



Greetings from Uganda...

It has been a busy half year with lots going on. We are looking forward to the next few months as we prepare to come to NZ on furlough from Mid-August.

There is always a lot to set in place for the work to continue while we are away. It is hard to believe that it has been four years since we were last in NZ.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO.....

Bible College News

We completed two years of training Pastors and leaders in Mbarara and graduated the students with a Diploma in Ministry in March.

We enjoyed being there and getting to know the students and will miss spending time with them each month but will not miss the five hour drive every third week of the month.



We opened this college in February 2024 to train the new Pastors who had been installed in the church there that we originally planted in 1992 with a team from New Zealand.

Kampala Bible College has been buzzing along nicely. In March Hilary supervised the students as they did their practical's for preaching after completing the course on Homiletics (The Art & Science of Preaching) in February. They are given 15 minutes to present a sermon and are often really nervous (or over confident). It is always fun to listen to their sermons and have the other students critique them.

I (Jacky) taught Children's Ministry in the afternoons. Many churches here have largely ignored children having no Sunday School programme at all or having someone who has no training trying to teach the children with absolutely no resources at all.



This month of May, Hilary taught Hermeneutics (The Principles of Interpretation of Scripture). One of the students told us that she had been to a Conference where a certain preacher had been misinterpreting scripture. He used a scripture that says, Jesus did many more miracles than what is written in the Bible. Then he told them of a miracle he had performed. It was a morally wrong act, which he qualified by saying that it was a miracle like some of those Jesus had done that were not written in scripture.

There are so many self-appointed so called men of God here who constantly misinterpret scripture in such a way, hence the need to teach the Principles of interpretation.

In the afternoon class we had Leeana Kukutai from Reach Hamilton NZ, teaching a class on the Principles of Teaching. It was so good to have Leeana back again in Uganda teaching for us.



VISITORS



On the 24th April Leana Kukutai and Lionel Matenga from Waikato region arrived. They are here for three months to teach in the Bible college. It has been around two to three years since Leana has been here to teach for us.

After the first week of teaching we travelled to Mbarara where she preached in the church there and then we went on to Kabale (Hilary's home town).

We spent several days in Kabale as we are trying to build a home on the family land. Hilary's mother has become elderly and unwell and can no longer stay on her own in her little mud house so we brought her to Kampala to be looked after. (Hilary's Mums house) →



The family land is about two acres right in the town and if it is not developed other people will begin to encroach on it, so we need to build something there to keep it safe.

The Land ↓



The work begins



Other Programmes...

- Clinic Work, we are currently planning our next clinic day for the end of June.
- The Adopt a Family project is ongoing and students are about to return to school for their second term.

Thank you so much to everyone who supports these projects.



We appreciate all the emails and texts and always enjoy hearing from you.

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