

Report for December 2006

Sorry for the late report. I went to attend to my widowed mother. She was very sick towards the end of the year.

Like November, December continued to have very heavy down pour which continued to bring lots of floods, crops were washed away, roofs were blown off, roads closed, diseases and sicknesses including Cholera and Malaria were rampant. Many people lost lives in floods and diseases.

We experienced very high cost of living due very poor infrastructure as a result of floods and excessive rainfalls. Prices of produce, vegetables, fruits, and sugar almost doubled. Inflation has stayed high. Water and electricity bills have played a major role in inflationary tendencies. Some ministers have been named for hoarding sugar with speculative move to create scarcity and therefore suffocate supply and realize price rise. Just need your prayers. We are very worried about the future of Uganda's economy.

Potholes on city streets have increased resulting into very heavy traffic jam. Poverty is still on the increase. Foreign aid cut off to fight corruption and poor governance.

December Baptisms.

The fellowship in the slum has again produced a very wonderful result. I baptized more people in the month. God has continued to add the number to the church of Christ here. I have a very heavy task of keeping these saints in the church by doing a lot of teaching and follow up to do.

Below are the Decembers baptisms



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Attendance on midweek is between 15 and 20, and between 30 and 40 on Sundays (first day of the week).

Just finalized teaching the book of James. We shall go to the Romans or Galatians, God willing.

Major Challenge

I went through December in a very hard way. I lived on borrowing from groceries or shops, and from different individuals to cover transport to go to preach 86 Km away in Jinja. December was another miserable month. Brother Keith managed to send me USD 200 which was a drop in the ocean because I was literally living by borrowing and so generated big debts.

This was my hardest month ever since I came back from South Africa. Children were very malnourished, I failed in some occasions to go to preach due lack of money for transport, for example, during Christmas confusion, transport cost doubled. Debts rose to over equivalents USD 500.

Pray for me because I must get employed to avoid such embarrassments. Need prayers so that I can find a job soon. I have done a few interviews for a job in some places including finance institution and all goes well, I will find a job.

Others

Brother Keith from USA will visit Uganda and teach a number of classes in February 2007.

I also expect to invite the Beckleys to Uganda later in the year, 2007, God willing and teach brethren.

For the first time I managed to solve bible problems. Brother Keith sent us money for 50 Luganda bibles which I bought and am busy giving them out to those who need them.

Keith promised to send New King James English bibles ahead of his coming to Uganda in February 2007.

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