

# Annual Report for 2020

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## ***BACKGROUND***

M:MM is an indigenous, Christian Inter denominational Non-Government Organization (NGO) working in Uganda in Elgon Zone, Busoga Region, Teso and Lira districts with its head office in Mbale town located on plot 31/33 Wanale Road, Senior Quarters. It is registered with the Uganda National NGO Board with Reg. No. S5914/270. M: MM Uganda is a community development organization that integrates Evangelism/Discipleship with Development at grass root levels in the community. M: MM Uganda also trains & mentors other Christian leaders to do this.

## **TERMINOLOGIES:**

- **Discipleship** is an incarnational process of serving others to grow in spiritual formation, equipping them to learn specific skills to love God and others, praying for God's transformation in their lives and empowering them to reproduce this process in others for the glory of God.
- **Development** is an integrated process empowered by God in which people of a community grow in their ability to identify and solve their own problems resulting in growth of the whole person(physical and spiritual) and improvement of the various aspects of their community(Health, Agriculture, Economy, Water, Relationships, etc), so that individuals and communities become all that God intends them to be.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

The integration of development and Christian evangelism/discipleship and effective community leadership having self reliant impact and sustainable process in communities and target groups.

## **VISION**

Wholistically transformed communities for God's Glory.

## **MISSION**

Evangelical churches and Christian NGOs empowered with knowledge and skills about Wholistic Integrated Approach to Development/ Discipleship and carrying it out in their areas of operation to transform communities for God's Glory

## **GOAL**

Contribute to the improvement of spiritual and physical well being of people with emphasis on the more vulnerable categories of society.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. Church and Christian NGO leaders adopt the culture of Wholistic Development approach to Missions and Discipleship.
2. People in communities able to identify and solve their own problems.
3. People in the communities economically empowered through their self initiated Income Generating Activities (IGAs).
4. Evangelical Church & Christian NGO leaders trained through Whole-life discipleship trainings; - foundations, skills I & II and applying the knowledge attained to carry out ministry.

5. Improved agricultural food production & security, general health, income generation and spiritual health.
6. Saved and disciplined people in the communities.
7. Youth empowered with life skills.

## ***LIST OF ACRYMNS***

**DforD**- Discipling for Development

**GHI**- Global Horizons International

**CFE**- Centre For Evangelism

**M: MM**- Mission: Moving Mountains

**IGAs**- Income Generating Activities

**DHOs**- District Health Officers

**RDCs**- Resident District Commissioners

**Navs**- Navigators

**PONT**- Partnership Overseas Network Trust

**SOPs**- Standard Operating Procedures

**CDM**- Church Discipleship Ministry

**CDAs**- Community Development Agents

**MITs**- Mentors in Training

**MN**- Minnesota

## ***A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR***



***Bishop Sam Soita- ED***

Dear partners, friends and well wishers for this ministry,  
Thanks a lot for all your support to us during the year 2020. It was not easy to make it through the year because of COVID 19 effects. However, God made it possible through your support for us to sail through. God kept our ministry active in the communities despite the lockdown, and appreciable achievements were made during the year. I do appreciate my colleagues at work, especially the field workers for the courage, commitment and love they had to continue serving the communities in the midst of the pandemic. Please, let's all continue to lovingly and strongly play our roles so that our Lord God we serve continues to be lifted high with the impact we do make on individuals, families and communities for His Glory.

I do thank you all, and more especially for your renewed partnership and financial commitment to the ministry in the new year 2021.

Yours faithfully,

**Bishop Sam Soita,**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

## ***2020 ACHIEVEMENTS***

1. One part time accountant was hired and one security guard recruited in the name of Muluuka Geoffrey and Mandu Gilbert respectively.



*Geoffrey Muluuka- Part time Accountant*



*Gilbert Mandu- Recruited Security Guard*

2. Four Wholistic visits were conducted. Two in homes and two at the office.



*Checking the Fourteen points at Sam Soita's Home*



*Having Bible Study at Sarah's Home*

- Monitoring & evaluation done with some staff during weekly, monthly and annual review and planning meetings, Yetana Executive meeting, Planning and carrying out Kitgum Mission.



*Weekly Review and Planning Meeting*

- One residential house was rented out to Innovation Africa.



*Rented House*

- One coaching visit in the Philippines by one Staff.



*Ronald coaching in the Philippines*

- Two groups were hosted at the Mission House; including one from Agder University in Norway, and the other from Bethel University in MN, USA.



*Bethel University group in the Community*



### *Agder University Group undergoing Orientation*

7. Three proposals about Covid -19 were written, and funded; by Global Diaconate, the USA DforD Navigators and Global Horizons Inc.
8. Twenty one (21) IGA community groups were boosted with bean seed, food, face masks, and tippy-tap materials during the COVID 19 pandemic.



### *One of the IGA Community Groups in Busiu-Bukhalu*

9. Three monthly Review and planning meetings were held.



### *Doing Review and Planning for the Month*

10. Four Staff meetings were conducted.



### *One of the Staff Meetings held in Jan 2020*

11. Two bi- monthly retreats were held



*One of the Bi Monthly Staff Retreats*

12. Eighteen groups received training about domestic violence, three youth groups about life skills with focus on self control and one church group about marriage enrichment. All these groups were sensitized about Covid-19.



*Busiu Youth group undergoing a training on Self Control*



*Nabweye Key Actors undergoing domestic Violence Training*



*Church Group undergoing a Training*

13. One on one discipleship visit for bible study Leaders in Bukhalu was done once.



*Anne doing a one on one Discipleship*

14. Twenty one (21) groups were effectively followed up to monitor their performance in sensitizing communities about COVID 19 pandemic, Domestic violence and the growing and harvest of the bean seed they had received.



*Masinde Michael showing his harvest*



*Robert showing his bean seed harvest*



*Follow up Visit at Damascus' Home*

15. The key Actors, Youth, Sub county leaders, Development partners, Buteba Church Leaders were mobilized for various activities during the year.

16. All the twenty one (21) sensitization meetings about COVID 19 were conducted for the twenty one (21) groups to address the issue of COVID 19 in communities.



*One of the Sensitization Meetings*

17. During the year, development partner meetings were held with the DHOs and RDCs of Manafwa and Mbale Districts, Prof. David Muhovich representing Bethel University, the Uganda Navs, PONT, DforD Navs and others to share experiences and develop new strategies for ministry progress.

18. One meeting was held at Buteba Baptist Church to discuss logistics for the Foundations training of twenty (20) Church Leaders from Busia District.

19. One meeting was held with Sibanga sub county leaders to share the exploration findings in relation to Wholistic Development (DforD).



*Meeting Sibanga Sub- county Leadership*

20. M: MM, Uganda Navs directors and CDM leader had meetings on WhatsApp and Zoom to discuss and plan kitgum mission to sensitize church leaders about Discipling for Development.

21. A two day sensitization training about DforD was conducted in Kitgum for seventeen (17) church leaders.



*Group photo of Kitgum Church Leaders and M: MM Facilitators*



*Training of Kitgum DforD Leaders in Progress*



*River Crossing Demonstration*

## **IMPACT**

### **Health**

1. No one in the communities we sensitized against COVID 19 has become sick or died of COVID 19 because they have implemented the SOPs put in place by Ministry of Health.
2. General improvement in the fourteen points of a healthy home in communities. Key Actors are disciplining others for example Jessica Wepondi in Makhonje, Bumasikeye is mentoring three (3) women of her saving Group.
3. Balanced diet using local foods is being practiced by key Actors and their neighbors in the community and this has solved the problem of malnutrition in most homes.
4. Mission: Moving Mountains Staff continue being models in their communities in 14 points of a healthy home and in observation of SOPs put in place by Ministry of Health.

### **Agriculture**

1. Fifty (50) key Actors and some of their neighbors are using modern farming methods( mulching, use of organic manure, crop rotation, seed selection, proper spacing, seed storage, timely planting and harvesting) to increase crop yields that has improved their incomes and food security.

2. Key actors have testified that there is plenty of food in their stores due to adhering to the knowledge they were given by M: MM staff.



*Rev Fred Mandu showing beans in his store*

### **Administratively**

1. Improved filing and record keeping at M: MM office.
2. Successfully hired one (1) part time accountant and recruited one (1) security guard.
3. Effective maintenance of the existing old vehicles.

### ***IGA (Income Generating Activities)***

1. Over ten Youth who acquired jobs through the knowledge of computer administered by Mission: Moving Mountains Uganda are maintaining their jobs.
2. The poultry projects of Staff have developed into goat and rabbit projects.
3. The skilled staff development group (Yetana) continues to help community groups and families how to start and develop their IGAs.

### ***Spiritually***

1. The seven churches in Iganga (CFE) are using DforD approach in carrying out ministry and beginning to influence other churches.
2. A strategy has been put in place for training Busia church leaders in DforD foundations.
3. The thirteen (13) bible study groups formed in Bukhalu are continuing to disciple other members in the word of God.
4. Harmonious living was observed among most couples at the end of the year as a result of M: MM intervention in the communities we work in.

5. One of the CDAs in Busiu (Wataka Paul) who was evangelized to and got to know Jesus Christ as his savior has also preached to other forty seven (47) people who have been converted.



***Wataka Paul***

### ***Socially***

1. Continued partnership with other development agencies e.g. CFE, PONT, JENGA (Bethel Church), Bethel University, NCU, Uganda Navigators, University of Agder- Norway, Bethlehem church USA MN etc
2. The new MITs are actively participating in training communities and DforD teams (Kitgum church leaders)
3. M: MM Mission house hosted three (3) groups namely Bethel university students and two from Agder University and gave some donations for ministry work.

### ***Environmentally***

1. M: MM staff have each planted one hundred (100) trees in the species of Eucalyptus, avocado, Pine, Paw paws, graveria etc in their home areas and this has influenced their neighbors to plant trees also besides the communities they serve in.
2. A total of ten thousand (10,000) trees planted by key actors after they were trained by Mission: Moving Mountains have facilitated them to meet their timber construction needs (living houses, poultry and piggery houses) and fuel needs. Some trees work as wind brakes around their homes
3. Four (4) groups in Bukhalu Community are skilled in Nursery bed tree making and management. This has enabled them to train their community members and earn them income as they sell out.

### ***2020 CHALLENGES***

1. Covid-19 pandemic paralyzed most of the planned community activities for the year.
2. Reduced funding for ministry work because of Covid-19.
3. High expenditure on maintaining old vehicles.

### ***UP COMING EVENTS***

1. Graduation of the Youth
2. Expansion of DforD work in Busia, Sibanga and Kitgum diocese
3. Identification of a new community for Youth Programme
4. Fundraising for the new Toyota 4WD Land cruiser field vehicle
5. Weddings for Kenneth Busiku, Sam Manita, Ben Mukiite and Gilbert Mandu.

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