

Uganda – May 8th – May 22nd , 2023 – Visits by brothers Hilvert Wijnholds and John Redekop.

Finally, brethren, pray...that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified. 2 Thess. 3:1

It is with deep joy in our hearts, that we look back over a blessed time of fellowship with some of the saints in Western and Central Uganda. The purpose of our visit was to particularly focus on encouraging the saints in various local assemblies by both the ministry of the word, and some personal home visits. Additionally, there was the need to follow up on contacts with some youth groups who had organized regular bible studies with some local brethren as a result of the past Youth Camps and MAG teams that took place in January.



< This is the local assembly in Mairukumi, Western Uganda who came together simply to be encouraged by some messages from the word of God.

The sister on the right > is no longer able to talk because of a stroke. However, she still can sing a couple of hymns. The local saints are happy to sit with her and sing these songs.



We were also able to meet with the saints from the Mahango local assembly, which is in the Rwenzori Mountains. They traveled down to a village that we

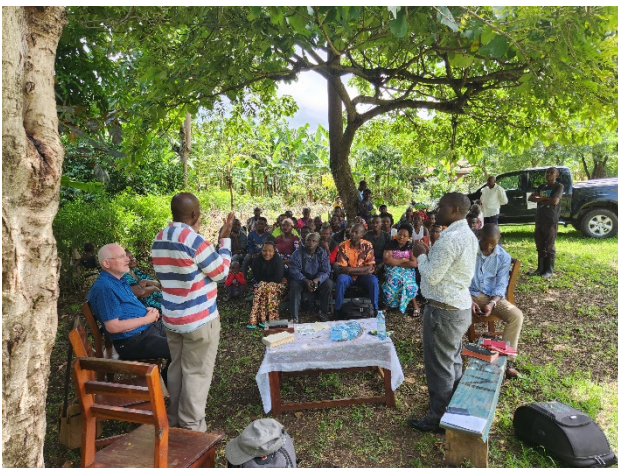


could travel up to with the Hilux truck and arranged for a time of ministry there.

An outside meeting place was provided under a large tarp for protection from the sun. As we gathered together it soon became very apparent that many other towns people were joining in, sitting on the hills on the perimeter of our meeting area, and that this meeting was intended by the Lord to be a gospel meeting. The Lord gave the subject of the Lamb that God would and did provide as the substitute for us all who is our Saviour. Many were very attentive, and we trust that the Lord will bring the increase.

You will notice that many meetings were held outside, like these in the Cyanduli area, and the Kisolholho area. May is typically the rainy season in Uganda. . We are thankful that the Lord held off the rain during all

CYANDULI



KISOLHOLHO



the meeting times that were held outdoors. There was some rain in other parts of the area, and at night but never during one of these outdoor sessions. **He is in control of every detail.**

We are so very thankful to the Lord for **the wonderful liberty, strength and fellowship in ministry** that was enjoyed over these days and visits. However, we are overjoyed to see what the Lord is doing among the young people.

Back in January of 2023, MAG teams made up of young people from the U.S. and Canada helped with youth camps in Uganda. At that time several young people came forward and requested to be able to continue in bible studies having so enjoyed the youth camps. Youth bible study groups were formed with support of local responsible brethren, and now **the Lord is multiplying his word by multiplying the young people who are attending these bible studies.** We had the privilege of meeting with three different young people's groups, all of which were off shoots of the youth camps. In the first group one young man was responsible to bring together a group of about 30 to study the scriptures. In the second again, a similar situation has taken place and young people requested the use of a school room where they could meet us to listen to bible lessons.



The third group was the same, though this time there were more present who had also attended the youth



camps. These young people were still carrying the camp booklets with them, and a few had practiced one of the hymns we had printed in these booklets and sang it for us. After the last lesson, we learned that the official "Local Chairman" was in attendance. After the lesson he told us why he had come. He wanted to hear what was being taught to the young people, and then addressing them he said, "I very much approve". He commended the young people for taking the time to come on their own and listen to the word of God. Then he turned to the local brothers and said to them, "please continue coming and teach the children in school during the regular program. This teaching should be part of our regular curriculum." I was reminded of the verse "I have set before you and open door, and no man can shut it". Rev. 3:8

You may notice upon careful observation that many of these young people do not have bibles. This has become a big burden to us, as we realize firsthand how hard it is to challenge young people to read and study the scriptures, when they do not have a bible of their own. How will they learn?

The names to the right, represents some of those who were at these bible study groups

KAMALHA		ST. KIZITO Voc. Youth Group	
KAMALHA	EDMON	St. Kizito Vocational	
HOPE	KIDIMA	St. Kizito vocational	
RENIPHEA	MILUBU	St. Kizito vocational	
ASHIKA	FARIDA	St. Kizito vocational	
KABUGHO	CAROLINE	St. KIZITO VOCATIONAL	
KABUGHO	IMMACULATE	ST. KIZITO VOCATION	
STANLEY	MARINA	ST. KIZITO VOCATION	
MUNDA	ADAMU	ST. KIZITO VOCATION	
KUBE	INNOCENT	ST. KIZITO VOCATION	
BURA	CATHERINE	ST. KIZITO VOCATION	
BURA	GLORIA WINGA	ST. KIZITO VOCATION	

**Do you own your own personal bible ?
Unfortunately, these young people do not!**

who do not have their own personal bible. It is our desire and prayer that the Lord will provide funds for bibles for Uganda and Eastern Africa so that the word of God will be multiplied in the hearts of the many young people. The population of Uganda is 48.58 million, with youth under the age of 25 representing 77%.

We were also able to make some home visits, enjoying fellowship with the saints, and getting to know them in their family settings.

< Singing together with brother Darius and his family.



After a short stop at the bible centre > in Kasesse, and time for ministry for the saints who were able to attend, we travelled back to Mukono in Central Uganda.



Arriving at the bible centre in Mukono we prepared for a “mini” youth camp the following day. Approximately 50 young people, all new contacts, attended a one-day youth camp where we studied lessons from the first



< three chapters of Daniel. Each of these contacts are now being followed up by local brethren.

Our time in Mukono ended with a three-day conference for about 100 brethren who now have the responsibility to take the things that were learned, and “**teach others also**”.

The bible studies were taken from the book of Judges, with lessons from the first four chapters. We brought a large map of Israel showing the time of the Judges, which proved to be very helpful in understanding the spiritual lessons gained from this very important time in the history of Israel, and how it gives us lessons for today.

Mukono Bible conference

Local brethren sharing in the teaching



Prayer Requests and Needs:

- Bibles for East Africa
- Continuing Youth Camp work with MAG teams with English speaking young people with an exercise for missions.
- Reliable vehicle to be used for Youth Camp MAG teams, ongoing visits and ministry, literature distribution.
- Funds for Busia Bible Centre for continuing development of site for conferences and youth camps. A dormitory is necessary for attendees of camps and conferences, so attendees are kept from spending their nights in undesirable and defiling surroundings when staying in guest houses.

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