



STUDENTS AND FAMILY ARRIVE FOR SEPTEMBER CLASS IN NAKYESSA

"Leaders in this area are keen in studying God's Word and they examine the Scripture for themselves to prove if my teaching was right or wrong." (Ed Dima – pastor)

We could not have been more encouraged when receiving his message from the Yoyo refugee camp for South Sudanese. Pastor Ed Dima and his wife Rose are a dynamic Uganda couple dedicated to making Jesus known among East Africans. Their participation at one of our Life Essentials equipping sessions in our Mukono centre was indeed a shared blessing. Everyone who knows the Lord, loves to be around Ed and Rose whose lives are wonderfully infectious with the love of Christ.

Their passion to raise godly men and women of God who will diligently search the scriptures to *"search the scriptures daily, whether these things were so"* (Acts 17:11) KJV resonates with us; their passion perfectly coincides with ours. After serving the Lord in Uganda for 18 years we have encountered a great need for equipped Ugandan Christian leaders to accurately share the Word with the enormous wave of new believers flowing from evangelism, currently underway.

Even now we are planning more sessions with such men sent to us by Pastor Ed.

Until they arrive, we continue to share the Life Essentials Study Bible with other refugee pastors and Christian leaders. Pastor Martin (one of our original Life Essentials students) has worn out his Bible and understandably so. Martin tells us he is never at a meeting anywhere without his Life Essentials Study Bible. He appreciates the depth of teaching found within Dr Getz' commentary as well as the 1500 videos found under the QR codes that give even more insight.

MORE SUPPORT FOR PASTORS

We are planning another trip in November when we bring yet another support for these men and women of God. As our friends at Galcom continue their development of a solar powered audio tool to compliment the Life Essentials Study Bible, we have prepared special audio memory for each pastor. A micro-SD memory card has been loaded with all 1500 audio messages from Dr Getz and can be simply inserted into a smartphone, where access can be gained; messages of Bible Principles can be heard as a study is made. Anywhere in any hut or field or refugee church, a pastor can now hear all 1500 messages from Dr Getz, who spent many years developing those studies to support the Life Essentials Study Bible.

What serious pastor would not appreciate this incredible study tool?

WORSHIP

Our teaching team always look forward to the pastors that Martin sends. And this month's group of pastors and Christian leaders was no exception. Prayer and worship permeate everything they do. In fact, during one scheduled washroom break, those who remained in class chose to worship, marching around the classroom to Acapelo refrains of "we are marching in the light of God" and when others returned, class resumed.

Worship seemed to be a natural response to silence-almost automatic for these dedicated Christ-followers.

GRADUATION



Equally exciting was their deep gratitude at learning ways to study the Word in depth. Each one has care for many others in their refugee churches. It is critical they go home with deepened ability to study and then share those truths.

During my conversation later with team leader Pastor Martin, explanation was simple but powerful "many church leaders down here didn't go to Bible School; this program has come at the *right time*".

...**the right time**...so many times in Christian experience have we discovered the timing of God to be the *right time*! In fact, every month we receive support at our ministry at *right moments* to meet needs - no words can express the power of such timing connections.

As time moves on and others are equipped, East Africa will be an exciting place to be as generational darkness and confusion are pushed back with the clarity from the Word of God. I have found very little as powerful as a child of God who knows their God. In fact, the promise is clear and its profound:

...*the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.*
Dan 11:32 KJV

What must the Lord be preparing for in Africa? In the light of such amazing support for His shepherds, I really wonder...

When His people are ready, we will know, and we will rejoice with them. Until then we must continue to equip them. Remember, each class of pastors/students needs about \$1,000 for various supports that one day will be provided when our coffee project is also ready. Until we get there, we will need help. Please pray about this ongoing strategic need.

SPEEDING IN UGANDA

During our April visit to Uganda, it had been several years of project-backlog that occupied our focus. But on our visit to Nakyessa where our unique girls' development centre inaugural class had just got underway, we were so encouraged to see their growth.

But we were also very challenged. It felt like everyone had been holding their collective breath and when the community exhaled, we faced needs for a generator for Pastor James who had worn out his original one during his many village crusades; for a long waited-for need of a roof in the village administration where police were housed; and finally, a strong need for facilities for our new girl's centre. The inaugural class really only confirmed the depth of need felt among this and many peripheral villages, where hundreds and hundreds of girls were struggling to survive with their new babies with no money or education.

We found ourselves repeating what the Lord had first shown us here in Nakyessa in 2004 when we had nothing to give. Our hearts were breaking at the obvious need affecting so many back then...but the Lord gave us Ex 4:2 which became our ministry MO (method of operation).

With that scripture in our hearts to give what He put in our hands, we began to see an unexpected and certainly miraculous flow of support, that carried us across the nation into various communities of need where people had been damaged by conflict, poverty and medical need. Now, 18 years later, I had no idea if the Lord would stir people to help once again.

He did! Very quickly we had a generator for Pastor James and as I write, he is now travelling village communities, evangelizing in crusades.

And this week the village community are busy installing the new roof sheets provided by friends of our ministry...as they do, the final touches on our three new buildings at the nearby Nakyessa Skills Centre for girls are in completion stage. Only the solar power is in process but very soon ready, as the second class of students got underway September 19.

I have never experienced such focus and speed for projects as we have on these three. What makes this even more miraculous is that we had two others in development at the same time!

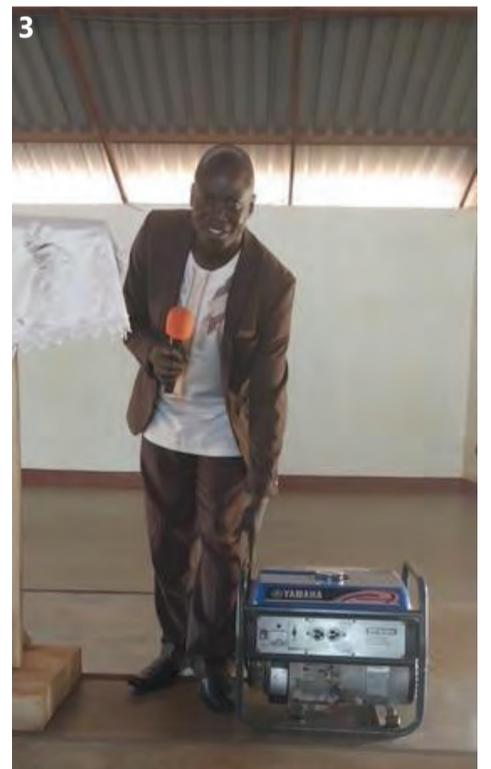
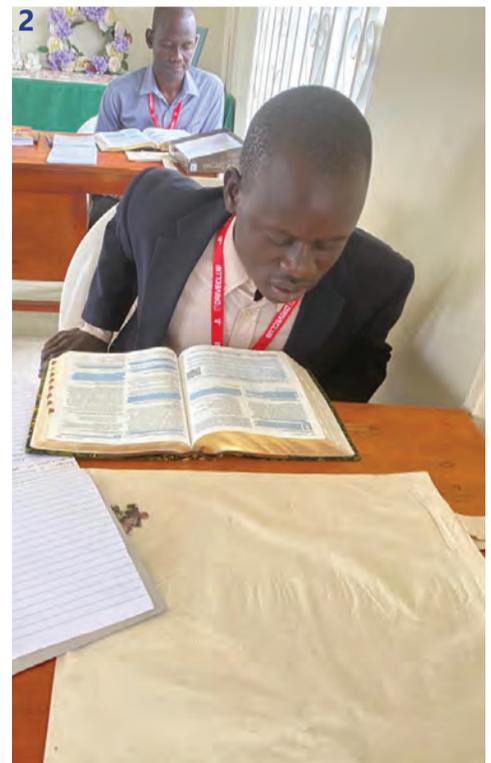
ONGUTOI MIRACLE CONTINUES

Since 2007 we have been developing a health centre for former national refugees. And since 2018 we have been working hard at building an orange orchard which will have potential to ensure healthcare for poor for the next 25 years!

For a radio ministry like ours, this is a big bite indeed. It requires partners at so many levels but as it happens, the Lord has provided those also. Year after year we installed orange trees and drip irrigation as funding came in. And now, after saving our pennies, we are now ready to instal the next 520 orange trees and their necessary drip irrigation. That is underway even as the other 3 projects are being completed.

ROTARY FRIENDS

All those trees are going to be thirsty and will need so much water. That's where our friends at Rotary have stepped into the project. After investing in



1 PASTOR ED AND ROSE DIMA AT LIFE ESSENTIALS CENTRE

2 READING SCRIPTURE FOR THE GROUP STUDY

3 PASTOR JAMES RECEIVES HIS NEW GENERATOR IN CHURCH



4 ANOTHER SUPPORT FOR PASTOR STUDY

5 PASTOR EQUIPPING CLASS BEGINS AT THE CENTRE

6 PASTOR ISAAC OVERSEES BREAKOUT STUDY IN RESIDENCES

7 PRAYER IN COURTYARD

8 NAKYESSA VILLAGE ROOF UNDERWAY

9 NAKYESSA STUDENTS RECEIVE BIBLES FIRST DAY

10 AERIAL VIEW ORCHARD PLAN FOR ONGUTOI HEALTH CENTRE

11 ROTARIANS VISIT ONGUTOI

the original water collection platform that provides for the first 788 trees, they have looked into the future with us, and noticed the next 2000 additional trees will need water-lots of water.

Our existing bore hole is an excellent support for trees and the health centre and the staff housing. But a site where almost 2,900 orange trees need water to survive and produce oranges, needs all the water we can provide. We could never have too much.

Rotarians from Canada and Uganda converged this month to enjoy progress and plan for future-even now they are working tirelessly to provide a significantly larger second rain collection platform and water storage system for drip irrigation.

PLAN OF GOD

In a community once ravaged as a killing field by the LRA, Ongutoi is fast becoming a source of life. Less than a kilometre away, many had been killed under a tree. Now, years after that terrible incident, thousands of babies have been born safely at the health centre and more are coming every day! Painful memories remain, but the stigma of death has gone. Life is here!

Each step we move towards this incredible goal, I remember the old village woman who had heard a voice in her hut, one year (2009) before we built anything. That "voice" told her someone from Canada was coming and would bring help. As she shared that with me, she was almost overcome as she said at the time she did not even know where Canada was. But He did!

As much as each partner and participant enjoys our efforts and investments here, it's truly the God of all who has done this. How can we not marvel at Him?

PROJECT 5

Our special Kkumbya Hill coffee project (1500 trees) has been struggling quietly as we had been so focused on other needy sites. Water is just not available to develop these trees to maturity when they can provide income for other ministry projects we support (not mentioned here).

So, we took a page from the Ongutoi handbook and started to focus on rain water collection, beginning with an inground cistern (that really surprised locals who had never seen this done on a hill) and a rain collection platform which feeds rainfall by gravity, into the cistern. To our great surprise, we have already received 50% of the approaching dry season need in 3 rainfalls, pressing us into quickly building a drip irrigation system which can bring fresh rainwater to 1500 coffee trees. We expect at least 4-6 more rainfalls before we arrive.

Our November trip will focus on the development of this 5th project. It's no wonder we sleep so good in Uganda. We are usually happy and exhausted-a great combination. But as usual, we have a challenge. We have found the necessary \$10,000 for this project but have not yet raised the help for the necessary second tank and its reinforced platform on the hill, which can provide gravity-fed drip irrigation to the trees. Please pray about this \$2,500 need.

Although these projects are exciting, we have never taken our eyes off the goal. It's not about projects-it's about the people they touch and how we must pray for the REAL goal; that they might see Him as a result.

And that's a good goal indeed!

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