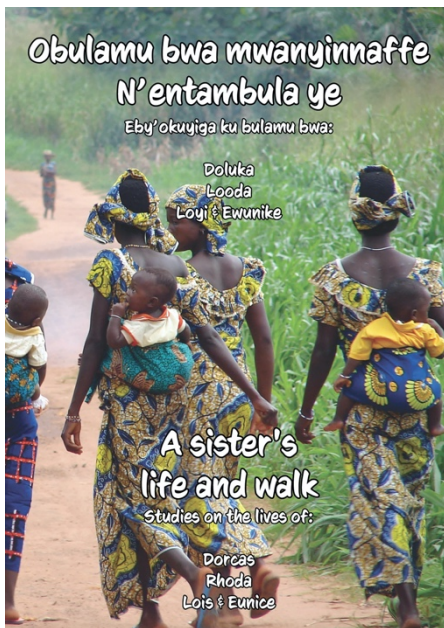


## REPORT – BUSIA BOYS' & GIRLS' CAMPS, DECEMBER 2019

Looking back, we see a very blessed time that the Lord allowed us to have in **Busia, in the Eastern part of Uganda**. We are thankful to the Lord that in our first visit here we experienced a good and fruitful time. We were warmly welcomed by the local brothers who had made everything ready for us. The purpose for the visit was to help in the Boys' and Girls' camps and the Bible conference.

### GIRLS' CAMP FROM NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 2, 2019

*"That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10).*



As soon as we arrived in Busia, we had one day to prepare with the other two local sisters who helped in the teaching. The local sisters already had all of the materials we used from the brothers involved in the preparations. The subject "A Sister's Life and Walk" was examined in detail and many lessons were derived from the examples of Dorcas, Rhoda, Lois, and Eunice. Dorcas committed her Christian life to serving the Lord by serving others. Rhoda lived a praying life and believed that God hears and answers prayer. Family life was also seen with the examples of Lois and Eunice who taught the Word of God to their son and grandson Timothy from his childhood. How important it is for godly parents to take on the responsibility of instructing their "children in the Word of God," because the end result of this will be that those children will become Christians, serve the Lord, and have families that glorify God.

These lessons were especially relevant because we had many newly married young sisters and those who were getting married soon. Pray for these young girls who shared with us the challenges they face in choosing marriage partners; they are often under great influence of unbelieving parents who sometimes force them to get married early, or to someone they do not love, or to an unbeliever. In Eastern and Northern Uganda there is a big record of early

and forced marriages. Two girls during the camp shared their sad experience with this and the pain they are going through in their marriages. So, camps and Bible studies of this kind continue to help by providing guidance and counsel from the Word of God. Please pray that the Lord will continue to make it possible for such camps to be organized in the future.

The questions in the booklet were answered in group discussions of five to ten girls and helped the participants to discuss the lessons and ask more questions regarding what they did not understand. Though our studies were interrupted with rain and storms, we were able to cover all three sections of our subject.



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### BOYS' CAMP FROM DECEMBER 4-6, 2019:

*"I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14)*

The main theme of the studies during the three days of the camp was "Running the Race." The lessons were presented well with the help of a booklet written by Tim Hadley, which was locally translated into Luganda. Enough were printed so that each participant received his own. Many aspects of the "Christian race" were looked at and studied. We were able to see that the qualification for one to join the race was to believe in the



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Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Here much was said about Christianity (salvation). But we also saw that there are those who are in the rat race and others in the right race.

Those in the rat race are those who have no desire for God; they are mere professors of faith and do not seek to please God or seek His will for their lives. Their end is nothing other than destruction/death. Those in the right race are those who are true believers and have a strong commitment to follow Christ; they are loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ and seek to put Him first in all areas of their life. We finalized the studies by seeing that finishing the race well will be followed by rewards (crowns) that the Lord has promised for "those who love Him" and to those "who have loved His appearing." Verses related to this subject were memorized and others noted down in their notebooks. Group discussions also helped them to learn more about the lessons and to ask more questions related to the subject.

Over 190 young people were invited to the camp and they pursued the studies through the end of the camp, despite heavy rains and storms that interrupted the second day of the camp when all the tents fell down and others broke. But we are thankful that we finished the lessons that we had prepared for them. Please pray that the Word of God sown will bear much fruit for His own glory.



We are thankful to the Lord for allowing these two camps and providing all the necessary things that were needed. We are also thankful for journeying mercies, not only for us but also for all the girls, boys, and young people who travelled from as far as Gulu and other places. May He bless His Word abundantly.

Thanks for the spiritual and practical support!

Yours in the Lord,

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< Group discussion of the boys' camp



Participants of the girls' camp >

