

Reconciliation Report

Uganda! 2003 Photo Report

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2003 Team from left: Tim Schoap, Flo Samuels, Randy Roberson, Bertha Lloyd, Tiny Shibley, David Wahlstedt, Hattie Riley, Ruth Hearn (leg injured in Atlanta) and Jim Steele—taken en route at the Addis Ababa, Ethiopia airport—in high spirits despite little sleep. It was a great team.

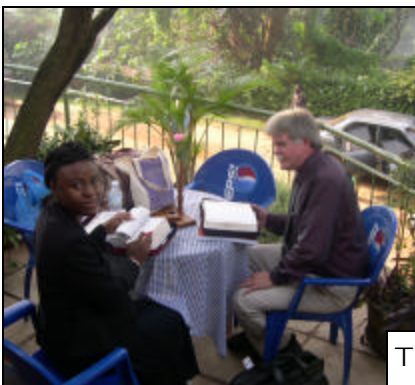


Packing the 22 bags taken to Uganda, crammed with gifts from churches and individuals



Gifts distributed at Fort Portal, Uganda

Personal Evangelism



Tiny and Randy preparing

Ugandan evangelist/interpreters with Flo and Tiny at Fort Portal—8 professed Christ this day. Tiny later had 23 profess Christ as we created 2 teams, and Flo saw another 30+ pray to receive Christ.



Early one morning, my interpreter and I [Flo] met an older woman cleaning corn in the hot sun in front of her hut. She was very gracious and allowed us to come and talk with her. After she got up off the ground, she went in and got what is called a "Ugandan" chair [tripod seat] for me to sit on. That in itself was humbling for me.

She was very intent and listened and asked several questions as I shared the Gospel with her. I told her I had been praying for her in America and that the Lord brought me to Africa to share with His children in Africa about His Son, Jesus Christ and how He came to save us. She told me she was sick and not doing well and wanted to know if Jesus would heal her. I shared with her some of the miracles that Jesus performed and told her as a born-again Christian she could pray for His healing, because when Jesus becomes our Lord and Savior the Lord will hear and answer our prayers. The Bible says to ask that we may receive, that God will answer us according to His will, and that if it be His will He would heal her. She smiled and it seemed as if a great peace came on her face. When I asked her if she wanted Jesus to be her Lord and Savior - she smiled and nodded her head - "Yes, Yes." I told her to pray with all her heart and she placed her hand over her heart and prayed. I asked her if I could have her name that I wanted to pray for her when I went back to America. She smiled and took my hand and again nodded "Yes."

I then reminded her that she too could now pray and the Lord God Almighty would answer, because she was now born again into the family of God. She was a Christian and I asked her if she too would pray for me when I leave. There is no way to describe the smile and body language of happiness she expressed. She took my hands and held them to her heart. She was so happy. She was invited to church and she said she knew where it was and would come. I couldn't help crying, overwhelmed by the sincerity of this dear old soul who gave her heart to Jesus. I told her as I tell them all, if I never see her again here, I will see her in heaven and we will be together for all eternity.

I [Tiny] frequently heard the words "born again" while I was in Uganda. I knew that it was significant and I meditated on it and the story of Nicodemus. I knew that someone would be set free from John 3, however, I did not know whom. So I continued to listen to God. Tuesday, July 29, 2003 was the day that a Muslim, his wife and six children would be set free and have new life through God's holy Word. The team was in Mbale and an interpreter and I went door to door sharing Jesus. We finally reached Bumali and A.T.'s home and I knew right away that the story of Nicodemus was for Him and I knew why it continued to come up in my spirit day after day. I shared it with him and my interpreter read it from a Ugandan Bible and he was so attentive. His eyes showed me that he was hungry and wanted to be born again. Being a Muslim was no longer satisfying and he was converted. Praise the Lord, he believed!

Discipling

Teaching at Fort Portal—Hattie and Bertha



A joyous reunion for Bertha, Hattie and ladies of Kapchorwa



Youth Ministry



Crusade E vangelism



We preached, with able interpreters, in an area known for drunkenness.



Randy spent hours answering questions.



Prayer and Praise



↑ God gave us an excellent Team, an exceptionally warm response, and tremendous encouragement on this 8th Uganda Team trip. About 70 persons professed Christ in personal evangelism and crusades and we have invitations to return, for a longer stay.

↑ Please pray for good progress on ongoing research and writing (sidelined over the last quarter).

↑ Pray for the open doors for teaching ministry in the African Ameri-

can community

↑ Pray for much wisdom in giving a seminar on enlisting African American missionaries, presented at the Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Associations on September 17.

↑ Wisdom is needed concerning short-term ministry venues for 2004—countries and cities. Please pray for workers even now.

↑ Naomi was named one of 6 Faculty Fellows of the U of TN Chatta-

nooga campus; Tim is interviewing for an engineering position; Susanna is well into data sampling for her thesis and Ethan begins year 5 of his airplane airframe and powerplant degree, while working on his instrument rating. Judi is writing, and I'm eager to read it.

↑ Two Sudanese teachers pictured last month were killed by rebels. Please pray for the families and for the schools to progress and for peace.

Discipling Men



A truckload of Brothers eager to learn at Kapchorwa!



Mbale seminars



This is Pastor Sampson, of Kapchorwa, atop Mt. E Igon in Uganda. He asked me to tell the churches: "We love you so much. If God allows, hope you can return."



From Mt. E Igon, Kapchorwa



Okiru Ezekiel, a former Muslim and dear Brother, now a missionary to the violence-prone Karamajang cattle herders, has a special message for his African-American brothers. "Come to see us. See the most primitive places like Karamajang—how difficult it is. Remind them that blood is stronger than water." He literally yelled during a seminar touching upon African Americans "Tell them to come!!" He added to please thank my wife, the churches and all who supported us to be able to come. (Indeed, we do thank you.)