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THE CALL TO AFRICA

In recent times, Mission Outreach has felt the call to Africa, to partner with the Lord in strengthening the body of Christ in this nation. The challenges to the church in Africa are massive and the needs are even greater. Things such as religion and witchcraft, unemployment, disease and lack of Bibles are what the church faces as it seeks Kingdom transformation for this nation.

This vast continent, covering 6% of the earth's surface, has a population of over 1.2 billion people in 2016 which is about 16% of the world's population. It's a place of great national, cultural and language diversity.

Religion in Africa is multifaceted and has been a major influence on art, culture and philosophy. Today, the continent's various populations and individuals are mostly adherents of Christianity, Islam, and to a lesser extent Hinduism, Buddhism and several traditional African religions, many based on witchcraft. In Christian or Islamic communities, religious beliefs are also sometimes characterized with syncretism, the combining of different religious beliefs, thoughts or practices, sometimes contradictory to one another. The wide variety of indigenous beliefs are handed down from generation to generation. It is notable that the traditional African religions are possibly the only religions that can claim to have originated in Africa. Other religions found in this continent have origins in other parts of the world.

UGANDA rests on the north side of Lake Victoria, in the middle of Africa. It's population of 41 million is one of the fastest growing in the world with an increase of a million a year. 20 million are under 15. Uganda, has a similar usable land mass as New Zealand but the life expectancy is early 50s due to the stress of severe poverty. It is very rich in resources but bribery and corruption afflict every level of society.

The people face many battles daily, battles which also create huge challenges to ministering effectively in Uganda.

Unemployment is massive at 90% and for the 10% who do have a job, it doesn't guarantee sufficient or regular income. For example, the Principal of a Government primary school of 700 children hopes to be paid \$200 per month (not per week). Tithes and offerings might be the equivalent of \$2.00 per week.

Diseases such as Malaria, HIV and AIDS are Uganda's greatest causes of death. HIV and AIDS is rampant, despite overseas aid initially curbing the illness due to the ABC plan (Abstinence, Be faithful in marriage, Condoms) mostly being ignored. Hence, these are returning with a vengeance and lethal consequences. In addition, the lack of education on family planning and contraception adds to the stresses within families and the church. Some Pastors believe that if their wives used

contraception, they will be tempted to become prostitutes!

The lack of Bibles and sound bible teaching has set the foundation for false teaching from 'Pastors' who have their own interpretation of Scripture. It is not unusual for a pastor to abandon his wife and children to remarry and continue 'pastoring'.

The challenges are great, but the call is greater and at our weekly Mission Outreach prayer meetings we have been praying for a number of African nations and believe the Lord is calling us to help touch the lives of believers in Uganda through the beautiful people who join us regularly to pray.



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TRANSFORMING UGANDA

“We love you, we love you, we love you!” These are the words showered over us, by Pastors John and Ruth when they returned to Uganda this year.



We have been partnering with this humble, vibrant Ugandan couple for six years and never cease to be amazed by their devotion to the call to transform their community. We are honoured to have

the opportunity to share in seeing people’s lives being transformed.

Ps John is Founder-Director of the NGO, “God’s Ark of Salvation Ministries” providing Leadership and Pastoral care for his own Church in Matugga 25 kms north of the capitol; Kampala. He also supports and mentors many other Pastors spread across NE Uganda. Ps John and Ruth Kwagala are on to their fourth Church plant in 20 years, ministering to folks from high incomes to no income at all, including six women with HIV or AIDS in their church of 70 adults who are on very strong daily treatment. These women were given the virus by their husband who then abandoned them. Ps John is ‘Daddy’ to many children, Pastor/‘husband’ to widows or abandoned wives.



He sat silently in church, also his home, his eye weeping. Joseph had lost all hope that his dwindling sight could be restored from an extremely painful infection was causing rapid

blindness. John was so eager for us to see Joseph on our way home from Entebbe airport to pray for him and give whatever help we could.

Joseph aged 47, and father of 7 needed money to go to the Doctor in Kampala, but nothing was helping so more money was needed so Joseph could go to the best eye hospital in Uganda.

As Pastor John was driving, I (Margaret) sat beside Joseph, praying fervently for the infection to be washed away with the Blood of Jesus and his sight restored.

Joseph sat silently, unresponsive. I remarked to John that Joseph’s spirit seemed to be dead, no response when being prayed for. John shared that Joseph had been in his Church, God’s Ark of Salvation for 1.5 years. For 12 years prior, Joseph had been trapped in witchcraft, at times roaming around naked eating dog and chicken poo.

On arrival in Kampala, his brother took him by the hand to lead him to the taxi van heading for Tororo where the Hospital is.



The Holy Spirit prompted Pastor John to go to Tororo to check up on Joseph’s progress. Overwhelmed with grief, he found Joseph in a village using local medicine and Joseph’s eye almost blind. More money was given for surgery to save Joseph from being a blind father.

All praise to the Lord who will bring Joseph into God’s Kingdom of Light, Life and Love. Please pray for him as he faces this very difficult challenge that God’s will be done and peace will be Joseph’s portion.



As well as caring for the physical needs of their community and church, Pastors such as John and Ruth, long for more Bibles so the believers can have God’s Word to learn how to live life, apply Biblical principles for every day

life, and be empowered to share the gospel to those around them. The delight each person shows when receiving such a treasure always amazes us and warms our hearts.

Blessings
Bruce & Margaret

Luke 4:18 “the Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.”

NEW PROJECT TO COME - BIBLES FOR UGANDA

In response to Bruce and Margarets recent visit to Uganda and their report regarding the need for bibles, we are prayerfully considering the opportunity to partner with Pastors John and Ruth to help provide more bibles for believers in their church and community. As we are still gathering information regarding these, we will give more information in our August report. In the meantime, please prayerfully consider if this is something you are lead to help us with.

Thank you for your loyal support and faithful prayers!

China Full Bibles

The need of our Chinese brethren continues to be Bibles and is greater than ever before. Despite many having trouble accessing Bibles because of government restrictions and persecution, bibles are still needed. Believers in rural areas have struggled to access God's Word for many years, and the large number of new Christians has seen the demand far outstrip the supply. MO believes it is timely to help with this great need and would like raise funds for 2000 bibles at a cost of only \$2.80. We invite you to join us in helping our brothers and sisters in China.

Total Initial Commitment \$5,600

Balance needed: \$3964

Bawm Bible Translation, Bangladesh

We are delighted to report that our contribution to the project for the Bawm Bible Translation for Bangladesh has been fulfilled and wish to thank all our faithful supporters for helping us to complete this very special project.

CMTC Bible College -

Monthly commitment \$1600

Nepal Radio Programme -

Monthly commitment \$700



Nepal 1000 Equipping Centres



A major project of multiplication to train and equip up to 20,000 leaders in one year. We are excited to be getting very close to completing this project and thank you for your support.

Our goal is to complete this by the end of August and invite you to

help us!

Total Commitment: \$127,000

Balance needed: \$38,200



RESPONSE COUPON

JULY 2019

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China

China Pastors (CHPSTR) \$.....

China Full Bibles (CHBBL) \$.....

Nepal

Radio Programme (NEPRAD) \$.....

CMTC Bible College (NPBC) \$.....

1000 Equipping Centres (NPEQ1000) \$.....

Thailand

Tribal Training Centre, Chiang Mai (TTC) \$.....

Disaster Relief Fund: (DRF) \$.....

Where Most Needed: (WMN) \$.....

Please make payments to Mission Outreach Inc BNZ Account #: 02 0466 0034018 00 and specify project. N.B. If no project is specified, funds will be allocated to 'Where Most Needed'

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VISITING SPEAKERS ITINERARY



Dr Samuel & Mangali Rai

Samuel is the Founding Director of Gospel for Tribes & Nations (GTN) Nepal which he started in 1994. Through this, he has shared the gospel to 100,000's through mass crusades, trained 1,000's and distributed 100,000's of bibles and tracts. Mangali is his greatest encourager and is very involved with the Deborah

Women's ministry and Church and Women's ministry prayer meetings. It is a great pleasure and honour to have this delightful, high energy, faithful, and committed couple in our midst this month. Following is their itinerary. For more information, contact Neil on 0275430971 or the numbers below.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Wed 10 th to 12 th	<i>(Attending only, not speaking)</i>	Global Impact Conference, City Impact Church, 794 East Coast Rd, Browns Bay, Auckland (For more info go to: www.cityimpactchurch.com)
Sun 14 th	10:00am	Faithpointe Church, Marina View School, 97 Marina Dr, West Harbour, Auckland
Sun 14 th	5:00pm	Elim Church, 77 Station Rd, Paeroa (For more info contact: Paul on 0272716961)
Mon 15 th	7:30pm	MO Prayer Meeting, Tauranga (Ring or text Neil or Wendy for more details)
Tues 16 th	Various	Palmerston North (ring Neil for details)
Wed 17 th	7:00pm	Lifegate Church, 27 Cutfield St, Inglewood (For more info contact: Carolyn 0273067633)
Sat 20 th	7:00am	Kingdom Men, The Raft Cafe, 65 Chapel St, Tauranga (for more info contact: Warren 0278999423)
Sat 20 th	7:00pm	MO Supporters Fellowship Evening, Tauranga Club, 5 th Floor, Devonport Hotel, Tauranga Cost: \$15 ea. Must register via email to Wendy: wendy@mossops.co.nz or ring her RSVP: 16 July
Sun 21 st	10:00am	Hope Centre Church, Bethlehem College Events Centre, Tauranga
Mon 22 nd	7:30pm	MO Prayer Meeting, Tauranga (ring Neil or Wendy for details)

UPDATE ON EDDIE & BETTY



Eddie has settled in well at Somervale Retirement Village, and thankfully Betty's time to join him has been brought forward so she is also there and now able to visit him each day. They are grateful for your prayers and love.

Eddie was very excited to hear we are doing a new Chinese bible project and delighted in praying a blessing over the 2 sample bibles we received recently. He asked if he can have one to pray over, and to pray for the church in China. He was also very impressed with the price of these Bibles.

Eddie and Betty would love to see you so please feel free to visit when you can.



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Restricted Nations
since 1975**

GIVING THANKS TO THE LORD

It is with a very grateful heart that we would like to report to all our faithful supporters that over the last year we have seen a 30% increase in giving to the Mission, which we have sent out to the suffering Churches of Asia for bibles, training and equipping and pastor support. Thank you for your faithful support!

We are also very encouraged to see an increase the number of new supporters joining us and receiving our greatly improved newsletter. Thank you for your encouragement and positive feed back on our new monthly report. We pray it will continue to be a blessing to you.

Prayer changes everything!

We continue to meet every week, which MO has done for over 44 Years. Our prayer meetings are often almost global, as we lift before our Lord the many needs of our suffering brethren throughout Asia and beyond and often include Israel and NZ. It also very encouraging to have new people joining us and to know so many others throughout NZ are also faithfully praying through our monthly prayer calendar.

We thank and praise Him and pray that He bless you abundantly for your faithful and prayerful service to MO.

Blessings
Neil

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