

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." Romans 1:16 NKJV



Greetings to all in the gospel—the power of God unto salvation for those who believe—this month of October, dear friends! This time we will focus on stories about children who have attended Children's Gospel Outreaches in Uganda and have then become a part of Discipleship Groups for children and youth in local churches. The Christmas Outreaches and other Children's Outreaches in the year are enjoyed by the children and serve to welcome them to local churches and further Bible instruction. The comments (slightly edited for readability) of Pastor Alex Minge, our ministry leader in Uganda, who spoke with the children, are below.

Joshua's Story

Joshua Canan (in the photo at the left) is 8 years old; he had been living with his grandmother because his parents separated. Unfortunately the grandmother died last year and life has been hard for him, he always felt rejected and never experienced love. His first time to attend church was during the outreach. Canan was so excited by the love shown to him when he received a meal and juice, he walked to me and asked to know whether Jesus accepts young children. He professed faith in

Jesus on that very day. Joshua now attends church at Pomede Christian Centre in Tororo regularly. He is involved in the discipleship meetings for the children in the church every Sunday. My prayer for Joshua is that he will grow in the LORD and for his desire to be a medical doctor to come true, he feels pain that his grandmother died because of lack of medical care and he wants to help prevent unnecessary death that results from lack of medical care.

Charity's Story

Charity Akurut (in the photo at the right) is an 11 year old and is a very exciting child. She walked for 40 minutes to come for the outreach-she professed faith in Jesus and she was very thankful for the games and the good meal, she informed me when she grows up she will take care of needy children like the way we have done for them. She attends church every Sunday and is part of the discipleship ministry. I pray that God helps Charity to become what she wants to be and that God provides for her educational needs.



Florence's Story

Florence Hazira (in the photo at the left) is 13 years old and she is in Primary 6. Florence at her young age loves the LORD so much, she is very talented singer and led in singing during the outreach. She helped in organizing the young children especially during the time for meals. She attends church at Tirinyi Baptist church and is active in the singing ministry in church. My prayer is for her to grow in the LORD and for her desire to serve the nation as a teacher to come true.

Vincent's Story

Vincent, 10 years old, gave his life to Jesus during the outreach. Vincent (in the photo at right) was so happy after receiving a plate of food and a bottle of juice. He informed me it is the first time in the entire year to have meat and to have a bottle of juice too. He promised to attend church. He now attends church regularly at Bulangira Baptist Church and is involved in the discipleship meetings in the church. Vincent wants to be a pastor. My prayer is that God will fill him with wisdom and that he will grow to become what God wants him to be.



Friends, let's join Pastor Alex in his prayers for these dear children! May God save them!

KAPPY'S CORNER—Evidence

Several months ago I wrote about a healthy palm tree which continued to thrive for nearly a year, in spite of its unusual position—that is, lying flat on the ground. A few days after we sent out our July prayer letter, I went for my morning walk. It was a beautiful morning, the sunlight was sparkling on the small lake; I thought I'd never seen the lake quite so clearly from that angle. I was almost home when I realized I hadn't looked to see how the reclining tree was doing. I still had a few minutes so I walked back. It was then that I realized the reason I could see the lake so clearly—there was no tree!

Someone passing by on the road for the first time would never have known the tree had existed, if it were not for the evidence. First, there was eye-witness evidence: Jim and I (and many other residents) had seen it—Jim took pictures of it. Secondly, I walked up the slope in the tall grass and took a closer look. There was a long, narrow place where the grass was matted and yellow. At either end of it were two large round areas—one containing a few stray roots in the bare dirt, and the other paved with several layers of old, dried palm fruit where the crown of the tree had lain. There were clues indicating that the tree may have been hauled off in one piece: 1) there was no sawdust; 2) there were two muddy ruts in the grass where tires had spun; 3) tire tracks led from the tree's former location to the pavement.

The things I have just described are things we can see. As far back as I can recall I've been fascinated by the world around me. The way things move, the way things grow, the way things fit together, colors, shapes, textures, sounds, temperatures, smells, tastes—anything I can perceive with my senses has been worthy of appreciation. As a child, although I didn't yet know the Creator, I knew the world was made by someone really special. The evidence was all around me. However, as I grew older, I saw bad things, hurtful things, and I began to doubt. I thought, "If there is a Creator—if God is real—He must have created all of this and then left for someplace else. How could He allow all of this evil to happen?" Eventually, something happened that shook me to the core and I shouted at God, "Why?!" At that moment I realized I wouldn't be shouting at someone I didn't believe in. It was a few more years before the moment came when I knew God was real; He was with me, He loved me, I was His, and He lived in me. Through His Word, He gave me the gift of faith to believe that He is, and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

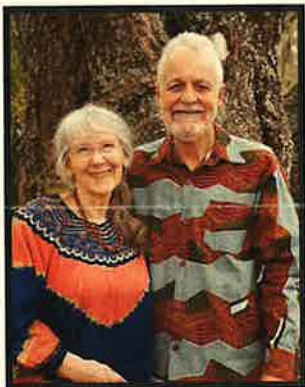
Hebrews 11:1&3 (NKJV)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

May our crucified and risen Lord bless you in His wonderful grace,

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