

Eastern and Central Uganda

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How shall we escape if we neglect so **great a salvation**, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, Hebrews 2:3
For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, **for it is the power of God to salvation** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Romans 1:16

The last time we were able to make a personal visit to these locations was in 2020 before the COVID lockdowns. At that time plans were made to begin the construction of a conference centre in Busia, Uganda. The pictures below are from 2020 showing the conference conditions as well as measuring out



the plot for the new meeting hall / conference centre.

We can truly thank the Lord that when He is working, He is not hampered by such things as COVID.

During the past two years amidst the challenges of lockdowns the work continued, and we can thankfully report that the new building is standing, and

you can see in the picture below the positive results. This project is far from complete but has already made such a positive impact we can only give thanks to the Lord for His wondrous ways.

We had the privilege to meet with some 350 believers from the Eastern Uganda area from April 1st to 3rd and took up the subject of the Great Salvation, emphasising the truths of Forgiveness, Justification, Redemption, Reconciliation, Salvation, and New Birth. The book by F.B. Hole, The Great Salvation, was printed in English and provided to all who would purchase a copy. The



brethren in Uganda also translated this book into Luganda (the main language most Ugandans speak) and



Brother Festo, translating brother Gerard



Brochures in English and Luganda



Brother Daniel (Mukono) and brother James (Busia)

this was also provided at a very reduced price. We thank the Lord for the sincere interest on the part of the attendees. Much emphasis was put on the blessed truth of being justified by faith apart from works, which truth the Devil has attempted to destroy everywhere, including in the continent of Africa in a very real way. However, He that is in us is greater than he that is in the world, and we are thankful that the message

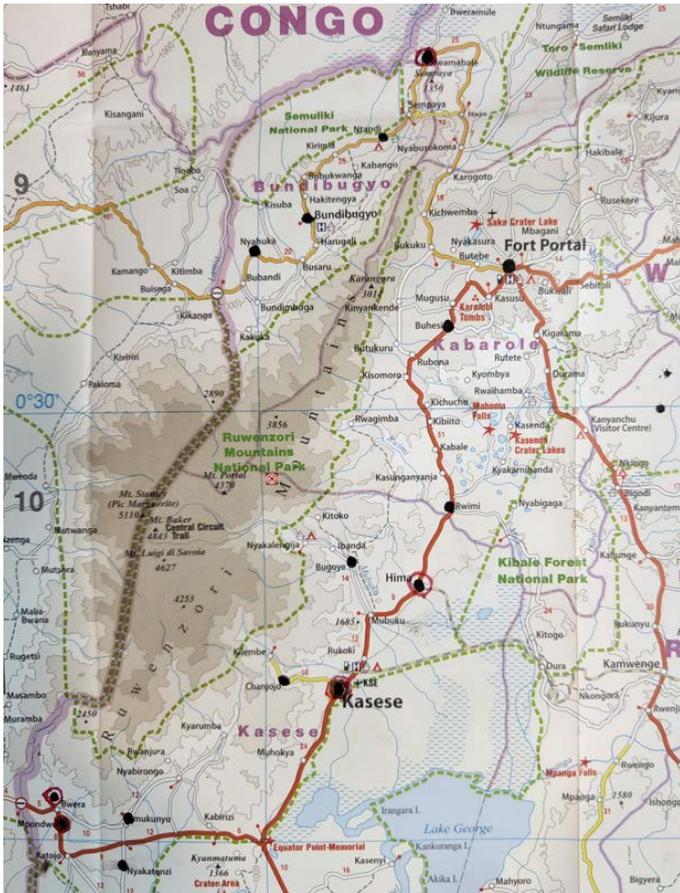
first spoken by the Lord Himself is finding entrance into the hearts of many.



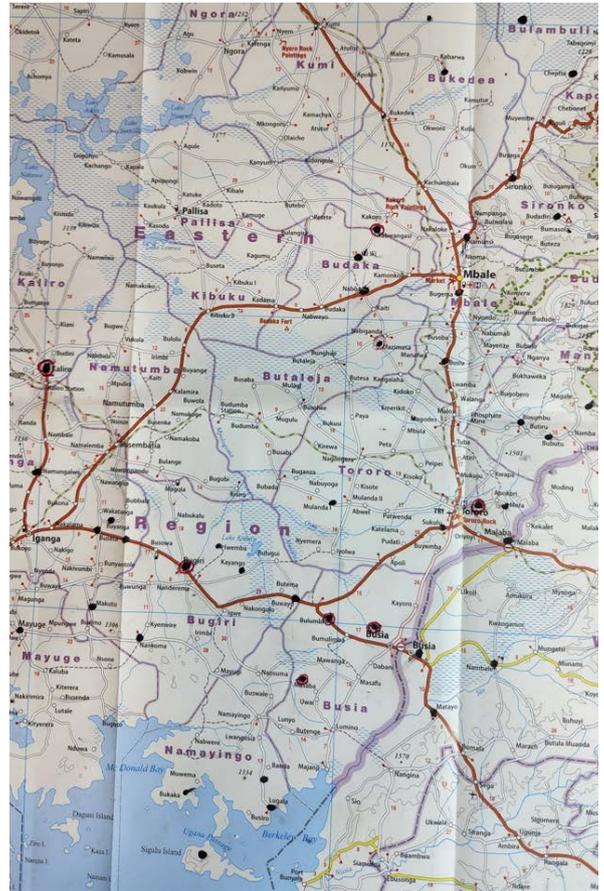
After the conference several responsible brethren met together for two days to further discuss the work in Eastern Uganda. Maps of Uganda were marked with all the locations where there are assemblies gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus, and remembering Him, as well as the locations where there are positive contacts and groups that are gathering, seeking the truth that is only found in the Word of God. The black dots on the maps below are these groups, while the ones with red circles around them are the ones that are remembering the Lord.

These maps simply give you an idea of assemblies, and contact groups in Eastern, Central and Western Uganda, but is not all inclusive. Please pray for the local brethren who devote their time to meeting with these groups and seeking to teach them the truth of the Word of God.

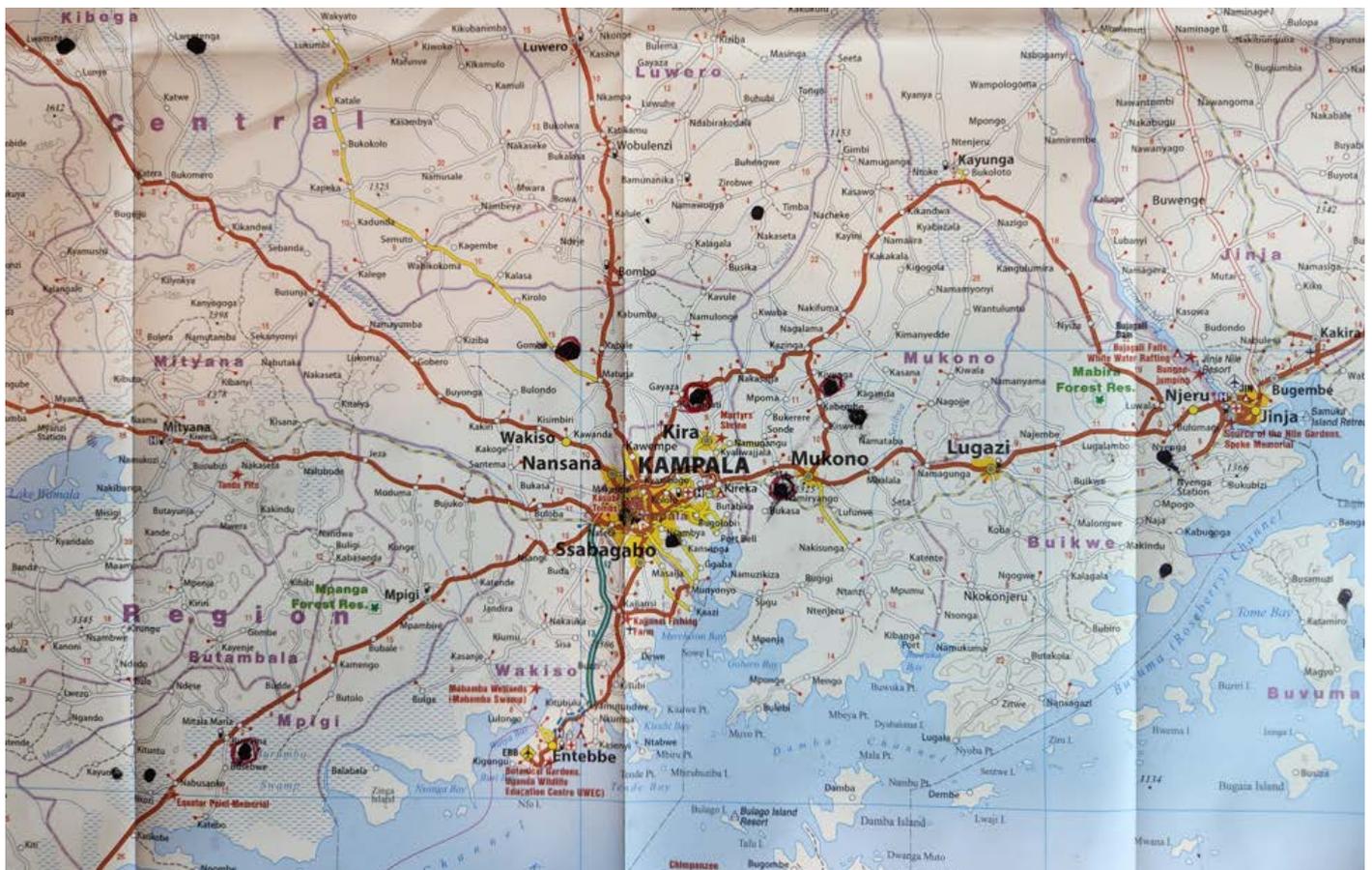
WEST UGANDA



EAST UGANDA



CENTRAL UGANDA



We also made time to have personal talks with brother Musubaho Taha from N.E. Congo, brother Thembo Festo from Western Uganda, and brother Mukama Gérard from Rwanda (*from right to left on the picture*)



to hear their personal exercises regarding the work in their areas, and what are some of the greatest needs. It is so encouraging to hear how a work that started many years ago by our late brother and sister Ernie and Marylin Barnes is still bringing forth fruit! “This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvellous in our eyes” Mark 12:11. Brother Festo remembers the

“gospel tent” as a little boy, and brother Taha likewise remembers the hard work of brother Ernie and sister Marylin. Brother Gerard comes out of the strong Pentecostal Charismatic movement that has so many Africans in its bondage. After a long spiritual journey, searching and seeking, the Lord answered his prayer with John 8:36 “if the Son makes you free, **you shall be free** indeed.

As far as the needs are concerned, there is a common cry.....**we need help**. Yes, all understand it is the Lord’s work, and we are simply His servants, and He will accomplish His purpose. But the work is great, and the needs are many.

A particular need expressed is for **youth camps** with help from English speaking young people who would have a sincere desire before the Lord to help local brethren with this work. When you begin to understand that in the typical African culture, the family unit does not function in the God ordered way. The children are basically taught by the government run school system with its own social agenda that is far from anything biblical, and not that which scripture sets out as Christian behaviour in this world. One means to attempt to address this is through youth camps.

If you are reading this and have such a desire to help in this area, please contact John Redekop at



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From April 8th – 10th we had another Bible Conference in Mukono, Central Uganda with about 300 in attendance, again from local assemblies as well

as contact groups. We had the same subject of the Great Salvation set before us, because of the great need in this area. However, though the subject was the same and these truths clearly presented, the Lord



knows what His sheep require, and He directed in a very different way giving expression of the same truths but responding to specific spiritual

needs. We are grateful for the regular contributions of local brothers during both conferences. They know what the spiritual challenges are for our brothers and sisters in the villages.

We are very grateful for brotherly deliberations during the meeting of the members of "Promotion of Christian Literature and Aid Services" (PCLAS) in Entebbe, Uganda.

We discussed together the many spiritual and practical aspects of the rapidly expanding work in Eastern, Central and Western Uganda.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST FOR N.E. CONGO

The brethren in all the assemblies in this area are in deep distress because of the ongoing killings from



the ADF Rebel group (affiliated with ISIS etc). It is simply not safe for them. Some are beginning to take refuge at the Mputu Bible Conference Centre (BBC).

(< Fleeing brothers and sisters taking refuge at the BBC with the few belongings they could carry)

Please pray for the local brothers in Mputu who are now busy taking in refugees from the

villages in the BCC for shelter in the dorms and food. And for the brothers Musubaho Taha and Kimimbi Danieli from Butembo who have to make a dangerous journey to bring funds for food to the BCC.

Please also pray for more funds for the growing number of needy people in the BCC. Please pray for this violence to stop and that the saints can live their lives in a measure of peace.

Occupy till I come...behold, I come quickly!

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Brother Festo (R) translating brother Daniel



Brothers Mutavi (L) from Kenya, and Musubaho Taha, who from Congo, assisting in many practical activities such as construction work



Brothers Festo and John teaching melodies



Brother Deo (R) translated by brother Daniel