

## Uganda 2009 Report



There were 19 of use who were on the Uganda team, five from Grace Bible in Collbran and fourteen from Monument View Bible in Fruita.

We spent the first five months of 2009 getting ready; training, gathering support and Bibles, as well as other supplies for the Kolira Church plant and Lulwanda Children's Home.

We departed Denver Co. on North West Air lines at 11:30 am. May 21<sup>st</sup>. (Two of the men from the Fruita church hauled us over to Denver in vans). We were on our way, for this much anticipated and prepared for trip. Our route was Denver to Detroit, to Amsterdam to Entebbe.

We arrived in Entebbe May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Apporx. 8:30 pm. We were picked up by our hosts and driven to our hotel for the first night. This was a welcome rest, after 20 hrs. in the air and 4 to 5 hours in air ports. All travel went very well.

Saturday morning we boarded the vans heading for Mbale After a brief stop at Jinja for some sight seeing a lunch we traveled on to Mbale where we checked into Mt. Elgon Hotel for the weeks lodging. And again much needed rest.

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Started a very busy week. That morning our team split into 3 teams and went to Kadimukoli 2007 Church plant, Kachumbala 2008 Church plant, and the



Mbale Church where Morris Ogenga pastors. All 3 services went well, with our teams teaching and preaching at all three churches, the afternoon was spent playing with children and helping with Awana games. Back to the hotel for supper and a good nights rest.

Monday started early with breakfast, group devotions and travel to schools and village. The name of the new Church plant for 2009 was Kolira.

We arrived there to find many of the people very skeptical of this new church and its motives, but started and finished the first day well, with a large number of people attending the crusade that afternoon with many professions of faith.

Back at the hotel, hot, sticky and mosquito bitten we had supper then talked of the days events. As reports of the day were given it was clear that there had been rumors spreading that this new church worshipped Satan and would be sacrificing their children and drinking their blood. In spite of the rumors many trusted Christ.

We encouraged the team to continue to tell the true gospel and God would continue to draw folks to Himself.

The school and prison teams also had a very profitable day.

Tuesday, back to the village for most of us, 3 were off the schools.

At the village there was planned for that day, a medical clinic where 800 plus people were seen and treated by a team from a Michigan University and Ugandan doctors. This really brought the people in and helped dispel the rumors.

After lunch 3 more of us went to a prison up on Mt. Elgon, The town and prisons name were Kapchrowra. The scenery was breath taking, not to mention about 10degrees cooler. The prisoners were very receptive.

Evening reports went well, people were very encouraged by the days events, the people of Kolira were becoming very respectful and the crusade was again well attended.

All week the ministries in villages, schools, and prisons went very well, with many profession of faith.

Saturday was a day of rest and visit to the Lulwandan Children's Home for most of the team. Three of us were able to set in on the longest elder meeting I've ever seen, 9 hours. They dealt with a number of serious issues. The enemy is certainly trying to stop the fruitful work there. I do believe they are dealing well with them.

Sunday was the commissioning ceremony, again our team taught S.S. classes and preached.



The water well was also completed on Saturday afternoon so that it could be used on Sunday, this created great joy among the people, as they saw the water following from the pump. The water is for all to use without charge. Most of the folks of the village had to haul their water from quite a distance. This gives them a closer source.

We had lunch and enjoyed time with the people until about 3 pm. After good byes we drove back to the hotel for supper, reports and rest.

Monday we had a team going to the slums of Mbala and to the garages to share the gospel. The team that went to the garages spoke with a group of welders and delivered 13 welding hoods to the men who normally weld bare eyed. They were very thankful, but there were many more in need of basic safety equipment.

The slums were most certainly a place where we could also have spent a whole week doing the same thing as we did at the village. The needs were great and the people very receptive.

Our last night in Mbala was one of rejoicing and anticipation of the long trip home. God had blessed use with a team that worked well together, not only among ourselves, but also with our host's and their team of translators and pastors. It has been an absolute blessing to serve on behalf of the churches and individuals who partnered with us, both in the U.S. A. and Uganda. To God be the glory both now and forever, Amen.

We arrived back in Denver June 3<sup>rd</sup>. at 3:30 pm. Then home around 10 pm.

Praise God for another incredible opportunity of gospel ministry. All who went and all who helped in any way will know great reward for their partnership in the gospel. May God continue to lead and bless us with clear focus and future ministry wherever He calls us.

Special thanks to those who prayed and gave to make this trip a success, your part was no less valuable than the ones who went, we see you as equal partners in this ministry. ***A very special Thanks to you for your sacrifice and faithfulness.***

In Christ our Savior

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