

PROCLAMATION TASK

Quarterly Ministry Report April-June 2010

The period of April – June 2010 was marked by travel, making trips in which we held two joint training seminars and one PT sponsored training event.

Kisiizi Biblical Preachers' Seminar: May 17th – 20th

The seminar was an initiative of Langham Preaching, who are PT ministry partners in raising biblical preachers in Uganda. The setting is a mission-founded Hospital community with medical and other professionals who desire to gain better Bible handling skills in their preaching and Christian leadership roles. About 33 people participated and affirmed that they had greatly benefitted in regard to Bible knowledge and skills to preach the OT Law in light of Christ. They anticipated a fruitful engagement in serving at their Kisiizi Chapel, especially as they take turns to supply the pulpit.

Soroti Pastors' Training Conference: May 25th – 28th

The training seminar was mainly for Baptists in the Teso region, with the main pastors, association leaders and Bible school instructors in attendance altogether 120 participants. Great progress here has to do with the several Bible Schools already established in the region (18 in all), the improved cooperation between local churches and associations compared to the recent past, and the upgraded infrastructure. For example, the construction Atirir Bible School where our training took place is almost complete and PT simply needs to qualify instructors for this school, establish a good library, provide a pastoral development curriculum and keep a refreshing effect in the program. The local organizers in this agenda are Pastors Moses Elebu and Isaac Okwang, both PT trainees for over five years now.

Mbarara Biblical Preachers' Seminar: June 14th – 18th

This training was mainly an initiative of the Langham Preaching and it did take place on the 14-18th of June at Uganda Bible Institute, Mbarara. A co-worker in training preachers, Barbara Tumwine organized and coordinated the 44 delegates and about five facilitators who participated. A Pre-seminar for facilitators of the seminar and workshop groups had earlier taken place on Sunday afternoon, the 13th through Monday 14 with at least eight people. Participants were drawn from three evangelical protestant denominations.

Participants committed themselves to growing a preaching movement through establishing and sustaining local preachers' fellowships. A few delegates who came from areas as individuals also promised to pass on the skills they gained from the Seminar. Some promised to organize small local trainings back in their home localities.

Trips that were cancelled due to insufficient resources include the Eastern Region, follow-up and training (April 27th - 30th), and South-East Region, follow-up and training visit (June 22nd – 25th)

PT Center Progress

On 8th June 2010, south Sheffield Evangelical Church availed GBP4360 (US\$6,540), in their continuing commitment to building the PT Center. Since 16th June, the main errand on the site has been gathering building materials. 25,000 bricks were purchased and transported to the site. Five trips of sand are also on the site. The work of leveling that was begun by a tractor is now going on by hand labour towards completion. A water tanker of 10,000 liters brought in water over the last weekend. 50 bags of cement were purchased and transported to the site on Saturday 10th July together with poles (for scaffolding). The building activity began on the morning of Monday July 12th 2010. Gathering building materials took us longer due to fluctuating prices and increased scrutiny in locating and securing cheaper but quality bricks and sand.

A quick glance at the costs:

Hiring a tractor for earth-moving cost \$728; 25,000 bricks were procured at \$2,614; bricks were transported in five trips of 5000 each, at a total cost of \$455; five trips of sand cost \$682; continuing work of leveling by hand has so far required \$182 and will eventually cost \$560. Water tanker will bring in 10,000 liters of water at a cost of \$72; 50 bags of cement will cost \$591; and transporting them to the building site will require \$46; the poles will require \$54 and additional tools will cost \$140. Administrative coordination in transport (fuel) and telephone (in air time) has so far needed \$152.

Having used \$30 as funds transfer fees, of the \$6,540 recently received from South Sheffield, \$6,114 had been spent by Monday morning when 12 men turned up to start raising the walls. That left us with \$426 which started them off as pay for their labour, lasting about four days since each day requires about \$93. So the building activity will temporarily cease on or by Friday 16th July, until we secure more resources.

PT Office / Berea Office

We still face a challenge of work space. Since we scaled back from renting an office two months ago due to insufficient resources, we have had to plan, prepare and implement ministry with relative difficulty due to lack of work space. However, the far we came in the new undertaking to construct a work place at home is encouraging, in that we are at roofing stage. We are now praying that God makes provision for us to make our office habitable and useful, as well as release the two chicken rooms where we have stored books and office furniture, for Grace to expand the chicken project. She has started selling fryers and it would help her if upon her next intake, she has the entire chicken house space available for this growing project.

Other Ministry involvements

In a joint effort we held the Word of Life training for pastors (April 12th – 14th), set out to establish the Africa Center for Apologetics & Research (ACFAR), ministered to a people group in the context of St. Luke's Church – Ntinda and supplied the pulpit in three consecutive services at St. Francis Chapel, Makerere University. Coming up soon are: Training pastors with Child evangelism Fellowship (July 22nd), and Missions training at Entebbe Pentecostal Church (August)

Prayer Points

Give thanks to God for the progress on the of PT Center (classroom) construction, and for SSEC members who have extended a very generous and practical hand in resourcing this project thus far. Pray for a sustained provision so that we can complete this building.

Give thanks to God for our good health; we have had no frequent sickness as used to plague us before.

Give thanks to God for our domestic projects – the rentals and the chicken – which are now bringing in some income to us as family and increasingly bringing relief to us.

Pray for our office premise construction, that we may settle down soon in a place where we can study, plan, and prepare to carry out ministry tasks assigned to us as Gospel workers.

Give thanks to God for Josh's visit, work among us and time with us in Uganda during the last ministry quarter. He returned to USA safely and the beginning of June.

Continue to give thanks to God for all our partners who jointly handle the work with us through their giving, that they may find great satisfaction and fulfillment in what is being accomplished as a result of their dedication. Pray that as they sustain their involvement with us, they may in turn experience God's grace in abundance.

Thank you for standing with us