years ago. Since then, when funds allowed, brothers from Kasese have been making visits. In August, brothers Festo and David visited the two groups at Wairagaza trading center. Subsequently, Brother David has been making monthly visits to this area. During our visits, our emphasis has been the Gospel as most of their questions revolve around Christianity—not only because of this, but also because they need the Gospel. However, there are a few people who had

questions about the “Assembly” and Christian living. Most of those visited appreciate the fact that each time the brothers visit them they give them free literature, especially Gospel tracts.

During our recent visits, another group at Kyakapera landing site (on the shores of Lake 2018 12Albert) also invited us. Most of them from this place have been attending the Bible conferences in Mpondwe (Kasese), including the one held in September during the visit of our three brothers and two sisters from Europe. We had the opportunity, and pray for more opportunities, to share the Gospel with the fishermen. Some of them expressed the need to have literature translated in their local languages. However, we also discovered that because it is an area inhabited mostly by refugees (near Kyaka, one of the biggest refugee camps in Uganda, which receives refugees from South Sudan, D.R. Congo, and Rwanda) that speak Swahili, they can use and appreciate Swahili and Luganda literature.

[Kisanga, Kithobire, Kathoma, Kisinga, Kyalhumba, and Hima](#)

Most of the students (young people) we normally visit in both primary and secondary schools come from these areas, and we are thankful to the Lord that they can still invite us to visit them during weekends and holidays. These young people have questions about Christianity (salvation and baptism). We are thankful to the Lord that most of them are answered with the help of the Bible and also that most of these young people can read English and Lhukonzo literature. Most of them have successfully completed the Bible courses; however, we are not able to give them Bibles at the end of the course because they are out of stock. They have been attending the youth camps in Mpondwe, including the recent camps of September during stay of the visitors from Europe.

Some of the questions they had during were not answered because of time, but we are thankful that some can be answered during the brothers’ visits to their families and villages.

We continue to pray that the Lord will open their hearts to receive the Gospel. We also pray for the Lord’s provision so that we can resume having young people’s meetings in these locations as we are already doing in other places. This helps us to meet more young people, especially those who are not able to travel to our annual youth camps and Bible conferences in Mpondwe.

In Kithobire, a group of Catholic men and women has been inviting us to share the Word of God with them, especially every Lord’s Day afternoon. We are thankful that the Lord has been enabling us to make these regular visits; pray with us that the Lord will continue answering their questions about “The Assembly truth” and that he will open their hearts to receive and understand His Word.

[Busingo and Mahango](#)

Mahango, as a new assembly that had just began a few years ago and still has a lot to learn from the Holy Scriptures about the Assembly, was soon interrupted by “false teachers” who came in unknowingly, taking for themselves some brothers and sisters and creating division amongst them. But we are thankful that there are still a few brothers and sisters who hold on to the truth and have been allowing us to visit them. Let us continue to keep them in prayer that they remain strong in faith.

Sadly, because of the problems mentioned above, the brothers from Mahango are no longer able to make weekly visits to the brothers and sisters in Busingo. We understand that this was the weapon of the evil one trying to fight against the progress of the Word of God, but he failed. In the recent months, we have been able to make visits in Busingo. For the past four years the brothers and sisters there have been attending Bible conferences and youth camps in Mpondwe. They still have questions about “Breaking of Bread” that are being answered in detail each time we visit them with the help of the Holy Scriptures. Please pray for them—they wish to start the breaking of bread soon, and will need to be strong in faith, especially when the local leaders threaten them because of their faith.

The brother who had given them a place under a tree at his home where they have been gathering seems to have no more interest in following the truth. When the weather conditions are not good they rarely meet. Please pray for the Lord’s provision here as well.

Bigando/Hima

The Lord's work that began in Bigando some years ago was almost coming to an end, especially after brothers Liso and Kasereka left Bigando. However, this did not discourage sisters Semerita and Nyasoki from contacting the brothers from Mpondwe and Kasese for help as far as the Word of God is concerned. We responded by making weekly visits, and these seem to have been helpful. We are considering starting a prison ministry in Ibuga Government Prison, where the prison officers appreciate literature that they give to both their families and the prisoners. May the Lord open a door for this and provide the necessary needs for this ministry.

Conclusion

We continue thanking the Lord for the continued support both spiritually and materially, not only from the Local saints, but also from the brothers and sisters overseas.

For all who will read this report, let us not forget to pray for the needs mentioned in this report, whether physical or spiritual. But above all, pray for strength and encouragement for the brothers who have given themselves to doing the Lord's work of "rebuilding the wall" like Nehemiah.

Yours in the soon coming Lord,

Kombi Kambale David, Kayumbu Dario, Kabaya Godrey, Katebya Stephen, Muhindo Julius, and Thembo Festo (from Mpondwe Assembly).

