

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

We had just returned from a visit with Sarah (our daughter and manager of High Adventure Gospel USA) and her family in March 2020 when COVID locked down the world. With each passing month we longed for another opportunity to hug our grandchildren. That finally came this month as our world slowly emerged from its COVID hiding place.

Marty and I enjoyed two wonderful weeks in Surprise AZ where Brad pastors a large CCV (Christ Church of the Valley) church, Sarah manages High Adventure and their children busily attend school and church...we also squeezed in a little ministry planning, a visit to the Grand Canyon and nearby Sedona (highly recommend this).

We blinked again and found ourselves back in much colder Canada. But only for a short time, as we prepared for our month-long Uganda visit in April. We have missed so many there also!

NAKYESSA

Friends have stood strong with us this month, enabling the young girls and women ministry to begin. Even as we plan, village leaders are meeting with our team, identifying the first girls to attend our three-month practical training that will lead to self- sustainability. As we inch through the land and construction process, we knew we could not wait to begin; for the time being we have rented a room in the village commercial area where new sewing machines and other materials will soon arrive. We begin April 11.

There is considerable excitement in the village over this small experimental project-thanks to the friends and supporters of High Adventure!

CHURCH IS ALIVE

Uganda is a dream-world for pastors. The Word of God is preached on radio, on TV and in the streets as open-air preachers grow hoarse, standing on street corners, waving Bible in hand, calling for repentance.

Churches are always full these days, regardless the location; we face a never-ending request list for help to build church roofs as new churches spring up across the nation; youth in those churches are engaging in physical effort to build their own churches and ask for help (see Christmas List of Life).

We face a huge request for Bibles...for prisons, for police stations, for churches, for street sports ministry, for radio listeners, for medical centres, for students in practical training...students in all of our practical equipping receive daily biblical instruction and they all need Bibles...even construction workers stopped us to ask for Bibles.

It's a great place to serve the Lord. We can stand in any location, look in any direction and see opportunity to make Him known.



ODOON (First Rain) CHURCH

Three years ago, Pastor Edith, pastor of the Odoon Church (also serves as biblical instructor at our Skills School and volunteer on-air minister at Saviour FM) requested help. Her thatch church was now too small and her growing congregation needed more space. They were busy gathering materials for walls but could not find the \$5,000 for the roofing materials of this planned 400-person church. We alerted friends and the Lord provided through you.

But our condition was the church must first be at the ring beam level (point at which the roofing materials would be needed). For the next two years, Odoon members made mud bricks, scraped money together for cement to build the walls and now, three years later, they are ready for the roof.

BUT the dream had grown. The building plans *now* include classrooms for children, offices, and other ministry outreaches. Great idea, but the roof budget has grown from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

We gave what we had in our hand and the church celebrated, sending many 5-second video clips of their next worship, openly thanking us (and you). And in that same service they called upon the Odoon family to stretch their resources to somehow make up the \$2,000 gap.

Women and children brought chickens; families brought goats; some even brought long-held wrinkled schilling notes-all to help their beloved church reach its goal of a roof where everyone could receive and give ministry in the House of the Lord. I love their spirit.

If you do feel called of the Lord to help Edith for this shortfall, please let me know or write a note with your gift. I will be sure she receives whatever comes in for Odoon Church.

AGOJO BAPTIST CHURCH

Last month, the Adjumani area suffered a big storm that impacted many refugees already struggling with food insecurity. In fact, we had earlier provided oxen and seeds for Pastor Martin to share with many hundreds who would plant and pray.

But the storm brought additional challenge to the Baptist Church in the Agojo Settlement. In 2018, a compassionate charity provided roof sheets for the small church; the believers used United Nations emergency plastics for walls and the makeshift church began.

However, the charity has since left the country, so Martin brought his pastor-friend to us for any help we could provide; he knows we love churches. The church now meets on a pile of rocks at the front of the storm-damaged church but right beside the foundation walls they had already begun to replace the temporary church structure.

This assembly of 300 refugees are planning to stay here; to worship here, and to reach out to other refugees from here. They have committed to reaching the ring beam but as refugees with no income and no opportunity to find money, they will not likely go farther without help.

Please pray about this \$1,900 need for a roof for the Agojo Baptist Church for South Sudanese refugees?

BIBLES

I have never forgotten what it felt like to read the Bible for the first time after I met Jesus Dec 14, 1973! I could not put it down. I LOVED the miracles God did to get our attention; I LOVED the people of God who lived by faith; and I LOVED the newly discovered knowledge that I had a future with my God!

I have never stopped trying to get the Word of God into the hands and hearts of people-any and all people. I just *know that I know* what it can mean for someone's heart to light up when they see Him and themselves, within those pages!

Our long-standing call of God to reach those damaged by conflict was again reinforced this month. We managed to obtain valuable Acholi-language Bibles for the people living in the area bordering Uganda's Acholi people and South Sudanese refugees. NB Over time, these tribes have mixed but many read the Acholi language.

Our last supply of Acholi Bibles was distributed among the refugees of the Lamow settlement and as expected, very much appreciated. If the Lord stirs you to support Bibles, please let me know-we have an ongoing opportunity to share the Word.























- 1 NAKYESSA WOMEN'S MINISTRY HUMBLE BEGINNING
- **2 ODOON CHURCH TODAY**
- 3 AGOJO PASTOR EMMANUEL APPEALING FOR HELP
- **4 ODOON CHURCH PLANNED EXPANSION**
- **5 ODOON FAMILIES CONTRIBUTE**

- **6 LAMOW REFUGEES RECEIVE BIBLES**
- 7 LAMOW REFUGEE CHURCH GRATEFUL FOR BIBLES
- 8 GABRIEL INSTRUCTING REFUGEE VOLUNTEER PRESENTERS
- 9 MORNINGSTAR FELLOWSHIP IN TIBERIAS
- **10 NEW HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH BEGINS**
- 11 SETTING UP FOR DISTRIBUTION

KAKUMA FM KENYA

Our refugee radio outreach to the Kakuma and Kalobeyei camps has finally recruited on-air presenters; one from each camp. The new small team has been trained by our Kenyan manager Gabriel, and soon we anticipate refugees can finally respond to our broadcasts as each new presenter reaches out with our programs each day.

This project has indeed been a project of patience; a very long license process (finally through after 3 years including COVID restrictions and multiple challenges from misguided competitors) followed by constant power challenges (finally solved with solar power) and a long and very narrow recruitment process assuring ministry, as opposed to employment focus.

All was punctuated by the reality that this small ministry voice was a community radio station, thereby disallowed from income generation. There has been and still is, no money.

Faith and patience indeed! If the Lord puts this strategic refugee radio station on your heart, please pray (or support) as He leads! We do need more presenter help.

ISRAEL

Pastor Claude and his Morningstar Fellowship Church in Tiberias have been much on our hearts. Each month we support his YouTube outreach, led by a Russian believer in his church. This chat fellowship is very successful. In one month, Claude reports 100,000 connections that can lead to evangelism or discipleship. So, we will continue financial support as the Lord provides.

But this month, Pastor Claude added another outreach opportunity-to those in need of clothing support. The global Christian community is well aware of the prophesied return of Israel (Is 36 and Jer23) but practical realities are now part of that prophesy. Returnees suffer considerably, having left their birth nation with little or nothing to settle in Israel. This can and does bring considerable need for support until they can establish themselves.

Pastor Claude has requested help to start a clothing distribution ministry, utilizing rented facility in Tiberias, and we began to share that opportunity privately. By the grace of God, money has been arriving and the first year's costs (\$22,000) are about 55% covered. If the Lord leads and enables you to pray and support this amazing outreach on the Sea of Galilee, please let me know.

PRAY...

Twice since we booked our flights, we have been alerted to rising tribal tensions in Uganda. Our plans do not include anything but efforts to make Jesus known-to ALL. But we do need prayer support for wisdom and safety at all levels...please do so.

...and ENJOY

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