

December 2009 Report

I wish to thank the brethren for the support and prayers in the month of December. The Lord remained gracious to us even in December.

The month of December was covered with heavy rains and floods. Knowing what our roads are, these rains caused a lot of disruptions because of mud, floods and water borne diseases.

Food prices and prices of essential commodities have remained high.

We have also continued to hear reports of child sacrifices in different parts of the country. Recently a couple, in their late 20s, agreed together to slaughter their 4 month daughter as a sacrifice for wealth. The head of their baby was recovered, while the body was found buried under their bed. Surprisingly, there are more cases like that in the country. We just need prayers.

We shall continue asking for prayers especially as we enter 2010.

Evangelism

I have revived 'preaching the Cornelius way' again. I am involving brethren again to invite their non believing relatives, friends and neighbors to the church for bible studies. In this way, I have opportunity to have more studies to do. I leave results to the Lord.

Lakeside Church

We thank God for the simple shelter in Masese. We can now meet on Thursdays for bible studies in the shelter. The brethren in Masese continue to join in Lakeside church for first day of the week worship.

Brother William has been bedridden for some while. Like I have always said, 7 out of 10 brethren in Jinja congregation are sick, especially women who are single mothers. We pray trusting in the Lord for their long life.

Kampala Church

Many brethren went to the country homes for end of year holidays. We experienced decline in attendance drastically due to holidays. By the end of the month, not many brethren had come back to their urban homes. We are praying to God for their safe return.

I studied with the young men from Uganda Managements Institute till middle of the month just before they left for holidays. I hope to study with them again when their semester begins in March 2010.

Tororo Church

Fred Mulwal visited with us in the month. Lakeside brethren were happy to receive him. Rosemary and I also visited Tororo.

Tororo, like other parts of the country still receives a lot of rains. Crops are growing but no one knows how long these rains will last. Normally, December, January and February are dry season. Now that there are lots of rains at this time in December, we do not know what will happen in future months.

I encourages brethren with 1Thes 4:9-12 when I visited them.

Rosemary

I will always remind brethren to remember Rosemary. She continues to follow up women and children in the three congregations. She is such a great blessing to all of us. We need to pray for us.

Children are still on holidays

We will continue to have children with us for holidays until early February 2010 when their first term begins. We are very busy with them being single parents and of course the needs become bigger.

Brother Keith and Brother Griffin visit

I wish to remind everyone to pray for Brother Keith and Brother Griffin as they plan to visit with us in February 2010. We look forward to their visit.

2009 Preview

I am glad to report that 2009 was a very hard for me and the brethren in Uganda. We lost out big support from Southside church. Then I became very sick of severe back injury in the same year. I had to travel to South Africa for treatment. Then there was abnormal deadly famine in the nation. Our brethren were so much affected. We all survived death as a result of the severe famine. Then our dear sister, a very committed child of God passed away. We were failing to accept that she had left us. And as though that was not enough, Rosemary's children, out of the blue became bed ridden. BUT we thank God who brought us this far.

I thank the brethren for the relief; for prayers and for the kind words. May the Lord bless all of them. May the Lord prosper you in all you do. We all appreciate you patience and love for us.

I am wishing every saint a prosperous 2010.

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Financial report for December 2009.

Receipts in the month

Date	Amount	Description	Frequency
Dec 1, 2009	\$300	Nick	Monthly
Dec 2, 2009	\$500	Twin City church	Monthly
Dec 10, 2009	\$500	Evening Shade	\$450 mine, \$50 Fred
Dec 15, 2009	\$2100	32 nd Str. Church Paducah Kentucky	Quarterly. (January, 4357 February and March 2010)
Dec 15, 2009	\$150	Dorothy Chiang (commitment)	Rosemary's
Dec 15, 2009	\$100	Joe Cruse	General support
Dec 15, 2009	\$250	Bonnie Lillie	General \$125, Rosemary \$125
Dec 15, 2009	\$250	Dick Stewart	General
Dec 15, 2009	\$300	Warren Boss (commitment)	General 150, Rosemary 150
Dec 15, 2009	\$75	Mark Huber	General
Dec 15, 2009	\$150	D and M McClellan	General 75, Rosemary 75
Dec 15, 2009	\$50	Tolly Johnson	General
Dec 15, 2009	\$50	Deborah Parker	General
Dec 28, 2009	\$1000	Keith Sharp (for Feb 2010 meetings)	One time
Dec 29, 2009	\$1050	Keith Sharp (for Frb 2010 meetings)	One time,
Dec 29, 2009	\$500	Jalberts	January support
Dec 31, 2009	\$250	Dennis Baron	One time for Masese brethren
Total	\$7575		

Expenditures in the month

Item	Amount	Description
1	\$250	Maintanance of Rosemary's house
2	\$710	Tent/chair hire from Keith Sharp, price increased
3	\$1200	Rent for Rosemary's house
4	\$250	Dennis support sent for food for Masese brethren,
4	\$720	Transport
5	\$670	Church Rent
6	\$1300	Rosemary's upkeep,
7	\$1350	Francis' upkeep
8	\$310	Utilities
9	\$100	Fred
10	\$21	Beneficiary bank charges
11	\$184	February meeting
12	\$500	Carried forward
TOTAL	\$7575	

(E&OE), May the Lord bless the brethren for all the support.

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