

“...and the word of God abides in you,”

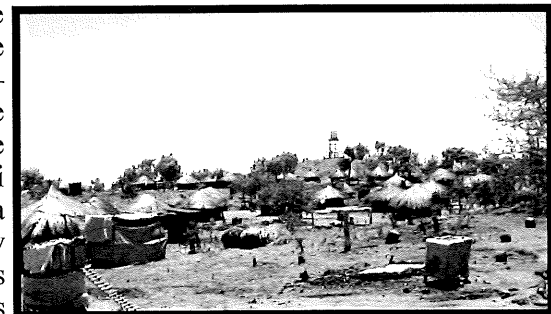
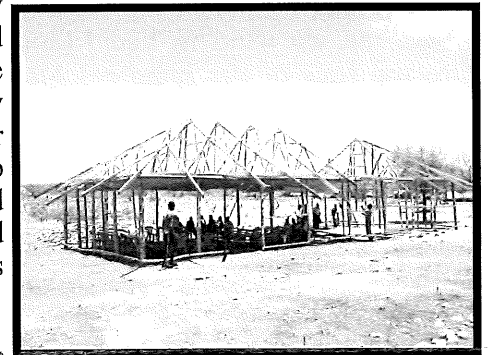
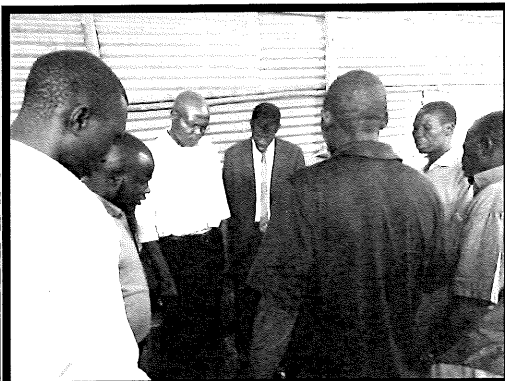
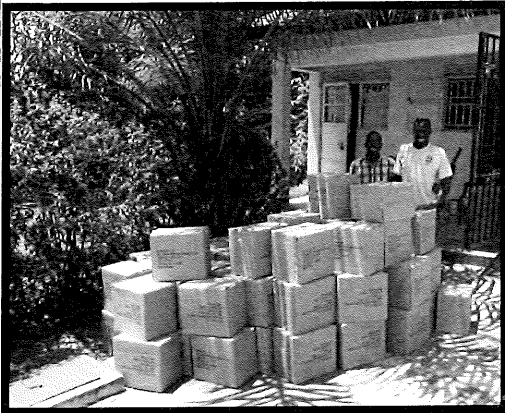
1 John 2:14 NKJV

Friends: May our Lord bless you in His grace once again this month as we especially and joyfully remember the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. In His great power He arose and He has given us His powerful word which always achieves His purposes as He intends it to! Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, God over all! Amen! We seek to bring His word in the Spirit to the people for Christ’s great purposes to be achieved. The following is a summary of some of the recent ministry of God’s word:

Top left we see Derrick and Otim with 1000 New Life Application Study Bibles that Chapelstreet Church and Bruce and Bonnie Cain with Tyndale House Publishers have blessed us with. We began distribution of these Bibles to pastors and leaders during Church Planting Meetings in Arua, Uganda in the northwest. The participants in the meetings are pictured in the second photo from the top at left. Pastor Alex Minge of Choice Baptist Church and I (Jim) taught for two days and we all enjoyed the time! One brother is an Aringa, an unreached Muslim tribe and another man there professed faith in Christ—he is the husband of a sister who attends the host church, Awingiri Baptist Church (in the third photo from the top). A nation-wide church planting ministry had two of its key leaders in attendance. Pastors in the bottom photo at left are asking God how to apply the teachings in prayer. They had identified areas where there is a need for churches and agreed to meet for monthly meetings to pray together and encourage each other and their churches to evangelize, disciple and plant churches in needed areas by God’s leading. Please join us in prayer that the Bibles, literature, fellowship and teaching will bless, encourage and strengthen the pastors/leaders and churches as they seek to obey God’s will for them.

Jim was also able to visit Rhino Camp, a refugee camp for people from South Sudan who have fled the extensive violence there. The area is suffering a drought—please ask the Lord to provide the much-needed water for the entire district. Pastor Jacob of Awingiri Baptist Church had received a motorcycle to be used in ministry last year in a partnership with us and a ministry that enables qualified pastors to get a motorcycle for ministry purposes.

At the top right photo is a new church plant that began about a month ago just outside of the refugee camp. Pastor Jacob reports that his motorcycle has enabled him to plant five other churches also



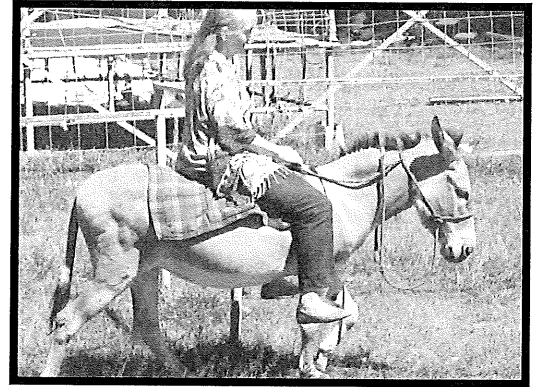
in the last year. Please join us in prayer that Pastor Jacob and the pastors/leaders will evangelize and plant God-honoring and disciple-making Bible churches in their area, including with the unreached Aringa people.

KAPPY'S CORNER—About Donkeys

Some time ago I told Jim I wanted to ride a camel—and then I promptly forgot I'd said it. But my dear husband didn't forget. Several months ago Jim surprised me with a trip to the Uganda Wildlife Authority Education Centre to ride the camel! But, the camel handler wasn't available when we got there, so I decided to ride a donkey instead. It took both Jim and the donkey handler to help me climb onto the blanket on the back of that patient little creature, but once I got settled, Sānta the donkey and I had a pretty good time together. During our ride around the corral thoughts flashed into my mind (and as it happens so often) popped out of my mouth. I said, "I've ridden a bicycle and a motorcycle but I've never ridden an animal before. I can feel her muscles and her backbone moving!" The donkey handler was very impressed that I could ride a bicycle. The next thought was, "I can sympathize with pregnant Mary riding on a donkey from Nazareth to Bethlehem (at least tradition leads us to believe she did)." Then came this: "Jesus rode a donkey colt into Jerusalem as the King. That donkey had never been ridden before." Sometime during our three passes around the corral, I fell in love with sweet, gentle, gray Sānta. Nearing the end of our ride, I crooned to her that she was such a good girl. Her right ear turned back to hear me, warming my heart (and bringing a smile to the face of her handler). Never mind the camel. I believe I will remember that little donkey for the rest of my life.

With Good Friday coming, the thought has come: *ordinarily donkeys need training before they can be ridden, don't they?* The donkey I was riding was nineteen years old and was trained and had been ridden many times before I sat on her back. One trainer recommends that a young

donkey be led by a rope for a full year before the handler attempts to ride.



But the donkey Jesus rode was with its mother which, according to the notes in my study Bible, would indicate the colt hadn't yet been weaned or ridden. When the two disciples untied the mother donkey and her colt and led them to Jesus, they were questioned by the people standing there. The disciples said exactly what Jesus told them to say and the bystanders were satisfied. The colt and its mother seemed to have no problem being led away by Jesus's disciples. And, more than that, the donkeys also seemed to have no objection to Jesus climbing onto the unridden colt's back and riding into Jerusalem—even in the midst of a tumultuous multitude of people waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!"

Of course, there's only one conclusion. The colt (and its mother) had been prepared supernaturally in eternity for that very moment in time to carry the King of Kings into Jerusalem as a fulfillment of prophecy. To think that God used a little donkey, with no real understanding of its significance, as a part of His sovereign plan to redeem those who would trust in Christ. Step by step, what God has planned will come to pass. Jesus will return. Hosanna in the highest!

Thankful to serve the Lord, may God bless you friend, Jesus lives!

Jim and Kappy



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