

# RESTORATION MINISTRIES and NEW YEAR ACTIVITY

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HERE IS A REPORT OF SOME OF OUR ACTIVITY SINCE NEW YEAR 2022. IT DOESN'T CONTAIN EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE, BUT DEMONSTRATES THAT YOUR GIFTS ARE WORKING AND EFFECTIVELY CHANGING LIVES.

Since December of last year, I (Rick) have had a continuous and deepening desire to help construct a physical church in a particular village called Kanyogoga in the Mityana District where Ruth and I visited several years ago. But "how" could I do that? It seemed impossible at the time.

The Pastor and wife (Paul and Florence Isabirye) have faithfully been growing their church, ministering to older widows, plus providing food and clothing during the Covid-19 pandemic. Using their entrepreneurial skills, they grind peanuts, buy and sell at a profit sacks of coffee beans, opened a small store to sell food and housewares and even became a barber cutting hair out of their home, etc. No slackers here!

Then in January this year, we were entrusted with a sizeable donation which now enables us to take on this church building project. It may require more finances to complete the project . . . but God is able to complete the work He has begun if it does!

Here is a message I received from Pastor Paul Isabirye when informing him of the impending gift; *"Currently the church structure we are using cannot be renovated. The roof is thatched but the poles holding up the roof are rotten. The village people laugh saying that the rain pours down through the roof."* [See old structure's picture below which Ruth and I visited in 2019]

## PICTURE OF OLD STRUCTURE



**PICTURE OF NEW FOUNDATION BEING BUILT: Let God be Glorified to all!**



**PICTURE OF PURCHASED BRICK & MORTAR SUPPLIES**



**ERASTUS: ANOTHER PASTOR WE ARE HELPING**

PASTOR ERASTUS serves in a remote village near Uganda’s border with Rwanda in the south. His church is small but growing. Our field representative David Kabonge’ approached Restoration Ministries with the idea of helping him to rent farmland so he could provide for his family and sell the bounty produce to villagers until mandates by the government allow public meetings again. Restoration Ministries paid for one month’s house rent which had become past due, then rented him an acre of land to farm. Now he has income to pay for his own rent.



**TEMPORARY SUPPORT FOR A COLLEGE GRADUATE?**

A recent graduate of Makerere University, Molly Namwogerere, which Ruth and I supported for several years, while gaining her Elementary and Primary Teacher’s Degree, has now become an apprentice teacher in a program called, “Teach Uganda”. Since it is an apprenticeship position her room and board

are provided, but nothing beyond that until her assessment comes. Currently, she has 250 students enrolled in her classes. Word had gotten out to the village that she taught “English”, and because of that hundreds came. Restoration Ministries bought her a bicycle for traveling to and from the school, and for visit the children at home on weekends. We will continue to support her until she gets her teaching job. She is like a daughter to us!



## WE HELP ENCOURAGE A CHURCH PLANT PASTOR IN NORTHERN UGANDA



PASTOR BAVIVA MOSES was sent by U.C.O.M. to start a church in a remote village in northern Uganda just when the Pandemic hit and mandated restrictions came. In spite of all this, he serves and encourages his village with limited resources and provides as much as possible. The Pastor has not had sustainable income during the whole period of pandemic. We sent him resources to buy machinery for grinding peanuts, and a little extra for some of his family’s needs. Restoration Ministries also provided some needed tuition so the pastor’s children could be enrolled in public school. Here is his comment after receiving the help we sent: *“Praise the Lord Jesus Christ! Honestly, you’re indeed fighting a good fight in the Lord. You’ve set a perfect example for me as an individual, the family, and a young church . . . that God is so faithful and true to His word. We are encouraged in these trying times. Thanks Papa! Forever we will praise the Lord for you.”*

## YET ANOTHER MIRACLE HAS HAPPENED FOR RESTORATION MINISTRIES

God also recently provided Restoration Ministries with a *multi-thousand-dollar grant to send students to College or some type of Technical School*. All I can say is, “WoW! Praise God!” To help us with this whole process we needed someone living inside Uganda who would be qualified for this purpose. That is where our amazing Field Representative, David Buule Kabonge’, needs mentioning again.



He is an amazing pastor, faithful overseer, man of vision *for raising the quality of life of Ugandans* whether *spiritually* or *naturally*. As an overseer, he manages several different ministries throughout Uganda. One role he fulfills for us here at Restoration Ministries is to interview potential students, profile them, and help us decide if that student has the necessary character and drive required to finish that course of education, and then distribute funds to the specific schools where the students become enrolled. Since we are currently involved in supporting five (5) college students, seven (7) Primary-Age students and have requests from Pastors for four (4) other students his insight and help is so essential.



*The larger left picture is of David Kabonge', top-right is Molly, and then a student, Ronah on the bottom-right.*

*There are other students not being shown whom we support.*

## **ENCOURAGEMENT TO YESU AKWAGALA BIBLE COLLEGE THROUGH RESTORATION MINISTRIES CONTINUES**

YESU AKWAGALA BIBLE COLLEGE is reorganizing and changing locations in order to make the changes required of them by the Ugandan Government. The government's Council of Higher Education, has insisted they relocate to more flat ground, develop sports tracks, build dorms, etc., which could not be done at their former location on the side of a hill in a village called Seguku.

These required changes, in addition to plunging of donations at U.C.O.M., as well as all the covid-19 mandated restrictions . . . actually caused the school to close for a period. Restoration Ministries has been providing minimum and life-sustaining income to the eight (8) Professors and Staff while these required transitions to a new campus were being made.

The good news is, World Outreach Ministries Foundation has been given designated funds for building the class rooms, facilities, administration building, dormitories and Instructor's housing . . . but have not yet been able to provide compensation for school staff until the campus is opened and approved by the

government of Uganda. Your donations have provided for the sustained income of eight (8) professors and staff families. Thank You!

I have included pictures of the current construction process as well as a picture of the current Professors and Staff we are supporting and encouraging. Once the school is back in operation, we will end our financial commitment to the staff.



## HERE ARE COMMENTS FROM THOSE RECEIVING ENCOURAGEMENT THROUGH RESTORATION MINISTRIES AND YOUR GIFTS

NOTE: In addition to the above, Restoration Ministries has helped many other individuals, Pastors and Churches thus far in 2022.

- *"We rejoice over the grace of God. We also rejoice over you. You enrich so many lives. Thank You!"*
- *"I want to thank you for standing with me and the ministry to manage to pay new rent and pay the school fees for my kids. I want to give this great testimony to you for God's glory! I thank God for the financial blessing to my family through you. May God bless you big!"*
- *"I am fine, and Prossie's health is improving. You know how she's on medication all the time since you provided resource for us to purchase it at the pharmacy. You people, we miss you in Uganda, but we know by God's grace we can meet again. We thank you for loving us, we love you too!"*
- *"Thank you so much Pastor Rickey and Ruth. This time the support came just when my back was against the wall. My daughter was having a cough which had started showing signs of pneumonia*

*according to the Doctor. When I had no cents to cater for her hospital bills, God used you to save a life of my one-year-old daughter. May God richly bless you and Ruth."*

- *"We are so much amazed at God's constant love and care. Thank you for standing with my husband and my family. We thank God for this breakthrough. May God continue to give us the faith that we need even in those circumstances we do not really understand. Thank you again for standing with us."*
- *"Thank you so much for the love and support. We understand that life is not as it was in the USA too, as is everywhere. But a generous heart and love drives you to share what you have. May the lord enlarge your territory and open more doors as He wills. We can't wait to host you at our new college campus in Buvvi!"*
- *"Thank you so much brother, Rick, for sure we needed hat. The pandemic gave us another lockdown and we have been given a forced leave from our job. All my girls are at home now, this is more serious now. Thank you for the token of love that you have sent through Pastor David. It has blessed so much. God bless you friends!"*

SO, AS YOU CAN SEE, **TOGETHER** WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO SO MUCH MORE THAN COULD BE DONE BY JUST ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS! "YOU" CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN AN ASTOUNDING WAY.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO!

May God's 'Abundant Blessings' come your way!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the names 'Rick' and 'Ruth' written in a cursive, flowing style.

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