

May 2009 Report

I would like to thank brethren for every support and prayers. May the Lord bless all of you for keeping us afloat.

The climax of famine scourge began in April when people started to literally die of hunger. The State woke up at the time, when a number of people had died already. One of our Christians fell a victim of death due to hunger. At the extreme, people still die of hunger while others fed on grass, wild insects, and anything that can enter their stomachs. Famine is expected to end in July to the glory of God, when harvests are expected to start. The yield is promising to be good because of good rains. We thank God for the congregations and individuals who send support as food relief to the saints.

We selected able committed young men to handle distribution of food in both congregations, in line with Acts 6:1-4. We thank God that distribution is going on well. We have not heard any complaints relating to food distribution. Only once when too many people in Jinja Masese slums almost overrun the process due to paining hunger in the slum.

As a result of famine, prices of food stuffs have remained high. World financial down turn has affected our main exports as some of the companies that used to buy Ugandan products no longer buy. Foreign exchange has reduced and their prices have risen. This has increased prices of imported items (including products manufactured goods). May inflation is still high at 12.4 p.a.

Diseases and sicknesses are still a challenge even among our saints. On Sunday afternoon, Rosemary helped many brethren access medicines. The majority of the sicknesses are HIV/AIDS related. Cholera is also hitting some parts of numerous slums in the country.

There were many reports of deaths due to road accidents in the month. But we thank God for continuing to protect and provide for us. We also thank God for the support brethren have continued to send us.

Evangelism and Baptism.

While the Lord is healing me, He is also prospering my evangelical work. I baptised 6 people on Wednesday 13th amidst great joy. (Failed to attach picture, to send later). Just before I baptised them, I cautioned the new converts to be prepared to "bear fruits worthy of repentance" Lk 3:8. They all faithfully attend church on Sundays and mid-week bible studies.

Lakeside Church,

The church is going through one of the worst famines ever. But we thank God that brethren send relief. Its is one of the hardest things to preach and teach people who are hungry, or sick, and are worried that they can die anytime. I will

continue asking you to pray for us for sufficient grace. The church has continued to prosper with the number added to it.

Kampala Church

The church here was not badly hit by famine. Some of the brethren are able to provide for themselves, though at the level of hand to mouth. We continued to study the book of Philipians with the saints. We were all edified with the word of the Lord.

Tororo Church

Rosemary and I visited Tororo again when we participated in distributing food items to the brethren who are still going through famine. I reported Jinja and Tororo famine in my April report, and I thank God brethren were able to send support when Rosemary 'rang the bell louder'. Brethren could hardly participate in bible studies until they began to eat when support began to come. Up to now I don't have words to explain these ordeals. Only God knows. We are all upset at the famine situation. Brethren can now study the word and undersand. We thank God.

Rosemary's contribution,

Rosemary has continued to be a very big blessing to the Lord's work here. I'll continue requesting brethren remember her in prayers. She is very close to the ladies and children. She is very instrumental during this famine time.

My health

I thank God who is bringing my life to perfectio'n daily. I will continue to visit a physiotherapist for a weekly massage to help relax my musles. I still have mild pains in my right hip but not scaring. Even then I am taking nothing for granted.

Children are back to schools

We managed to settle children in their schools. Thank you very much for prayers. Their term ends in August when we shall have them back home again.

Support

We have not had a cover for the loss of \$1000. Continue praying for that He provides for us sufficiently.

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Financial report for May 2008.

Receipt for the month

Date	Amount	Description
May 1, 2009	\$500	Jalberts and Hamletts
May 8, 2009	\$335	From Evening Shed church
May 8, 2009	\$300	Brother Nick
May 19, 2009	\$350	Gert-Jan, EURO 250
May 19, 2009	\$1000	Patrick (East Volley church), June Support
May 20, 2009	\$2100	Kentucky, June Support
May 19, 2009	\$100	Elaine
May 23, 2009	\$100	Clint
Total	\$4785	

Expenditures

Item	Amount	Description
1	\$580	Transport for brethren and to preach
2	\$450	Rent for worship places,
3	\$400	Rosemary's upkeep (children on holidays)
4	\$650	Upkeep for my family (children on holidays)
5	\$250	Utilities
6	\$1050	School fees for Rosemary's & my children,
7	\$300	Fred's son's school fees
8	\$27	Beneficiary bank charges
10	\$1078	Carried forward
TOTAL	\$4785	

Thank you dears for support. God bless you all for the support.

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Uganda,