

UGANDA BIBLICAL COUNSELING MINISTRY (UBCM)

October 2009 Prayer Letter

from Pastor Milton Lipa

Dear prayer team

Once again I take this opportunity to thank you for standing with UBCM and our church ministry in prayer and financial support. September has been a transitional one for me as I am adjusting from my previous work schedules to now focusing my full efforts to church ministry & UBCM. I spent it mostly in prayer, study & seeking God's direction in serving Him.

We are seeing God open up doors for ministry as indicated in the special letter Pastor Bill recently sent you. We are eagerly looking forward to having a blessed time with the prisoners this month, God willing.

We counseled a number of cases and one challenging case that came our way involved two people who were seeking pre-marital counseling. One of these was HIV positive and the other was HIV negative and to our amazement the HIV negative person tried to convince us that she was willing to marry her friend, in the pretext that God will heal him. God prevailed and we showed them the dangers involved in such a union and how it would be a form of testing God.

Prayer requests:

1. Continue to uphold all our prayer requests in the special letter
2. Pray that the two young people seeking marriage should be open to godly counsel
3. Pray for God's provision for UBCM

Milton Lipa
For UBCM



Pastor Milton Lipa and wife Rose

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November 2009 Prayer Letter
from Pastor Milton Lipa

Dear prayer partners,

Thank you so much for your unceasing prayers for our family, ministry and UBCM. We are grateful for your financial contributions for the prisons ministry and our family.

Next month we will give you an overview of the prison ministry. As for this month we want you to know our family a little bit deeper and some of the future plans of UBCM. We have 5 children. Patience is 14. She is deaf and is in Primary 5 (P-5). This is like 5th grade in the US. She attends school of the deaf boarding school. Joel is preparing for his exams to exit primary school (P-7) on Nov. 2nd & 3rd 2009. Esther is in P-5. Rebecca is in P-2 and Miriam is in kindergarten.

I worked with the aviation industry for 23 years until August 2009 when I resigned to concentrate my efforts in church ministry and the development of the UBCM. Rose is a primary school teacher and currently travels 6 hours daily to and from her place of work. In addition to our work, we both study at Westminster Theological Seminary-Uganda. We attend class 3 times in a year in the last 2 weeks of January, May and August. We spend the rest of the months doing course work at home. Each time we attend Seminary it costs us \$500. Our church can currently afford to pay \$100 per month.

With a goal of becoming self-supporting, we are acquiring some 30 acres of land (property) for \$300 per acre. We intend to cultivate fruits like tomatoes, passion fruit and watermelon using modern farming methods including irrigation. This will enable us to get good yields for harvesting. The gentleman selling us this 30 acres has a total of 100 acres and is willing to sell all to us!

Prayers:

1. Pray that we may gain godly wisdom to raise these children in the way of the Lord
2. Pray that God will provide for UBCM to be self-reliant in the near future, and be able to help churches, organizations and families live victorious lives which will be influential in propagating the kingdom of God. Presently we are renting out a tent and chairs for parties, receptions, etc.
3. Pray that our family will find a means of income through farming the land to sustain our living including taking our children to good schools.
4. Pray that we will find an agricultural officer which will help us maximize our yields from the land

Milton
For UBCM

UGANDA BIBLICAL COUNSELING MINISTRY (UBCM)

December 2009 Prayer Letter

From Pastor Milton Lipa, Director

As this year is coming to an end I can say that God has been gracious to us all! We are grateful to God for your faithfulness in standing with us in prayer, financial, and moral support. It was in this year that the Lord allowed four of our UBCM team to visit and train in Biblical counseling in the US. We once again take this opportunity to thank all of you who hosted us and interacted with us during our visit and training. There is much which the Lord impressed on our minds during the visit which will shape our future ministry. May the name of the Lord be praised!

Some of our projections have changed. This was the case with the prison ministry which we intended to conduct in Oct-Nov 2009. We are now set to conduct the training in Jan-Feb 2010. During the last 6 months, I have been attending a national transformation leadership course which encourages leaders to discover their passions and what they are best at. At the end of the course each participant is required to write a project in the area in which he intends to influence the nation for transformation.

I wrote my project on Biblical counseling (if you would like to read this 21 page paper, please let me know and I will email it to you). My research revealed the lack of practical biblical counseling in our country and continent. We made the project on the assumption that we will conduct training for all courses twice a year, except one of the courses in Biblical counseling which will be done once a year. I also benefited from John MacArthur's Book (Counseling, How to counsel Biblically). It gives a good and precise history of Biblical counseling and secular psychology. J. E. Adams' book "The case for a Hopeless Marriage" was also a good book and is a good one to give our counselors.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. The Lord will prevail in guiding our team in the planning and implementation of the program
2. The Jan./Feb. prison ministry will impact the participants to desire spiritual change and to be used of the Lord to help others struggling with problems
3. The planned January training for Biblical counseling raising up Biblical counselors who will serve as a team with a focus to see churches establishing Biblical counseling ministries

Milton,
For UBCM