

MINISTRY REPORT - 2009

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Intro:

Pleased to have come to the end of a ministry year that was filled with a lot of adventure / challenges. This season also ends a chaotic decade that was characterized by the infamous 911 and a huge raise in terrorism, credit crunch, etc.. From a human perceptive, there has been every reason to be discouraged. Thankful that God has brought us back in one accord.

Teams of 2009:

108 folks / 17 teams have come and gone, tending to shrink in size, possibly due to the crunch, but with a fairly constant flow. Dr K came 4 times, while both Pete Anderson and Bob Hayes came 3 times. Daniel Fabrizio 9, Pete Anderson 3, Jim Sutherland 4, Bob Hayes 7, Dr K 4, Wyatt George 2, John Pickett 12, Bob Hayes 6, Dr K 20, Pete Anderson 3, Henry Taazelar 14, Megan Hunter 2, Jon Johnson 3, Bob Hayes 2, Pete Anderson 3, Richard Williams 4, Dr K 1.

Areas of ministry included:

- a) 5 schools of evangelism in Soroti, Ngora and Lira
- b) Outreaches: Mpunge, Kiyoola, Kisoga, Ssaayi, Ntanzi, Namataba, Kitintale, Mutungo I & II, Kalangaalo, Hoima, Mabaale (medical).
- c) Conferences / seminars: Ntenjeru, Gulu, Kapchorwa, Hoima, Lookout Ridge

Leadership development:

Rev Pickett funding training of Lazarus plus 2 Hoima / Masindi pastors (WTS), Pete Anderson Funding training of 2 men from Gulu,

Development/sustenance projects:

Rev Pickett funding (started) new junior school at Mabaale, Pastor Hayes helped with roof of church (Kalangaalo), Dan Fabrizio funded foundation for 4 classroom block (Ntanzi), The Johnsons funding girls dorm at Bethel Covenant College, Laura Knetzer funded Return to Bethel & Comforters Center, Pete Anderson funded New Maternity Ward at Kapchorwa, Sidney Refurbished Kapchorwa Tirnity Radio

Events:

Celebrated 5 years of excellence at Bethel Covenant College, attended by Bob Hayes & the Johnson's

Huge victory:

The land has been re-instated to us via IGG court case continue with predictable conclusion

ACTM NGO status renewed for another 3 years

Notable difference:

NO church plant(s) this year. Time to evaluate

The 2009 Challenges:

Started with Pete's report of 2008. Upon return to Uganda, I was prompted to visit Gulu before the end of year, with Daniel Fabrizio. \$65,000 had been exchanged for a small poorly done structure valued at about \$10,000. A picture of a Mortuary in Mbale was sent by Samson to indicate a fence wall in Gulu (actual wall was a miserable 4 feet high, halfway done). The orphanage building looked miserable, with cracked walls and floor. Daniel and I broke the news to Pete. The February 2009 date

slated for opening the orphanage, instead opened a can of worms. A huge criminal investigation was launched against Samuel Owino, Samson Gusinja and Morris Ogenga. The seemingly adorable church planting move in "Eastern", sponsored by the so called bible churches, has actually become a money making gimmick. Think about this: last year alone, 13 churches were planted in the "Eastern" Presbytery, and a similar number of plants is due to follow this year! Sounds good, isn't it! But where do you get the personnel., followup, etc..? Some of these church structures, built just a few years ago, have just a handful of people. According to a recent report by Morris Ogenga, the churches will soon fall down, unless funds are raised to repair them". Obviously some people are profiteering from the game. Having said that, the hard part was for us to help the police investigate a people who until recently were our best friends. But the options were limited.

We've made many enemies, and friends. 2 out of Pete's 3 visits last year., we've had to go under armed escort to Kapchorwa and Gulu. Caught in-between a hard place and a monster "Eastern" Presbytery, which in effect was driving the General Assembly, the only option for the PCU was to invoke the powers of the founder (Directors). The 4 directors (Kefa Sempangi, Edward Kasaija, James Iga and Emma Kiwanuka), are the legally registered 'owners' of the PCU Company. They moved quickly to dismiss Morris Ogenga, Samuel Owino and Samson Gusinja, and to outrule the General Assembly, until viable presbyteries are set in place. The Directors also moved to inaugurate Kapchorwa as a fully fledged Presbytery, and Gulu as a provisional Presbytery. These 2 have up until now been part of a monster presbytery that once stretched from giant river Nile to Mombasa and from Northern Tanzania to S.Sudan! Our most recent visit to Kapchorwa revealed that the new Presbytery is taking shape, with a very clear vision for the future. Smaller Gulu is still struggling, with limited personnel

2010:

- a) Mabaale Orphanage & primary school will need more facelift. Very strategic for this area of ministry
- b) Leadership development potential: Pete Anderson has allocated funds to pastors for Self sustenance projects for 12 Kapchorwa / Mbale
- c) Dan Fabrizio is coming on a 3 month training programme in video and photography - limited audience
- d) Dr K coming in January for 2 schools of ministry in Mbale and Soroti
- e) Training of 3 men from Ntenjeru at WTC. One is already funded by Pete Anderson. 2 need support
- f) 4 more people from Gulu for WTC. One of these, Nicholas, is going for a Masters degree program