

**“There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.” 1 Corinthians 12:5,6 NKJV**

Friends: October greetings to you all! I, Jim, was happy to see God’s blessings on our work in Uganda when I visited there in August. All of the work, every component, is going along so well—for this we are very grateful to the Lord! In this Prayer Letter, we will share a few of the blessings in various ministries that we are seeing and enjoying. We trust you will be encouraged by this as we are.

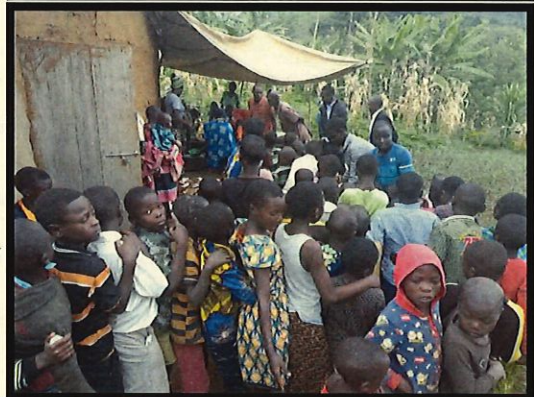


The Lord blessed us with two motorcycles for church planters in rural Eastern Uganda very recently. In the top photo is Baptist pastor Martin Coothembo and in the photo below is Pastor Alex Minge, our co-worker, and Pastor Boaz Ndyamuhaki with their new bikes, gifts from our friends Missionary Ventures and The Christian Motorcycle Association. Martin writes that he is trained in church planting and ‘passionate about church planting’ and that he can realistically plant 10 churches in the next 3 years in his rural area. Martin writes: “I truly love planting more churches. We have many villages without the true gospel so it’s our call, but also Christ’s command, that we go plant biblical churches. I love biblical churches, founded with a firm foundation in the gospel. So we purpose to plant bible based, gospel centered, Christ centered and global missional focused churches.” Martin hopes to plant 7 churches in his rural area in the next 3 years. Please pray for these faithful men today.

At right are photos of Children’s Outreaches in Kampala, Uganda and Wanale, E. Uganda. About 640 children and youth were reached in these Gospel Day times; there were professions of faith made by the young people. Pastor Alex set out to start up on-going Children’s Ministries in the Wanale area, also a rural area; we have hope that 3 churches there will begin ministry to their children and youth. Please pray this will take place as the Lord enables the people to minister to their children.



At the direct left is Mama S and her (very) little girl S. Mama is the friend of an ex-prostitute that we are housing, supporting and discipling in Kampala. Mama’s friend took her and her little girl into her lodging as Mama and S were homeless, living on the streets in dire circumstances. Mama has professed faith in Christ and is eagerly attending church with S. S has been blessed to go to school now and has recovered from a sickness she had on the streets. We are helping Mama and S. Pray for these dear, needy souls.





### KAPPY'S CORNER—One Year Later

I'm sitting at my desk, looking out my window, and thinking about God's mercy. Tall trees are swaying gently over the place where so many trees fell a year ago during Hurricane Ian. Mercifully the trees that blew down that day fell away from the fence and from our homes, exposing a row of massive root balls.

A few weeks after the hurricane a crew of men and boys came down from farm country in the north. Armed with chainsaws, they made quick work of cutting the tree trunks as short as they could. Relieved of the weight of the tree trunks, a few of the stumps sprang upright, falling back into the holes they came from. The farmers returned to their homes in the north, and I waited.

The day Ian hit, we were out of state visiting friends, a trip we'd planned long before we even heard of an approaching hurricane. We were on the road heading home the next day, along with long lines of trucks carrying relief workers, water supplies, and portable generators to areas that had no power in the south. I was fully aware that other areas of the west coast of Florida had been hit very hard. Lives were lost. Homes were lost or damaged. What we found at home was mild by comparison.

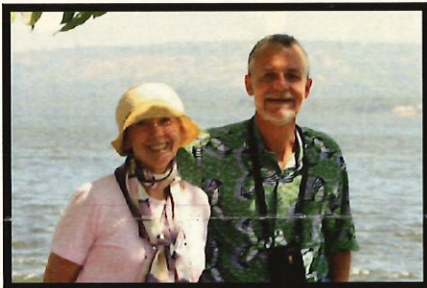
I'm learning that recovery from a hurricane is slow. Over the past year, one by one the roofs that were damaged in our missionary village have been, and are still being, patched or replaced. Priority is given to the most extensive damage. The stumps are still here. However, a gradual transformation has come about. Shortly after the hurricane, small feathery plants and plants with broad leaves began to grow in around them. They've grown into bushes that cover some of the root balls and partially hide the stumps. There are small daisies growing among them and grasses. Butterflies like them. The stumps themselves have been sun bleached until they look like driftwood. It's become a small nature habitat.

I can't help but think, if God is bringing "beauty out of ashes" in some small way here, He must also be doing it in other places. That's what He does.

A place of quiet,  
A place of peace,  
That is God's heart.

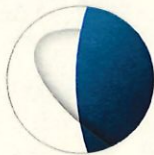
Jim serves in Karnataka, India in November, as God allows. We appreciate your prayers for that ministry.

May our Lord bless you in His kindness, *Jim and Kappy*



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