

Elburg, May 6, 2019

“He gives power to the faint; and to him that has no might he increases strength” (Isa. 40:29)

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Over the past three months I was able to visit Western Uganda, Rwanda, Northeast Congo, and Kenya. I am grateful for the **fellowship in ministry with brothers** from these countries who have accompanied me. I have known most of them for many years, which creates a strong bond. In the car as we travel, we often have talks about passages from the Scriptures or about special events they experience in the Lord's work in their own country.

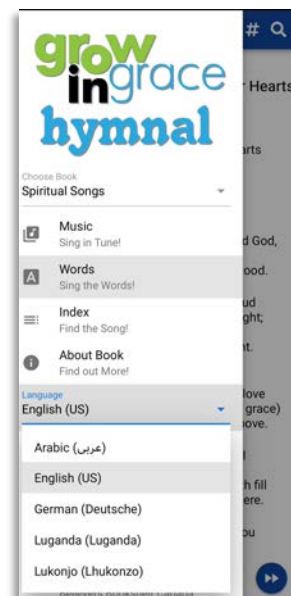
Western Uganda

Last year, the work in Western Uganda suffered for a long time as a result of misconduct that manifested itself in deceit, greed, jealousy, evil speaking, and lust for power. The Lord, however, helped during this difficult period, so that the work can be continued now, including: Bible conferences, youth work, translation work, HIV counseling combined with gospel outreach, and visits to assemblies and groups.

Three sisters provide HIV education and also manage the funds for sponsored children. They visit these children and their families regularly and ensure that every sponsored child receives his or her support. Brother **Kabaya Godfrey** is, as usual, especially useful in practical work and also makes home visits

Three young brothers are very diligent in youth and translation work and are taking turns in the Bible Center in Kasese. From the hymnbook “Spiritual Songs,” 217 songs have been translated into Lkukonzo (Western Uganda) and into Luganda (Central and Eastern Uganda). These three brothers have translated more than 40 songs into Swahili, which is spoken in Congo. The brothers in Mombasa, Kenya are making the necessary changes in this first draft so that eventually the 217 hymns can also be printed in Swahili, spoken in Kenya. These songs are also in the app “Growingrace hymnal”>

During conferences in Busia and Siaya (see the report of the brothers Larry Stassel and Brian Baptiste: www.allthenations.info/190423-trip-report-uganda-and-kenya-conferences/) participants from Uganda and Kenya can sing the same songs in their own language.



During my visit a three-day Bible conference took place in Mpondwe. Brother **Kimimbi Danieli** from Butembo, Congo accompanied me on this journey. We have studied < the life of King Jehoshaphat (2 Chr. 17–20) and learned many practical lessons in the light of the New Testament. The Old Testament contains much teaching and comfort (Rom. 15:4) but also warnings (1 Cor. 10:11). The brothers and sisters present were touched by the many spiritual lessons that can be found in the Old Testament.

As an example: Jehoshaphat strengthened his position against the very idolatrous kingdom of the ren tribes. Scripture emphasizes that he sought God; even after his death people remembered this (2 Chr. 22:9). An encouraging example for our brothers and sisters who live in a society where (hidden) idolatry is common.

His son Joram, on the other hand, strengthened his position by killing his brothers. He acted out of dominance and therefore eliminated those he saw as a



danger to his position. A serious warning regarding the trials that the brothers endured in recent months. Many young people were present, and several times there was a serious call for repentance to God and faith in the Lord Jesus

Rwanda

In Kigali, during a three-day Bible conference, the study of the subject "From Eternity to Eternity" was completed. Over the past two years, we have been discussing this topic on the various dispensations in the Bible every two months. (See also www.allthenations.info/190115-report-bible-conferences-kigali-rwanda/)

Brothers and sisters from Rwanda attended these Bible conferences and most of the time brothers and sisters from Congo, Burundi, Uganda, and Tanzania were also present. With the help of the brochure "From Eternity to Eternity," they studied this subject again in their village. This brochure, published in French and Kinyarwanda, contains a detailed overview of each dispensation with many scripture references and a banner of the seven dispensations.

Kitsa Thomas (l) and Mukama Gérard (r)>

I am very grateful that local brothers are increasingly participating in the discussions. I would like to mention a few names so that you can pray for their service and that

of other traveling brothers in their own country and neighboring countries: **Mukama Gerard** and **Tuyisenge Théogène** (Rwanda), **Kitsa Thomas** (Goma, Congo), **Constantin Nalwindi** (Bukuvu, Congo; now living in Bujumbura, Burundi).



< Sisters Kayiganwa Godelive (l) and Kamagaju Winnifred (r) faithfully continue the work among the more than 200 sponsored children: weekly meetings of gospel outreach where the children also get a meal, home visits, management, and distribution of funds for these children.

At each of my visits I notice how these sisters do this work with all their heart and build up a personal relationship with the children.

If you also desire to provide a child with school fees and clothing, take a look at the following website: www.allthenations.info/sponsor-a-child/ The child you choose will receive loving care and will also

regularly hear the gospel. Via this child, the gospel also reach his or her family by regular home visits.

The two sisters often have in-depth conversations in which they find that many people value religion but have no personal relationship with God through repentance to Him and faith in the Lord Jesus.

Northeastern Congo

In our Bible Conference Center (BCC) in Mputu, bi-monthly Bible conferences on the dispensations have also been held over the past two years. Due to the political unrest in Northeast Congo, I was unable to attend the last three conferences in September, November and February. Several local brothers, however, have made such contributions that these conferences went well (see www.allthenations.info/190315-report-of-3-bible-conferences-in-mputu-sept-nov-febr/).

Lord willing, this topic of the dispensations will be completed at the next conference in June.

During my visit last month, a general Bible conference took place in Mputu for brother and sisters, young people, and children.

There were more than 700 participants > from the region between the towns of Bunia,





Kisangani, and Butembo, including some twenty from the Pygmy village of Kazaroho that lies in the jungle opposite the BCC. It is too dangerous for the brothers from Goma and the surrounding area to make the long journey to Mputu.

As with the last three conferences, due to the contagious Ebola disease, strict hygiene measures were applied on the site, in the dormitories and in the homes of the BCC.

<The youngest participant of the conference

At the request of the local brothers we also studied the life of Jehoshaphat during this conference. God himself had determined that “good things were found with king Jehoshaphat,” and that “he had prepared his heart to seek God.”

His alliance with the wicked king Ahab through the marriage of his son Joram to Ahab’s daughter Athaliah had terrible consequences for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren (2 Chr. 22:10,11).

On my way from Congo to Kenya I spent one night in Entebbe (Uganda), where I had a meeting with the brothers **Ddungu Daniel**, **Ssemutereke Deo** (to my left) and **Muhindo Julius and Thembo Phesto**. We discussed the construction plan of a meeting room in Busia, Eastern Uganda and the progress of the work in both Eastern and Western Uganda. This meeting room must be large enough for at least 500 people



from Eastern Uganda, because the work is growing fast.

In their April 23rd newsletter, Larry Stassel and Brian Baptiste wrote: “These brothers keep very busy visiting the various assemblies and other interested groups. Insufficient time is available to work in many areas where assemblies could be established”

Kenya

There are two assemblies in this country, one in the west (Siaya) and one in the south (Mombasa), and a few groups of interested people in the west. Brothers from Mombasa make visits in the west, but that takes a lot of time because the distance is 560 miles. The brothers and sisters in Western Kenya, however, can attend Bible conferences in nearby Busia, Eastern Uganda and be visited by brothers from Busia such as **Wepukhulu James** and others.

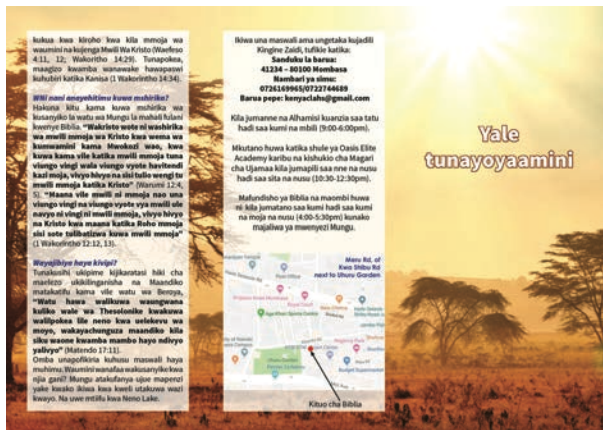
During my recent visit to Mombasa, I had good discussions with the local brothers. During the meetings in a rented classroom, they are distracted by noise in the immediate area. In addition, the rent can be canceled at any time. Together we have viewed a large property that is for sale. This building, which has a very large garden, would after renovation be very suitable for a meeting room, a Christian bookstore, a storehouse of calendars and other literature, and youth camps in a tent in the garden. However, no funds are currently available for purchase.

The brothers regularly visit schools where they are allowed to distribute Christian literature and preach the gospel to children and students. For two days Bible studies took place in a rented room with about twenty brothers, sisters, young people, and children. We have learned the melody of five songs, translated into Swahili spoken in Kenya.



Literature

In recent years we have printed brochures and workbooks on topics that were discussed during Bible conferences and youth camps. Afterwards, the participants were given this literature, so that they can read the summaries and the answers of group discussions again at home.



The youth magazines “The Christian Explorer” and “Toi, suis-moi” are now printed in Kampala. The printing quality is very good and the price very affordable. The printer takes care of the transport to Goma and Butembo in Congo. “Mathetria,” the magazine for young believers is printed on a new printer at the Bible Center in Kigali.

< The flyer “What We Believe” contains the gospel and answers to questions that distributors of gospel tracts often hear. ^ This flyer has been translated into Kinyarwanda, Swahili-Kenya, Swahili-Congo, and Lhukonzo and Luganda (Uganda). A flyer

has been printed for each Christian bookstore, with the location and information of the Christian bookshops in the countries concerned: Kenya (1), Uganda (3), Rwanda (3), Congo (8). The printing of these flyers is carried out by the same printer in Kampala.

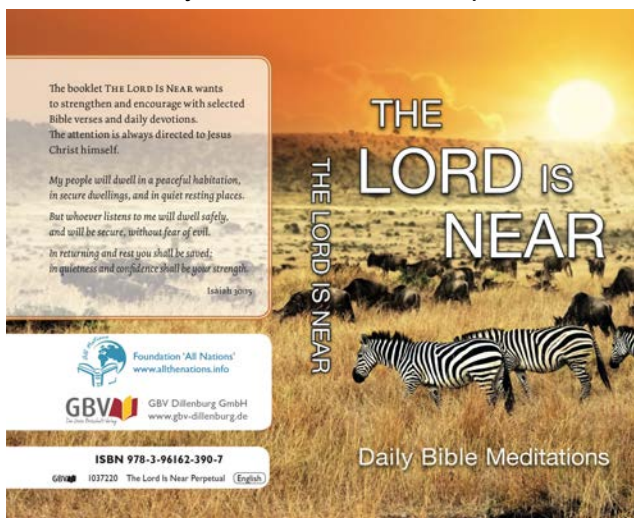
We also make grateful use of the work of other brothers. Brother Tim Hadley has given permission to print editions of his workbooks and brochures such as “Running the Race.” This brochure, which is used with a PowerPoint presentation, is very suitable for youth camps and group discussions. We now have an edition in each of the above languages. > carried 100 copies to Mombasa, Kenya last month.

We are grateful for the professional help of brother Paul Meijer from publishing house “The Bereans” who takes care of the layout and printing of our literature.



From the publisher “Believer’s Bookshelf”, Canada, we have received permission to print “Daily Meditations” from an earlier volume of the “The Lord is Near” calendar that contains only the dates. Such a “Daily Meditations” can be printed in larger numbers and distributed for several years.

The GBV publishing house, Dillenburg, also appeared to be interested in this edition, which made it possible to print a larger number at a lower price per copy. All addresses of Christian bookstores of the countries in Africa where < this “Daily Meditations” is distributed are mentioned in this publication.



We recently met translation teams of sound Christian reading in Bujumbura (Burundi) and Bukavu (Congo). They are now helping us for a reasonable fee in translating F.B. Hole’s commentaries into Swahili-Congo and Kirundi/Kinyarwanda. Of these comments, Matthew, Acts, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, and 1, 2, and 3 John have already been translated into Swahili by the brothers **Malisawa** and **Mangwasi**. These two brothers also faithfully continue giving literacy courses in several villages in Northeast Congo. Brothers in Rwanda and Congo

will review the final text of all these translations.

We are very grateful to the Lord, to many brothers and sisters, and assemblies for their prayers and practical support!

With warm greetings in our faithful Lord,

Hilvert Wijnholds

PS: I will be visiting Malawi and South-Africa from May 14–28, Lord willing.