

## **March 2007 Report**

I had a very great month in March. The Lord blessed us with very hard sunshine especially around time the sun was crossing the equator.

We got very little rains only towards end of the month. Poverty still bites as ever especially among our dear saints. Economic and political atmosphere is still a mess and so stone throwing and teargases are the story.

Electricity instability has improved but water crisis has remained. We still buy water in water cans like before, making our cost of living higher. Because in necessity, electricity tariffs were raised to meet the cost of additional supply.

We (Rosemary and I), are working very hard, teaching and encouraging our destitute poor brethren to lead a good life spiritually, mentally and physically. We have put our trust in the Lord to help us achieve this goal. Again, all our saints are poor. (has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom which He has promised those who love him James 2:5).

## **March Baptisms (4)**

The Lord has remained faithful to my work in Uganda. He added the number of those who are being saved. I baptised Jackson Abiriga (28) and Margaret Awor (31) on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007, and baptized Teddy Namalovu (58) and Alonsion (18) on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2007. Thanks to the brethren who have continuously prayed and supported for the gospel in Uganda.

(I say to you that like there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 just persons who need no repentance, Luke 15:7).

May God bless you all for prayers.

## **Lakeside Church of Christ Jinja**

The coming of Brother Keith has helped my gospel work a great deal. Jinja has continued to progress. Attendance is over 45 on Sunday and weekdays attendance is 25 people.

Christine Ayo, one of our most dedicated Christians operated to deliver twin babies on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007. We supported her cover hospital costs (Gal 2:10). She is a very poor sister, living on less than a dollar a day. Sister Rosemary is working with her and the rest of Christian women to help them survive.

We need to purchase a piece of land for the church in Jinja. I am requesting brethren to pray with us on this ground. We still meet on a rented building on over half an acre land at a cost of \$170 per month.

We also still need reliable transport system to bring our poor Christians to church for worship and studies.

## **Kampala Church of Christ**

We meet in the afternoons for Sunday and the attendance 30 saints on a rented space, and I am up to start meeting on Tuesdays in my home for bible studies. We still hope to buy a piece of land on which to build a permanent shelter for worship.

Rosemary pays for a place of worship in Kampala church of Christ so far. Brethren are encouraged.

## **Tororo Church of Christ**

I travel to Tororo once a month and take two days teaching, preaching and encouraging brethren. I am still to agree with Rosemary if we can use the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month. I will be teaching brethren on Saturdays and Sundays.

We visited Tororo on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2007. There was a massive attendance. Rosemary met women and drew up a plan how to work with women and children. They were very enthusiastic about our visit.

We are still looking for land to buy on which we can build a shelter for worship. Please pray with us for the funds of about \$5000 for a simple shelter plus land. The brethren are too poor to contribute anything towards this cause. Brother Keith visited this poor congregation too.

## **Impact of Keith Sharp visit**

After spending time with Keith Sharp in the church teaching the Holy word of God, brethren became rejuvenated.

Brother Keith has helped me find a few brethren and church to send me support and I can do more gospel work than before. I am able to move faster, sometime able to rent car for distant journeys to say Tororo, and carry my children for worship to Jinja which I used not.

Sometime Christians' emergencies do occur and must be settled. Recently a sister had to be operated in order to deliver twin children. This required money, which the poor sister did not have.

Brother Keith has encouraged me personally with his personal life: calm, dedicated in the word, light, understands, patient, ... his coming to Uganda has left lots of impact and I will endeavor to work with him in ministry.

## **Urgent needs**

For purpose of prayers,

1. because of necessity, the work here needs self drive automobile to facilitate movements to preach and transporting destitute Christians to church for worship and emergencies;
2. Still to pay off outstanding debt for a plot of land where my Kampala residence is built. Brother Keith knows the plot.

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