

September 2007 Report

May the Lord bless my dear brethren who have supported me in the month of September.

Like many African countries, Uganda went through devastating floods in the month of September. Many lives were lost, homes destroyed and many homes collapsed due to floods. There are expected famines in most par, bridges collapsed and many roads closed because of floods. Traces of tropical diseases have attacked the locals. The affected areas have turned their faces to God. Many families have taken refuge in schools, medical units and administrative offices. United Nations came in to help a few of the victims.

Please join us in your prayers for the many who are affected, mainly in eastern and northern part of the country.

We have continued to see the hand of the Lord. The work of the Lord has continued to prosper. The church here has continued to prosper in the Lord.

Recent Baptisms

Again, like before, people here are more willing to listen and obey to the word of God than in the West. Brother Keith who visited us in February was a witness to this. I baptized 3 women in September amidst great joy (Luke 15:10). I have a special teaching timetable for the new converts.

'Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, 1Peter 2:1-2, remains my theme lessons to the new converts. I work hard to make new converts know that their lives as saints of God depend a lot on the word of God for what the word of God is, 2Timothy 3:16-17. I try to give the new converts special time to help them grow.

I thank God who has encouraged me so much even to start bible study group across the lake and the other part of the city.

His grace of God is sufficient for me, (2Cor 12:9). Please continue holding us in your daily prayers.

Lakeside Church of Christ, Jinja

The church has continued to prosper, with a huge attendance of between 50 and 60 every Sunday and over 20 in the weekdays.

This month I have run through the First book of Apostle Peter. I believe I will complete both books in October.

As mentioned in the previous report, the people who get converted here formerly practiced witchcraft, traditional worship, commercial sex, idolatry, and others.

Getting them straightened requires a lot of patience, prayers and calculated teachings. We have seen many of them going back to the world, but we have witnessed many stand strong in the Faith.

Please continue to pray for us.

Kampala Church of Christ

Kampala church has continued to prosper with a big attendance of between 30 and 40 on Sundays. We still study once a week during the week and have evening services on Sundays. We also studied the First book of Peter, hopefully complete both books of Apostle Peter in October.

When I began encouraging saints to participate in bringing non-believing neighbors and relatives to church the Cornelius (Acts 10:24), we have seen a study group start in a nearby house. As I wrote to Brother Keith, "Evangelism the Cornelius Method", this way of reaching out has added value to our work. I hope Brother Keith will pass on the article to some brethren to appreciate what the Lord can do using, "Evangelism the Cornelius Method". This exercise works well for us.

Tororo Church of Christ

The work in Tororo, 200km away is going on very well. The automobile I acquired has helped my movements.

The Lord has kept the fellowship strong. I have encouraged brethren in Tororo to adopt the "Evangelism the Cornelius Method", and we are seeing God give us success and good results. Its God, who gives the increase, (1Cor 3:6-7).

Rosemary is still working among women and children in Tororo too.

They still worship in grass thatched temporary shelter. Rainfall has affected them so much under the grass roof, but their joy in the Lord has remained.

Rosemary's Efforts

Rosemary's efforts among women and children have remained remarkable. She still visits women and children in Kampala and Tororo. She is such a pillar in the church in Uganda. I will always remind brethren, especially female brethren to keep in touch with Rosemary: write to her, pray for her, support and encourage her. She is a great blessing in the Kingdom of God.

A visitor soon

I still believe one brother and a preacher from Nigeria will visit Uganda soon to teach and preach the word of God.

Brother Gert will visit us in next year in March. Their coming will provide a big boost spiritually to all of us.

Please pray for this plan to prosper.

Challenge

We had a big financial challenge this month, majorly because we needed extra funds (over \$1200) for school fees. We still haven't paid school fees fully but this has not affected our work of ministry.

May God bless all of you brethren who have stood with us in prayers, and who have given us financial support, and some of them have written to us encouraging words. May God bless you all.

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