God’s faithfulness in times of trouble

The whole world has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. A lot of how we live our lives has been changed and many people live in anxiety and fear. The Psalmist (Psa.46:1-2) tells us, ‘God is our refuge and strength, present to help us in trouble, so we shall not fear, though the earth is removed…’ We are encouraged to trust The Lord and not fear even though we go through the most difficult situations.

The gospel preached in and out of season

The pandemic has restricted a lot of our freedoms but God’s kingdom can never be stopped. We have had beautiful fruitful ministry. We have held leaders’ conferences and prayed for individuals on phone, had the blessing of giving to save lives, sent financial, lifesaving relief by mobile money, given physical items, encouraged the downcast, and reminded as many of the faithfulness of The Living God. There were desperate calls for help and The Lord miraculously provided us with what to give to them. We have encouraged many with biblical scripture and seen The Lord’s intervention in their lives. Rural pastors are continuing to use portable public address systems to minister God’s word and pray for people in their communities many of whom have demanded for a word of hope.

Communities on the Islands of Lake Victoria have faced additional issues from rising levels of the lake. These destroyed lots of property, displaced many families and led people into acts of desperation. For example two trees, the biggest on our ministry property, were cut down by some people who, when apprehended, confessed they stole to survive. We forgave them and asked the civil authorities to set them free.

Outreach to Rukungiri

November 2-6. We made an outreach visit to mountainous Rukungiri district in the western Uganda. We could not hold large public rallies due to Covid-19 restrictions but ministered to several congregations which gathered in different parts of the district encouraging believers, some of whom had lost courage, to be strong in The Lord. Our continual trips to this region have helped us witness twenty five churches in three districts grown out of a little church that met in a little building, about fifty square meters in size. It is amazing to see those who were little boys and used to sit on the ground to watch gospel films during our early visits, are now preaching the gospel to communities and leading churches. We bless The Lord for flights by ‘The Lord’s Dove,” our friend, Mission Aviation Fellowship.

A witch denounces the devil, chooses Jesus

Last year, 2019, we made outreach trips to Corner Abicel and Kalongo communities of Agago district in northern Uganda. A number of people came to The Lord during the outreach. Pastors Jimmy, Ray and Gilbert who hosted us in these villages have reported stories of changed lives of the converts in their communities. An example is a woman, a former witch, who formerly earned her living through witchcraft. She came to Ray after our departure and denounced her life of bondage to the devil. She did not want the devil to “…claim me as ‘his property” at the end of her life. Our last outreach was in January this year. We intended to go back there with more outreach campaigns but restriction set in and we put the plans on hold. We have maintained close contact with the leaders.

Wajinja worship quashed by the power of God

The Lord hates devil worship and it is the responsibility of the church to shine the light of Jesus so that those who walk in darkness and bondage see the light and receive freedom. We have been writing about idolatry at Wajinja Rock in Lwengo district of southwestern Uganda. Thousands of people made pilgrimage to Wajinja to worship and seek ‘blessings’ from the devil. An interdenominational team of pastors, The Shepherds together with Jesus Film Ministries started congregating at Kayunga Full Gospel
Church, the nearest church to the rock. We held prayer conferences and outreach in the village concurrently with or prior to their gatherings. A number of Wajinja pilgrims started dwindling as more and more of their pilgrims kept attending our meetings. Many who turned violent at their meetings were brought to our gatherings for prayer. The priests, realizing our moves, asked their gods to kill the pastor and threatened to wipe out his family. The Lord rose against them, putting priests and worshippers to fight against one another at every gathering in the past two years. Fights became so bad that the police had to come in and arrest priests. In September this year, the few that attended still ended in fights and police arrests. They realised that our prayers to our God are the cause of their failure. Their threats to kill the pastor and his family have been futile, he is well and continuing to serve and shine the light of The Lord Jesus.

Prayer items

• For portable Public Address Systems for pastors in rural areas.
• We need to build two basic structures, on Buvuma Islands and lakeshores for relief and other church needs.
• For the gospel of the kingdom of God to be preached and souls to come to The Lord.
• For a portable Public Address System for this ministry. Our system got damaged during outreach in northern Uganda last year.

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Praise items

• The Ugandan government has eased restrictions church assembly. We can now gather up to 200 people.
• For the work of the kingdom of God in the face of negative circumstances and The Lord’s healing on his people.
• For defeat of idolatry at Wajinja and other places.
• For the harvest of souls in northern and western Uganda.