

Great are the works of the Lord; they are studied by all who delight in them.

Ps 111:2 NASB

After serving the Lord for many years now, I can certainly agree with the Psalmist; the works (translated accomplishments) of the Lord are great...it's no wonder people actually study them.

Over the years, I have watched in awe, as the Lord did the most amazing things with His people (including us) so the nations might come to know the One who does great things. And those of us who know our God and do great exploits (Dan 11:32 KJV) have a ring side seat at these works of God as they unfold...so we love to study (investigate)...

ZOKA

We became aware of one such miraculous work of God when our friend refugee pastor Martin reached out for help to put metal roof sheets on a new church for 102 people in the ZOKA area.

His comments in true Ugandan fashion were brief but rich with meaning. As he described the area where the new church is under construction, he simply said **"it's a result of peace club"**. My next stop was at the doorstep of our good friend Elizabeth Hankins, the founder of the Peace Club groups among the South Sudanese refugees; Martin also volunteers with her ministry.

ONE TRIBE (www.onetribepople.org)

We first connected with Elizabeth when Usalama FM was put on the air to meet the incoming refugee surges escaping the tribal conflict in their home nation of South Sudan. At that time, we were building our radio programming base for refugees, and One Tribe seemed a perfect fit. Elizabeth had invested much to create a 52-week drama series that explored all facets of conflict and how best to survive and thrive through such difficulty, with Biblical perspective.

Its name was clear-**One Tribe**; that alone spoke volumes to the 61 South Sudanese tribes who had been fighting among themselves just 8 km north of the Adjumani refugee camp where they now live. Although identified as 61 tribes, these 1+million refugees now existed under one management on borrowed land spread across 60 miles. The Government of Uganda has long since demonstrated considerable tolerance for refugees and allow us to provide radio here.

I can still remember sitting beside Elizabeth, in our early very small studio. She had agreed to field incoming calls from listeners to her program. We only had one phone and it never stopped ringing between calls. Soon, our exhausted Ugandan manager declared we should stop taking calls...listeners call at a rate of 100 calls per hour and we had become overwhelmed with expressed needs. Our hearts were motivated but our eyes were glazing a little...

I learned early, there is a strong desire for people to live in peace-they just needed someone to help them find that path. In fact, one man who had lost an eye in the conflict and now living as a refugee, declared openly "If I had known this when I was there, I would not have lost my eye".

I was so happy we could be a conduit for peace through One Tribe's Biblical approach to conflict. I decided in that moment, that we would feature One Tribe radio programming on many more stations across Africa; every place we built radio, has suffered conflict to some degree.

BUILDING PEACE

As we focused on broadcasting, Elizabeth focused on expanding the language base for One Tribe's 52 drama programs. (NB its now available in many languages) And she began to work with refugees who could follow up with listeners to further expand her messaging through peace clubs-a venue where people can safely interact at length about the many issues arising from unresolved conflict and how to move out of that spiral.

One such peace club was led by Pastor Martin, who had by then, planted many churches among the refugee community and who had also helped us distribute thousands of solar powered fix-tuned radios among refugees to hear our broadcasts and enjoy the onboard audio Bible. Martin had worked hard to promote peaceful thinking among his beloved refugee community.

One such challenge was in ZOKA.

THE CHALLENGE

Zoka is a longstanding hotspot for conflict between the Madi people of Adjumani District and the Acholi people of Amuru District. There are 36 tribes living here; comprised of members from South Sudan and Uganda and all focused on farming, in what is a uniquely fertile area surrounded by infertile land...and that is the challenge...a land dispute over farming sustainability. Over time, that struggle led to conflict that now seemed impossible to manage.

BUT, One Tribe's pastor Martin introduced the Peace Club focus as he also preached the Gospel. Martin is a Baptist pastor whose first focus is Jesus. Soon, 25 people had committed their lives to Christ. The door was open and the peace club had an opportunity to bring safe discussion to an unsafe topic.

In a little more time, 37 others were restored in their faith and even estranged had begun to reunite (12)... in small ways, peace was happening. (*For who has despised the day of small things? Zech 4:11 NKJV*) The Gospel does what it has always done; a lesson we had learned in communities across the world and continue to see as we study His works...

THE OPPORTUNITY

The good news is the peace clubs were now growing; the bad news is there was no place to meet. So, the new believers and newly revived Christians decided to build a place of worship and allow Peace Clubs to meet there as well.

That's where we came in. Martin's request of \$1,000 for metal roof sheets for this new Fellowship Centre was simple but so strategic, when we explored what as behind that brief request. After all, the Acholi area had been home to one of Africa's most notorious rebels (Joseph Kony) whose Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) had kidnapped up to 30,000 young people over his 20-year insurgency (1986-2006). And Sudanese had been under never ending conflict since the British first built the Adjumani refugee camp for them in 1952. In a place of longstanding conflict, it only made sense that dispute was impossible to solve here.

...but it wasn't impossible. With God, all things are possible!

As we witnessed the Gospel impacting this particular area, it became clear why people study His works...it's exhilarating, encouraging and eternal. For those who choose Him, peace is their portion-regardless their geography. Who would not examine such works?

GROWTH

But I know what's coming. Martin is a church planter (23 refugee churches and 5 South Sudanese churches since I met him in 2014). I can hear that familiar excitement in his voice-we will soon need help for more church roofs (\$1,500 each); more Bibles (\$10 each) and more pastor training (\$100 per pastor). This is our faith step and so we ask for prayerful support that funds will come in as the church grows in this area of high conflict.

ANOTHER GREAT WORK

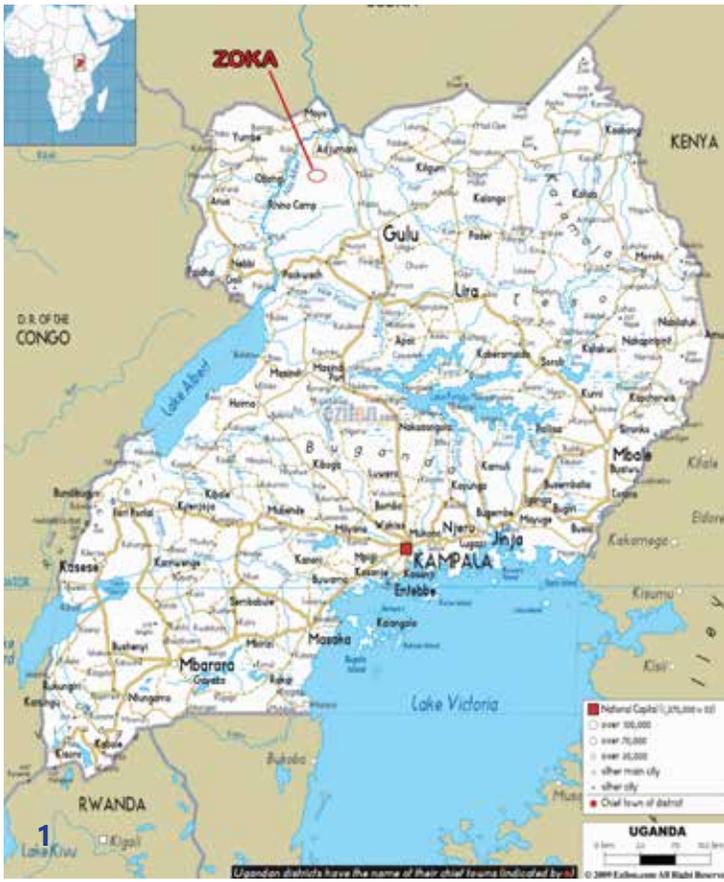
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It's so exciting to witness the works of God, and equally exciting to participate with Him!

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PHOTO CAPTIONS

- 1 - ZOKA LOCATION**
- 2 - DON-JAMES(former Lost Boy of Sudan) AND ELIZABETH IN STUDIO**
- 3 - PASTOR MARTIN TEACHES PEACE CLUB PRINCIPLES**
- 4 - CHURCH LEADERS SHARING IN PEACE CLUBS**
- 5 - SOLAR POWERED RADIO DISTRIBUTION TO REFUGEES**
- 6 - PASTOR MARTIN INSTRUCTING REFUGEES IN BIDIBIDI CAMP DURING DISTRIBUTION**
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