

Chuck & Marci Cordon Work Report

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“Keeping the main thing... the main thing.”

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. (2 Cor. 9:8)

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Brethren, friends, family...supporters, co-laborers, partners alike: greetings and our great joy to share with you the latest update in our mutual service of love (Phi. 4:3). I struggle with format, not material...but how on earth do I present in a digestible serving what seemingly is so much to say? I endeavor to be uncharacteristically brief. I will let you choose what works for you. But always we enjoy your feedback, interest, and questions.

EASTERN UGANDA. For details, please refer to the easy flip through powerpoint presentation (view in **note view**), or the Adobe Acrobat printed version of the presentation. **It's only 14 slides, a new low!** The report chronicles our 4th mission trip to Africa, specifically our 2nd to the Mount Elgon region of Eastern Uganda. This three week visit from Oct 30 - Nov 20 was a recurring visit to assist the young and faithful servant, Wabomba George, in his fervent passion of the Kingdom work in his home village of Bududa and the surrounding communities. His main avenue of sharing the Light of the Blessed Gospel is via a 2x weekly radio broadcast aptly entitled, “Let the Bible Speak.” I encourage you to visit his FB page which has a digest of his broadcast along with his fellow workers.

[WG Facebook Link](#)

CHURCH GROWTH?? It's the same issue no matter where you go. People are people. Do we place “church growth” in the market or corporate sense over the thrust of the gospel call? Though naturally church growth is a desired outcome, the principal effect is the **salvation of souls**. Nothing novel here... we just tried to focus on “*keeping the main thing, the main thing.*” The one will be a natural result of the other in fruitful soil (Acts 2:47).

ENCOURAGE AND EDIFY ONE ANOTHER: We are not alone but have strength in unity of **the common salvation** (Jude 3). Reinforce the bonds of fellowship and leverage each other's efforts. The age-old wisdom (Ecc. 4:9-12) in which we gather that, “*the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.*”

No need to reinvent the wheel. In searching for a scriptural solution to a spiritual dilemma: What would Paul say to the fledging churches in Eastern Uganda? Would his counsel be any different than that which was given to those of our forefathers in faith? As such, we turned to one of the earliest of NT writings, Paul's letters to the Thessalonians, and there we found our template in 1 The. 1:3.



1 The. 1:3: “Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father”

We had then the building blocks to evangelism efforts as well as our teambuilding and church project development. The time went quick, always does when you're engaged in work. Our schedule upon landing in Entebbe was to get out to Eastern Uganda as soon as possible, about a day's drive. Our first objective was to **survey the plot of land purchased in August for the church building.** **Phase 1:** The land was cleared; an entrance drive has been roughed in and water has been plumbed out to the site. The foundation perimeter has been dug out and we have ordered the stones, sand, and cement to set the base. **Phase 1** is complete on schedule and on budget (\$5000). **Phase 2** is now underway, a bit ahead of schedule to the building walls (clay brick and then cement block). **The budget for this is \$15,000 and is currently underfunded by \$3000.** The building will proceed, and the congregation is active in providing labor. **Phase 3** will be the roof, windows, doors, and furnishings to be completed later next year. The overall projected cost of the church building is \$40,000 (raised over a 3-year period) and is on budget.



Next on the agenda was participation in the 2x weekly (Thursday & Sunday) “**Let the Bible Speak**” radio broadcast conducted from the main eastern city of Mbale. The radio broadcast has been WG's main source of outreach and has enjoyed tremendous success in engaging the community and call-ins from denominational ministers. One such example, is our new brother in Christ, Moses, who had been a long term

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Cor. 5:17)

Apostolic (Pentecostal) pastor in the capital city of Kampala. He called in during a broadcast and asked to meet with us. We were thrilled to invite him to our **Preacher's Workshop** and he readily accepted our invitation. In one-on-one bible studies we were inclined to use brother Rob Whitacre's “Back to the Bible” evangelism series as it is straightforward in establishing biblical authority and basis in the concept of TRUTH.

The workshop was well attended with 31 participants, including several from Kampala, and one brother from Kenya, who also received one of the WVBS Evangelism Kits we had carried over with us for him. The theme of the workshop was the Unity of the Gospel as True Yokefellow in the Faith. Presentations were provided on Unity in Sound Words and Sound Doctrine, and then we broke up into men's and ladies breakout sessions. The breakout sessions were used to develop follow up action for leveraging each other's efforts in the Kingdom work. Networking strategy, sharing, mutual support of activities, visiting, and area wide fellowship events were but a few of the great items to be put in effect.

As I run out of space here, I plug the brief again for more, but not imposing detail! Additional activities included **two, day-long Gospel meetings** held at remote assemblies which focused on the One church and the Lord's plea for unity in the body. **A number of bible studies and conversions** were realized from these activities as well.

“Then he took some of the seed of the land And planted it in a fertile field; He placed it by abundant waters And set it like a willow tree.” (Eze. 17:5)

SBS JOS UPDATE: We also continue to work with the school in Jos Nigeria. As the fall semester came to a close, through your love and support, supplemental food rations were provided to the students during the critical time of their final examinations. Through your generosity we continue to partner with evangelists and churches and the school in continuing that kingdom charge of sharing the promised hope of the Gospel. May you be richly blessed in your lives and to every good work.

- Christ- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. (Eph. 4:13-16)

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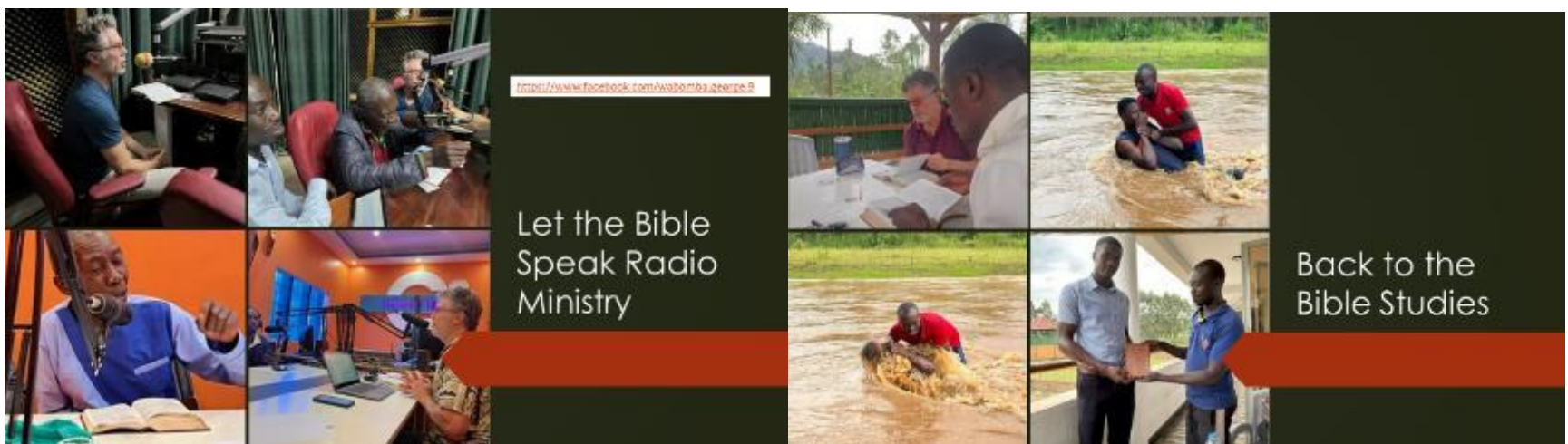
Bududa church receiving new song books in local language No earth moving equipment here ... all manual labor



Community work on church building



“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor. 3:11)



So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. (Isa. 55:11)



“If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.” (1 Tim. 4:6)