

October 2009 Report

Once again, I am glad to inform my dear brethren that the Lord sustained us like He has always done. We continue to pray blessings to those who pray for and support us.

The month of October was welcomed by September calamities. Devastating rains continued. Cholera and other water borne diseases (dysentery, malaria, diarrhea, others) are still threatening. Kampala and Jinja, are most badly hit by the deadly Cholera. Deaths due to Cholera are still reported in a number of places. Swine flu is also still widespread too, mostly in schools. Storms and floods are all over the place. We are not yet free from all many these calamities.

World food programme continues to appeal for food supplies for East African countries. Beans, maize floor, rice, sugar, all have their prices souring. Food stuffs remain scarce.

We are very thankful to God. The brethren still have what to eat and drink. The Lord has remained faithful. He is our Shepherd, we shall not want. We shall trust Him all the way. Please continue praying for us.

Evangelism and Baptism

I continue to study with a number of non believers. Rosemary has also continued to use all opportunities to reach out to women and children. We trust the Lord will add the number to His church. Innocent, whom I baptized last month is growing steadily in the Lord. He was attacked by malaria last week, but recovered

Lakeside Church

Cholera is still a threat in Masese, where many of our brethren live. Like I mentioned in my previous report, these brethren live in a horrible slum characterized by: dirty surroundings, poor shelters fixed with earth, no clean water, no beddings, no toilets, no drainage. It is in this slum where the late Mama Ajambo was residing. Recently I was preaching in Masese and read a number of scriptures and encourage them that the Lord is very concerned about them. "Go tell John the things you have seen and heard; ... the poor have the gospel preached to them", Luke 7:22, and "... Go sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasures in heaven", Matt 19:21. This increased their hope in the Lord.

Kampala Church

I started studying with one man who visited the congregation from Western part of the country. He has shown interest. I pray the Lord opens his heart to believe the word of God. He is from a deep catholic origin.

I am also studying with two young men from Uganda Managements Institute. They are in their final year, studying management. I also pray the Lord opens the eyes of these candidates to see the truth.

We are studying about the love of God in church, making various references from John's letters and the gospel according to John. God is helping us understand His precious word.

Tororo Church

There is great calm in Tororo. There are fewer storms. Rosemary visited the congregation again. I also visited. They are better off that last month. They are continuing to plant as rains continue to fall. The seasons are very unpredictable and so people just gamble and plant/sow whenever there are rains. I read Ps 23 to them and encouraged them to remain a good flock of God. The church is very stable and warm.

Rosemary

Rosemary has continued to be helpful. Unfortunately, she went through a very rough month. Her last born daughter was too sick, then her friend, the late Mama Ajambo died, and her landlord was threatening to evict her from her yard. While the last born daughter was recovering, her second last born, Blessed, also became very sick and had to be brought back from school. I think that was too hard to cope with. But the Lord strengthened her. Even then, she squeezed time and visited Tororo. Pray for her. She is very reliable.

Mama Ajambo Died

Mama Ajambo passed away on Saturday 3rd, October, in her late 70s. I baptized her some years ago from Islam. After her conversion, she told all her distant extended family members, who are all Muslims, of her conversion. Her relatives disowned her and left her entirely into our (the saints') hands. All her sons and daughters had died of AIDS. She was very dedicated to the word of God to the very end. Everyone in Masese and the brethren were shocked at her death. I in particular, used my support to do all the burial arrangements for coffin, treating the body, postmortem, feeding mourners, transporting the body to the burial ground and procuring the burial ground. It was heavy but God gave the grace. She received a decent burial she deserved.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

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Financial report for October 2009.

Receipts in the month

| Date | Amount | Description | Frequency |
|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Oct 2, 2009 | \$300 | Nick | Monthly |
| Oct 2, 2009 | \$335 | Evening Shade church | Monthly |
| Oct 2, 2009 | \$500 | Twin City church | Monthly |
| Oct 6, 2009 | \$200 | Keith & Sandy Sharp | One time, for treating Rosemary's daughter |
| Oct 6, 2009 | \$200 | Warren Jack Boss | One time, for treating Rosemary's daughter |
| Oct 8, 2009 | \$1230 | Kokomo | Quarterly |
| Oct 9, 2009 | \$705 | Clint \$200, Joann \$505 | One time |
| Oct 10, 2009 | \$100 | Malcolm Franklin | One time |
| Oct 12, 2009 | \$500 | Kenny & Vicky | Monthly |
| Oct 13, 2009 | \$200 | Bryan Sharp | One time |
| Oct 17, 2009 | \$2000 | Jacky Prince & others | One time |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$120 | Deborah Parker | One time, Charity to Rosemary |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$700 | 32 nd Str church Paducah Kentucky | Monthly |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$100 | Dorothy Chiang | One time for Rosemary |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$250 | Bonnie Lillie | One time (\$125 Rosemary) |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$250 | Dick Stewart | One time (\$125 Rosemary) |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$100 | Leonard Windhorst | One time |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$100 | Warren Boss | One time (\$50 Rosemary) |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$50 | Mark Huber | One time (\$25 Rosemary) |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$25 | Marla Mitchell | One time |
| Oct 19, 2009 | \$25 | Rusty Blanchard | One time |
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| Total | \$7990 | | |

Expenditures in the month

| Item | Amount | Description |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | \$520 | Treatment of Rosemary's daughter |
| 2 | \$1420 | Burial of the late sister Ajambo |
| 3 | \$1200 | Rosemary's rent, |
| 4 | \$710 | Transport |
| 5 | \$690 | Rent |
| 6 | \$1100 | Rosemary's upkeep |
| 7 | \$1000 | Upkeep for my family |
| 8 | \$255 | Utilities |
| 9 | \$28 | Beneficiary bank charges |
| 10 | \$937 | Carried forward |
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| TOTAL | \$7990 | |

Thanks to all the brethren and congregations that sent us support.

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