



Uganda Calling!

Home and Away

February 2018

Happy February from Anona & Dave!

In this newsletter, we want to update you on the latest news from Zion Community school as well as our teaching ministry.

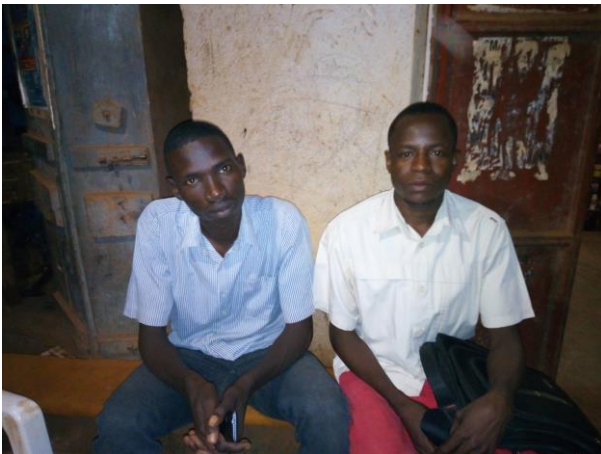
Firstly, **Zion Community School**.

The new school year started at the beginning of February with new teachers and several new pupils being enrolled. This year, we have opened Primary Six and also the nursery school needed to have a new 'Middle Class', so we now have gone from seven classes to nine. Our new teachers are:

Primary 6 and Acting Head Teacher: Ronald Kamyuka

Primary 4: Steven Babinga

Middle Class, Nursery School: Justine Namulansi



Right: Ronald Kamyuka

Left: Steven Babinga



Zion Church Kakuba – temporary home of two nursery classes

In 2019, we will be opening Primary Seven, which means that class-wise our set up will be complete. However, it also means that we need to carry on building so we can accommodate all of our classes. We still need to build five new classrooms in order to be fully compliant with government regulations. We are managing at present, but two of the nursery classes are having to use the church building shown on the previous page. We are grateful for the use of this building, but it is not ideal.

During the school's 'long holiday' in December and January, we were able to fence around the school – another government regulation, but one necessary for security purposes, both for property and children.



Our next improvement, which has just started, is to build a new school kitchen. This will replace the temporary wooden hut where the cook struggles to perform her duties.

We have also learned that because we now have more than five employees, we are liable to pay into the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) on their behalf. This means that the school and the teachers will now be registered with the NSSF and we will be paying an extra 15% on top of the salaries. Still, it's good to know we are legal and the teachers will benefit later in life!

There is still much to do, but we can see God at work in the life, development and future of the school.

Turning to our **teaching ministry**, we often wonder as to whether we are making a difference in the lives of the pastors we meet with. Well, here are a few bits of feedback we have following our last visit to the pastors in the Rwenzori Mountains:

'The most important things that has help the church up mountain has been marriage because we had problem in marriages . You are the first people teaching about marriages in our places. Even our leaders have problem in marriage so the fear to talk about it.' (This refers to a previous visit).

'Even those who are are married, the men do not play their role as men. That helped in the way that we started with pastors to be examples every where in our churches. Men and women now know roles of each other.'

'The discipleship books has helped churches to start Sunday school which was not there. We have started to make disciples as role of every Christian. Number of Christians is growing. In the Baptist church here in Kasese, in the baptism class you must pass through the discipleship book.'

'Biblical standards of a leader. We thought every one can be a leader but the Bible gives us standards and how we should behave before our congregation. Being role model is very important as far as discipleship is concern.'

'Qualities of the leader. Very important - some pastors have given up ministry because they are not role model in ministry. Which is okay to me because why are they teaching what they do not do?'

'Lord's supper in the most churches up mountains is not performed, this has now been encouraged in churches as part of the body of Christ to show unity. It was discovered that since last time we had it up to now some have never had it.'

'Brother David I would like to tell you that our going up in the mountains has got a very big impact in the leaders. You recall where went and walked. Those still asking to take there another seminar.'

'I became a pastor because of the pastors I knew, because they were well off. When you taught about servant hood. this has change all my mind in serving Christ. Thank Banks for that lesson. Am even ashamed what I should say after now knowing the truth. God forgive so that I can start serving you in the truth. Help me Lord.'

'when you washed the feet this showed humbleness in the ministry which I have never thought of it. we are called to humble ourselves before the one who called us. Now (Pastor) Alfonse is helping to understand my call. Otherwise, I need God to work in my life too. I have stopped serving as pastor in the church until when I hear God call me. Thank you for that challenge. Please help us have Bible college where can go for more studies.'

'Mountain ministry you have been a blessing to us in the mountain. Give us a training class where we can learn more about God 's word. You are only one whom I have seen teaching the truth about the Bible. I know it long journey but you have already love us by coming up mountains.'

For us, this is really humbling stuff, but it is work we need to continue.

Dave is visiting Uganda again 9th > 23rd April. He will be teaching in two districts in East Uganda, Butaleja and Kamuli. Please pray for this visit and also pray on for the pastors in the Rwenzori Mountains of West Uganda, a visit there this year is unlikely at the moment – but God knows!



Love to you all,

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