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“Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!” (Ps. 115)

Dear brothers and sisters,

We look back with great gratitude to the Lord on the visits we were able to make to brothers, sisters and interested people in Central, Western and Southern Kenya. From western Uganda, we also travelled halfway through our trip to the Ugandan part of the border town of Busia for a three-day Bible conference.

Kenya

Central Kenya

Due to Covid, very strict travel restrictions in the past two years prevented us from making visits in the **places listed** below. During our visits this time we were accompanied by brothers << Mutavi Charles and Owieno Richard, and in Mombasa and the surrounding area also by brothers < Owenga Norman and Onyango Richard.

After arriving, we first spent four days in the town of **Tala**, an hour's drive northeast of Nairobi. Brother Mutavi had recently met believers in Nairobi, whom we also invited for the Bible studies in Tala.

One of them is Brother Kinuthya Charles, whom I met years ago in Mombasa, southern Kenya, when Ernie and Marilyn Barnes still lived there. He later left for Nairobi and the brothers could not trace him there. However, the Lord had not lost sight of him!

He was so thankful that the Lord brought him back and expressed a desire to start the breaking of bread in Nairobi

with his Christian friends, in fellowship with the meetings in Tala and Mombasa. Please pray for brother Kinuthya and the other eight brothers.

< During the breaks, participants reviewed the studied questions in their rooms.

In Tala, we studied the topic of "The gospel of salvation" in relation to sins and sin. We did this using brother Michael Hardt's brochure "Frequently Asked Questions" on these topics, which were translated and printed in Swahili (Kenya) and Luganda (Central and Eastern Uganda) prior to our trip.

Now, attendees can revisit these very important topics in their own villages or urban areas and share the content with others.

Western Kenya

In the border town of Busia, on one of his trips in this part of Kenya, brother Mutavi came into contact with believers who had a keen interest in the Word of God. In recent years, he has visited them regularly and also

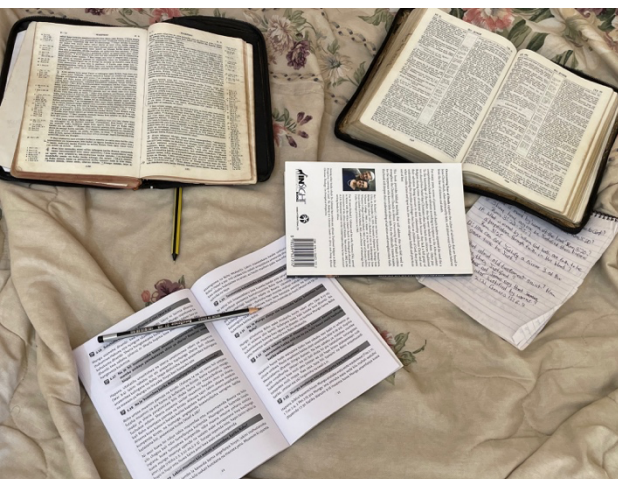
Onyango Richard



Owenga Richard & Mtavi Charles



Owenga Richard & Owieno Richard



put them in touch with the brethren who gather to the Name of the Lord in the **Ugandan part of Busia**. Believers and interested people in **surrounding villages of Busia (Ke)** showed such an interest in the Word that we held Bible studies with about 50 of them.

We were struck by their interest in the Word, in which they still need much teaching.

Please pray that the Lord will make more visits possible, both in terms of spiritual readiness and the means to organize such visits for longer periods of time.



Eastern Uganda

After finishing the Bible studies in **Busia (Ke)**, we crossed the border into **Busia (Ug)**. In reports in recent years, you have read how believers there came to know the brethren from Central and Western Uganda through Christian reading from GBV. In His great mercy, the Lord used the local brethren, who are very zealous, for the ministry of the Gospel and the Assembly, in particular, brothers Wepukhulu James, Ssemutereke Deo and Ddungu Daniel and an increasing number of young brothers.

Dozens of meetings have emerged in villages in eastern Uganda over the past decade and the local brethren also have regular Bible studies with interested people and believers in other villages, the number of which is growing almost weekly.

For years, the Bible conferences in Busia (Ug) took place under a thick tree to which tent roofs were attached. Despite bright sun or tropical rains and strong gusts of wind that blew away the tent roofs, hundreds of brothers and sisters continued to attend these conferences. At the last conference for Covid, more than 900 attended.

We are very grateful for construction funds that made it possible to build a large hall that could be used both in April and last month.

As a result of Covid, food prices and travel costs have risen very sharply, so this time we invited only brethren who are faithful and capable of passing on the teaching received in the assemblies of the area where they live. With them, we covered the same topic as in Tala, this time with the relevant brochure in Luganda.

Southern Kenya

After the Bible conference in **Busia (Ug)**, we drove to the city of Kisumu in western Kenya, where we met brother Oguna Festus from Siaya.

He travelled with us to **Mombasa in southern Kenya** to participate in the annual discussions of the foundation "Christian Literature and Aid services" (CLAHS-Ke). The discussions of this administrative body again took place in a brotherly atmosphere. The brothers who are members realize the seriousness of their administrative duties.

At the same time, it is clear to them that their membership does not give them any spiritual authority in their own or other assemblies.

Ddungu Daniel and Wepukhulu James Thembo Festo and Ddungu Daniel



Increasing number of young brothers



As in previous years, during this visit in Mombasa, Bible studies took place in a rented room, as the brethren in Mombasa still do not have their own premises. Youth and children's meetings during the week and youth camps cannot take place as a result.



This is particularly unfortunate because brother Mutavi Charles, who himself lived on the streets as a child, makes contact with street children very easily.

<< By ferry from Mombasa centre to the Likoni district where most of the brothers ne sisters live. The local

brothers could distribute thousands of different tracts in Swahili every week, but supplies are running low.

Both he and brother Onyango Richard regularly visit villages close to the Tanzanian border. Brother Onyango Richard visits these villages on his moped with simple merchandise and then preaches the gospel. However, he also regularly convenes one-day << Bible studies in the respective villages and considers material loss as spiritual gain for the Lord.

During the Bible studies in Mombasa, Brother Onyango Richard was found to have a remarkable knowledge of the Word, which he obtains by regularly listening to online Bible studies. Would you please pray for this faithful brother and the material needs for his family.

We are very grateful to the Lord for the increasing participation in the Lord's Work in East Africa by young brothers from America and Western Europe. The visits of these young people are very important as transfer of knowledge takes place in several ways.



- In January 2023, Brother John Redekop and a team of young brothers will hold youth camps for boys, first in Western Uganda and then in Eastern Uganda. In the same period, Paul and Renate Meijer and a team of young sisters will hold youth camps for girls, first in Eastern Uganda and then in Western Uganda.

- In March 2023, two young brothers from Switzerland will hold a youth camp in the town of Nyamata and Bible studies in the southern border town of Kamembe (Rwanda).

Young brothers and sisters in the respective countries will participate in these camps, partly also to learn how to hold such camps themselves in the future D.V.

We would like to thank you all very much for your prayers and practical support in recent times.



With heartfelt greetings in the Lord,

Your brother in Him,

Hilvert Wijnholds