

June 2007 Report

I'm very thankful to brethren for being very supportive to us spiritually and financially during the month of June.

Uganda, together with other East African countries delivered unfriendly budget for 2007/2008 financial year. The budget removed road license tax and fixed it on fuel, making fuel prices tremendously high. Already fuel prices have been increasing during the year and now it has become very bad. Prices of essential commodities are expected to rise further. Fare to various places will rise further too, and therefore the cost of living will rise proportionately.

Amidst this, we have continued to preach the gospel and have continued to see success along the way.

June Baptism

I baptized 1 woman, Juliet Nandutu, about 23-year-old mother on June 6, 2007 after several studies with her and others who are yet to obey the Holy word of God. She is very enthusiastic about the Faith.

Lakeside Church of Christ, Jinja

We had good month of June, basing most of my teachings from 2Cor 5:17 and 2Cor 6:14-18. I preached about Christian maturity much of the month, driving saints to begin believing in the Lord in a deeper way and to begin to be useful (teachers), to be careful who their companions are.

I am afraid, I was not able to win back the 'brother' who teamed up with Muslims to persecute the church. We are still praying for him again in obedience to the Lord's word in Mat 5:44.

God has kept household of God in one piece. The attendance is still over 50 brethren on Sundays and over 15 in the midweek meetings.

Bible studies in Masese have remained exciting on Thursday. We have continued to transport our destitute Christians who live in Masese slums every Sunday for worship. We are still praying for reliable means of transport to bring these poor brethren to church for worship. The majority of Masese brethren are abandoned destitute women, very poor people indeed. We hope to save a lot when we get a self-drive automobile for this purpose.

I still travel to Jinja on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 86km away on public means of transport in the usual tiring, risky, time wasting way, the my encouragement is: "You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" 2Tim 2:3.

Kampala Church of Christ

We are having an exciting fellowship in Kampala church. A few saints have shown keen interest in the word of the Lord, sometime participating in church activities

during meetings. Our Sunday afternoon services have continued to flourish, yielding great results to the glory of God. I preached from 2Cor 5:17 and 2Cor 6:14-18, having sighted a need to have saints whose focus is the kingdom of God Mat 6:33, forgetting what is behind. Maturity was my main target in the month.

The Lord God has sustained the work in Kampala. We still every Saturday within the worship place.

The saints hold Rosemary with high esteem for all she is doing among women and children in Uganda. Continue praying for her.

Tororo Church of Christ

The church in Tororo still needs a building and land for worship. The meetings still take place at Brother John's home. Brethren have remained zealous despite the grave poverty in rural community.

I spoke to them from 2Cor 5:17 and 2Cor 6:14-18 when I visited in the month, this being my key word to the brethren in the month.

The Church still meets in their grass thatched temporary shelter. I am appealing to brethren to continue praying for these saints to find a more permanent place for worship. The attendance is over 30, majority of them are women.

Rosemary's Efforts

I will continue reminding brethren about the contributions my sister Rosemary makes among women and children. She has remained a fellow laborer in the Lord (Rom 16:1-2), while Daniel has disappeared for over 2 months now. Rosemary rotates in Kampala, Jinja and Tororo congregations to teach and evangelize women and children. I hope ladies will contact Rosemary and encourage her personally. We still share support from brethren to cater for food and school fees for her children, and to pay for her house rent.

Sunday Ayidere

Brother Keith is working with brother Sunday to help him come to Uganda to visit with us. Hopefully Sunday will be with us in September. Please join us pray for this plan to work out well.

Financial Report

Many thanks to brethren and churches that sent support this month. All together I received \$3385 (\$1000 comes monthly, while \$2385 comes once a year). Brother Keith is doing his best to ensure our heads are above the waters.

Following is way funds were spent:

Monthly expenses cover:

1. Transport:
 - a) to preach in Jinja, Tororo and Kampala,
 - b) to transport destitute Christians to church for worship
 - c) to transport children to school
2. Family needs:
 - a) Food for the family
 - b) Others (medications, clothing, house help, toiletry, etc)
3. Utilities:
(Electricity (revised), water, postal services, communication, others)
4. Helps to destitute brethren during emergencies. In March we transported a dead body of one Christian's dead child and one lady was operated in hospital with twins, ...
5. School fees and scholastic materials paid per term 3 times per annum: January, April and August)
6. Church rent, lighting and water.

In the Lord's Name,

Francis Okech,
Uganda