

**“The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.  
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.”  
Psalm 19:7 NKJV**

Friends: May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and yours in His mercy and grace this month of November! I (Jim) enjoyed God’s blessings in ministry in Uganda in August and will enjoy the Lord and His goodness in ministry in India this month, as God wills.

In Uganda, I saw and enjoyed a time of refreshing from the Lord, and as our verse above says, that has come from the word of the Lord, which makes wise the simple. We sought to sow the word deeply and widely in our years in Uganda and elsewhere and have sought to do that since our rebasing in the USA in 2020. The result of the Lord’s word, which is perfect and trustworthy, is refreshment (knowing God by faith in His Son Jesus) for those who were not wise but have been made wise by God’s word unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15). Refreshment, too, speaks of the cleansing, renewing and restoring work of the Spirit in regeneration; Peter preached this in Acts 3:19: ‘Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord’. Paul wrote that he was refreshed by Onesiphorus and his household. Onesiphorus visited Paul when he was imprisoned, and it’s thought that Onesiphorus was converted under Paul’s ministry in Ephesus. Paul’s soul was refreshed by his disciple, who showed him mercy as a new man in Christ. David wrote in Psalm 23 that God refreshed his soul by His presence. God says of Israel that He will refresh the captives in Jeremiah 31:25: ‘For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.’ And Proverbs 11:25 reads: ‘The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.’ Much of my joy in Uganda came from seeing people touched by God’s word, by their being saved and made new, fresh, and joyful by the Spirit. And we continue to rejoice in the Lord’s goodness that He has worked through His word, that many lives have been wonderfully changed by His grace, and that we are seeing His blessings in the ministries He has determined that we continue in these blessed days. Thanks much for your part in this work, dear friends. Please continue to pray that we can and will sow the word of God freely, faithfully pray for God’s work of saving and renewing through His word and that He will bring refreshment from His blessed presence. Also, ministry overseas continues to grow in the various components, as we hope you can see in our following brief summary of our ministry efforts so far in 2023:

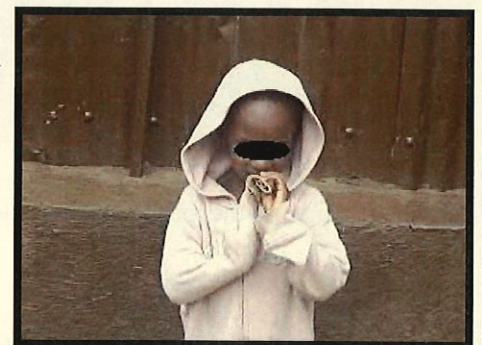
### Children’s Ministry

We evangelize children and seek to bring them into church discipleship meetings like the one pictured at the right in Kampala. Last year, by God’s grace, we reached over 6,000 children/youth in Christmas Outreaches in several countries. We hope to reach 8,000 children/youth this year as the Lord allows. Our ministry leader in Uganda, Pastor Alex Minge, oversees the Christmas Outreaches there, trains workers, and encourages the start-up of discipleship groups. We also provide children’s study materials. Our ministry friend, Mission To Children, is a blessing to us in this effort. At this time, over 4,300 children/youth meet in 58 locations throughout Uganda in discipleship meetings. Please ask God for His grace in this aspect of our work.



### Street Kid Outreach

In this component, we evangelize and care for street kids. At the right is a young girl who lived on the streets with her mother, who was a prostitute (Mum has since professed faith in Christ). She has housing with her Mum now and attends a Christian school. We also seek to bring street kids into discipleship meetings in churches. We worked with friends who serve in four poor areas with groups of street kids in Uganda in 2023 through Gospel-day outreaches in which street kids come to hear the gospel, receive friendship and goodwill and a good meal, sometimes gifts and medical care or clothes, and are counseled and encouraged to attend church meetings. Please ask God for His needed grace in this aspect of our ministry.



### Scripture and Literature Distribution

We distribute Life Application Study Bibles, as well as other scriptures, to pastors/church leaders and church members, usually in seminar-style meetings in churches. This year, the Lord provided 455 Life Application Study Bibles and 50 Africa Study Bibles for pastors and church leaders, most of which are rural pastors in need of the doctrinal help that these Bibles give. God also provided 30 Arabic New Testaments, 160 Children's Bible Story books, ESV Youth Bibles, NKJV Bibles, Luganda Bibles, and Bibles for prisoners. Good friends, Chapel Library, continue to provide us with their excellent materials. Fifty pastors are being trained in the Mt. Zion Bible Institute. About 340 prisoners are also studying in the Mt. Zion Bible Institute at Luzira Main Prison in Kampala; they finished 2 blocks of studies this year. About 1,100 Christians, mostly church leaders, in Uganda are part of a reading ministry in which Chapel Library's materials are provided for their instruction and edification. Our goal: To see spiritually fit leaders rooted in the Word of God. Pastor Alex has written: 'We praise God for the literature and the impact it is having in the lives of pastors and their churches.' This year, we have arranged for 4 other ministers to receive and distribute Chapel Library's excellent materials regularly in their regions of Uganda so more of the good literature will reach more people throughout the country. This year, Christian Communicators Worldwide donated their wonderful materials for 40 pastors/leaders in a teaching day we enjoyed in Jinja, Uganda, and we donated 50 copies there of Conrad Mbewe's book God's Design For The Church. Please ask God for His grace in this aspect of our work. In the photos at left, pastors and leaders in Jinja received their ministers' libraries. Pray for God's grace through the scripture and literature distributions, please.

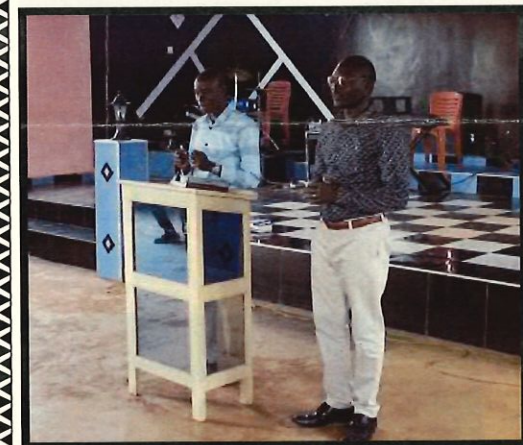


### Preaching, Teaching, and Radio Sermons With African Bible College

This year is our 17th year of teaching/preaching with ABC Radio in the Sunday Morning Message times; we finished a series on the 'Sermon On The Mount' this year. Our friends at ABC greatly encouraged us about this ministry when I visited them in August. The station reaches perhaps 2 million listeners in Kampala and the surrounding area. Pictured are friends Alex, Collins, and Alfred with ABC Radio. These sermons can be heard at: [www.sermonaudio.com/source\\_detail.asp?sourceID=jrobinettesermons](http://www.sermonaudio.com/source_detail.asp?sourceID=jrobinettesermons) Pray for God's grace in this outreach.

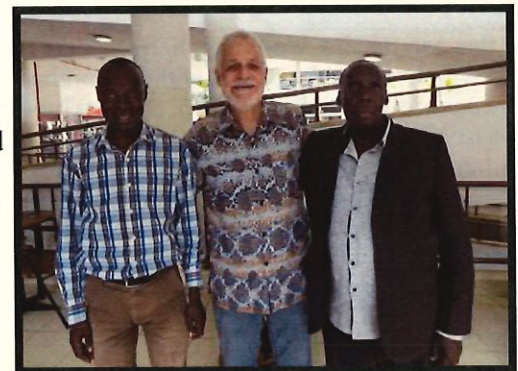
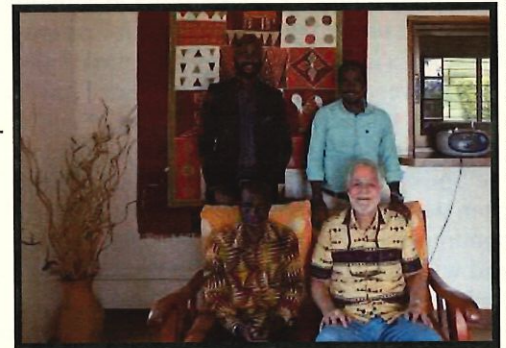
### Pastoral Development

Pastors and church leaders are taught, disciplined, mentored, and encouraged primarily through the visits of Pastor Alex Minge in pastor training meetings throughout Uganda. I also take part in this from our base in FL, but especially when visiting overseas. This year the Lord enabled us to visit friends in an undesignated Middle Eastern country, England, Wales (a very special visit with old friends), Rwanda, and Uganda. I will hopefully visit India in November 2023. A very special visit was enjoyed with friends with Christian Communicators Worldwide in Kansas City, Mo. We continue in the hope that the Lord will enable me to travel overseas 3 or 4 times a year. My travel is freer now because Kappy's health is good, and we were blessed to learn this year that she most likely didn't have a stroke in 2021.



Pictured at left is Pastor Alex and Ivan Otim in ministry in Jinja, Uganda. Alex has taught, trained, and mentored thousands of leaders since 2021 in Uganda and elsewhere. Pictured at right are ministers that I have worked with for many years; I seek to encourage them in the ministry.

Pray for this much-needed work of pastoral development, which affects not only the pastors but the many Christians led by the pastors.



## Church Planting

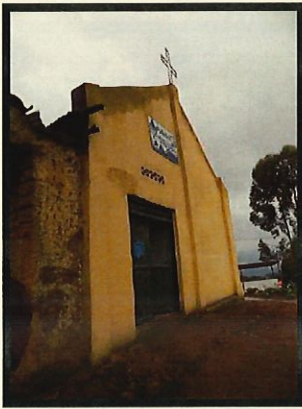
Churches were planted this year primarily through teaching and encouragement by Pastor Alex in training meetings in Uganda. Hundreds of churches have been planted in Uganda since our rebasing in FL in 2020, and we receive word regularly about churches that we helped plant years ago that have planted new churches. I was able to research the survival, health, and growth of previously planted churches/fellowships recently (and in my visit to Uganda) and was very blessed to find that by the Lord's grace, about 1,430 churches have been planted in mostly rural areas in several countries over the years with over 50,000 attending these churches and 20,100 baptized in these churches. Many of the churches are 'thriving,' as one minister put it. There has been a small amount of churches which didn't continue. Also this year, a renewed effort in Rwanda with friends and ministers Vianney and Augustin to restart churches has resulted in the reopening of 6 churches with hopes to reopen more. These were closed mostly due to strict government building requirements and the difficulties faced during the long COVID lockdowns. I was blessed to see thriving churches in Rwanda like those pictured at left. This year, three more motorcycles provided by Missionary Ventures and Mission Africa are being used in church planting in rural Uganda and Rwanda; there may be 2 more bikes donated to our friend Ugandan Bishop Sam Eibu this year. There remains a great need for solid Bible churches in rural African areas. Please pray for God's grace in this important and needed effort.



**Then the churches throughout all Judea,  
Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified.  
And walking in the fear of the Lord  
and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.  
Acts 9:31 NKJV**

## Other Outreaches

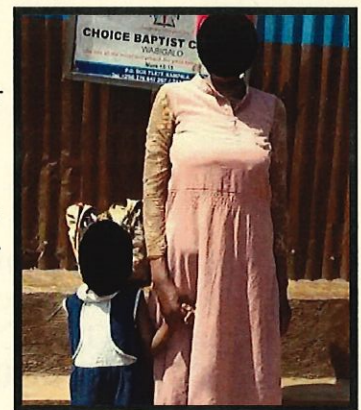
A church we work closely with in Kampala reaches out to local prostitutes in evangelism and discipleship. Our contribution to this outreach this year has been to support, house, disciple, help with some medical expenses, and encourage three former prostitutes (MK, MN, SN) who live with their ten children. These three women have professed faith in Christ and are being disciplined in the church. One woman has taken a friend into her house with her child, a rescue from the streets and prostitution. They will complete their one-year residency in early 2024 and hopefully continue with the church and support themselves through acquired job skills and business start-ups. We wrote about MK, MN, and SN in our June 2023 Prayer Letter. We are seeking the Lord about continuing this outreach and housing more women in 2024 as He wills. I've met the women, and they are eager to live new lives, having turned from the old ways. The church has seen a male prostitute repent and is being disciplined. Please pray for grace for these women and the man and for the church members who minister to them. See photo below, Mama and S.



Kappy enjoys writing and seeks the Lord about what to share in Kappy's Corner. I love her writing—OF COURSE, IT IS LOVELY AS SHE IS! Please ask our Lord for His grace for my wife as she serves in her writing.

We began an outreach to a Muslim tribe in January with a few professing Christians in the Horn of Africa (an undesignated country) working with a church pastored by a friend there. The tribe has been traditionally quite hostile to Christians and the gospel, but we see in this an opportunity now to return good to the people, bless and help them, and eventually share with them our hope in Jesus, the Lover of sinners. The area is experiencing a long and severe drought with food shortages. The church we work with had experienced violence at the hands of the people they are now reaching out to in mercy. The outreach consists of sharing monthly quantities of rice with the poor of this tribe to bless them, show goodwill and, establish relationships, and perhaps open doors for direct gospel sharing with them in time. May God open their hearts to this genuine expression of compassion and Christian love shown to them and save souls. We regularly help pastors and Christian friends with relief assistance; the economy presents many, many difficulties these days. Pastors especially find it very challenging to make ends meet as most churches are not able to support them in Africa.

Special thanks for you, dear friends of Mission Africa, for your interest and hearts!



## KAPPY'S CORNER—Deliverance

Four leprous men sat outside the gates of Samaria, the city of the king of Israel. The city was under siege and in famine. People were dying of starvation inside, and enemies were outside. The four men had a decision to make. If they went inside, where they were not wanted, they would die along with the community. If they stayed where they were, they would die as well. They reasoned it would be best to surrender to the army of the Syrians. If the Syrians killed them, they would die just the same, but the Syrians just might keep them alive.

Reaching the Syrian camp before sunrise, the four men were surprised to find the camp intact but not a soul to be found. At twilight the night before, God had caused the Syrians to hear the sound of a mighty army, and every one of them had run for their lives, leaving everything behind—even their animals. The lepers didn't ask any questions. They entered one tent, ate and drank, took silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid them. Then they returned, entered a second tent, and did the same. Sometime before daybreak, they realized they couldn't keep this blessing to themselves.

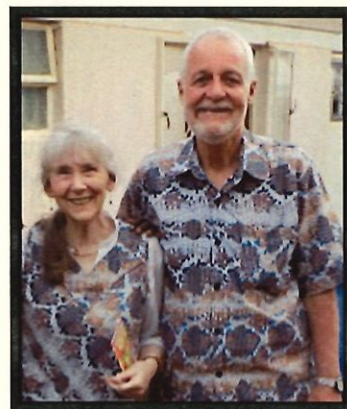
Back at the gates of Samaria, they called out the news to the gatekeepers, who in turn called out the news to the king's household inside. Although the king initially suspected it was a trap set by the Syrian army, there were some inside who begged the king to allow a few horses and riders to go to the Syrian camp and see it for themselves. It was just as the four leprous men had said. The people stampeded from the city to the camp of the Syrians. Samaria was saved.

The Lord had sent the four leprous men to the enemy camp, apparently without them recognizing His guidance. He then blessed the four outcast lepers with deliverance before He blessed anyone else. The Lord used those unlikely messengers to spread the good news so that others could be delivered as well.

Isn't this a vivid illustration of how God works? He uses the most unlikely people to do His work and spread the Good News of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. By His grace, Jim and I can relate to that. We are thankful and grateful to God that He continues to use us to do His work. And we praise Him for raising up others who are willing to support and pray for the work that we may continue. We thank the Lord for providing for you that you may provide for us. May you be blessed to be a blessing!

May our Lord Jesus bless you friend, happy Thanksgiving,

*Jim and Kappy*



“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.  
Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.  
Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever.” Psalm 136:1-3 NKJV

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