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Visit to Uganda 15th June- 6th July- Serving a God of Multiplication

Huge, huge thanks for all your prayers. We serve a God of the “immeasurably more” and, as you will see, we saw this demonstrated again and again in wonderful ways.

God’s blessing was on the trip from the start. I normally find sleep on overnight flights to be almost impossible. It was music to the ears therefore to have the man at the departure gate say to me: “Your day has suddenly got better. You have been upgraded to Club!” Bliss. Sleep at last!

By the shore- team time at the Focus Retreat Centre, Lake Victoria

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes” (Isaiah 54 v2)

A first: the Mission Africa Evangelistic team leaders were able to go on retreat together to seek God’s face and direction.

After breakfasting under a tree by the lakeside, we then went



to the nearby summer house. There the twelve of us spent each of the next two days testifying of the amazing things God had done in recent months; reviewing in depth each of the steps involved in setting up these missions, seeking God on ways to make them more effective. We then ended up creating a timetable for missions right up to 2013.



This was a valuable and relaxed time of strengthening and building up the ministry in a secluded and beautiful setting. It was very much a time indeed of ‘strengthening the stakes’ following the recent increase in the number of missions.

A Mountain top Encounter

Ever since watching the ‘Transformation’ videos some years ago, I had been curious to visit the Prayer Mountain that **John Malinde** had established. This I discovered was on a large flat topped hill to the west of the road to Entebbe.



People were praying singly or in small groups. They were also worshipping and praying in larger gatherings of over a hundred or so-many already assembling to spend the whole night there.

As Steve and I arrived, we were met at the summit by a man who offered to show us around. When I asked him his name, he replied: “Moses”!

I shared with him that it was on the heart of both myself and others in Jersey to establish a House of Prayer on the island. After praying with us, I was taken back when he prophesied that Jersey would play a major role in the revival of Europe. Phew!

God is the God of the ‘Immeasurably More’

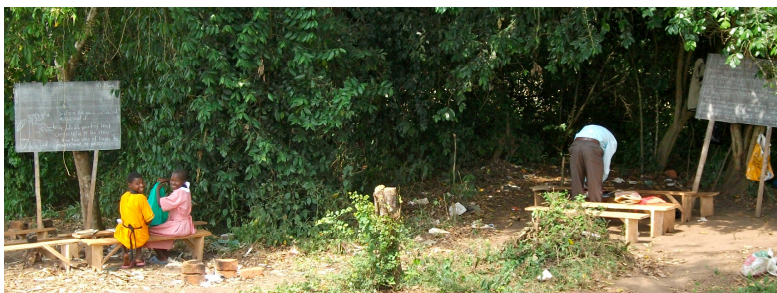
During the next two weeks, Steve and I travelled around in a small white pick up truck bouncing over rough roads, visiting some of the numerous villages of mud walled, grass roofed houses where the team had held missions.

In every one of the many places that we either visited or received news about we learned that the spiritual fires that God had lit then were still burning strongly now. There had previously been no unity between believers in any of the places. Now between **ten and twenty** churches were happily doing door to door ministry together monthly (and sometimes even weekly). Some **twenty to forty people** are being saved **each month in every single one** of the places that we had held missions in.

In total, we praise God that we could see that thousands of people are now being saved **every year** as a result of the training that had been given, combined with the blessing and power flowing out of the newly discovered spirit of unity that had been developed. To Him be all the glory!

Gomba - a community we have blessed!

Following our mission in this village two years ago we built a church to meet the needs of the new converts (no other church being nearby). The nearest school was a very, very long seven mile walk for the little children. Now eighty strong, the church doubled up as a nursery and primary school for two hundred children (albeit spilling out also into the area under the trees – see the picture above, which was taken during break time.) An unexpected blessing for this remote rural community!



Through the enabling of a particularly generous supporter, we had been able to give 20 cows and 30 pigs to needy families, (Swollen malnourished bellies are a daily sight amongst the children). All these cows had now either given birth or are expecting. As we arrived we saw one with its one day old calf (see photo on left) still wobbly on its legs. We were also able to view the six acres with its crop of maize and potatoes that had also been funded for co-operative farming. Praise God for these great blessings!

Examples of Lives Transformed:

* Mapincha's story

At Gomba we heard about a swaggering marijuana smoking, Rastafarian leader of a large mafia type of gang that had terrorised the area. All week, **Mapincha** had refused to come to the nightly crusade meetings that we had held there. On the very last night however, he said that he felt something drawing him to it. There he gave his life to Jesus.

Since then Mapincha (a.k.a .Henry) has given up taking pot, shaved off his dreadlocks and, to the astonishment of both his fellow gang members and all the youth in the area, has become a hard working God fearing citizen.

*.The Kasokwe leadership team

As we pulled up at the newly constructed church of Kasokwe the welcome was like I imagine it may be at the very gates of Heaven. There was a large group of ladies whooping and jumping with joy in the wonderful way that I have only seen African ladies do.



Quieter, but equally excited, were a group of men at the entrance of the church each of whose lives had been hugely impacted during the earlier mission:

Marco the witchdoctor – now a church elder and worshipping freely (left); **Shadick** the Muslim who had given land in his village nearby for a new church; **Weisna**, the witchdoctor's assistant, who is now one of the church leaders, plus **Albert** the school master who had been both saved and dramatically healed.(He had had a lung disease and was only

able to walk with a slow shuffle: now he is a church leader walking strongly and full of joy.

We heard many wonderful testimonies there, including the mother of a young AIDS sufferer whom we had prayed for. He has since had three tests, all confirming that he is still completely free of the disease. Praise God!

A Ripple Effect: Samuel's story

As well as seeing the great impact on all the localities where missions have been held, we also heard of many new ministries and churches that had been planted following Mission Africa's ministry.

One very special story was that of **Samuel Ssesanga** (right). I had last met him when we were doing a mission in Kapeka seven years ago.

He said that on that mission he had simply been an ordinary church member – just one of the singers in the worship team. As he received training, and experienced door to door work, however, a real passion for preaching and evangelism was born in his heart.



*Samuel is now one of the main leaders of a large group of **eighty** evangelists who for the last three years have crammed themselves into a truck to go to a*

*different part of Uganda to carry out door to door work for **six** days each month. They see between **five and eight hundred** souls give their lives to Jesus every single month (a staggering six thousand plus people per year). Wow!*

As if this were not enough, he also told us that he had been very touched by Mission Africa's heart for unity and also the way that we dealt with the children – especially the way that we encouraged those who wished to do so to come forward to give their lives to Jesus. This had given him a passion for unity, as well as birthing in him a children's ministry – he now holds a six-day conference each year for well over five hundred children.

No longer just an ordinary church member, this lovely man now has pastoral oversight **for over one thousand churches!** **Pray for this key leader!**

Shortage of space prevents us from sharing the many, many other stories and healings that we both encountered or heard about.

We praise God for the way in which He has watered the seeds that were sown in every one of the places to which we have gone, and the mighty multiplication that He has given.

Praise Points

- ❖ For the great encouragement that God is giving to us of seeing thousands giving their lives to Jesus each year as a result of not only the current missions but the ongoing effect of earlier visits
- ❖ For our enthusiastic, anointed and gifted team and for the immensely blessed and productive time spent together at the retreat centre
- ❖ For good weather, good health and for God's protection as we travelled many hundreds of miles by road (including the very welcome and utterly unexpected upgrade on the outgoing flight!!)
- ❖ For the many testimonies of salvation and healings
- ❖ For God's continued provision and great faithfulness

With immense thanks again to you for your prayers, encouragement and huge support which have played such a major part in all that He has done.



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