



Kisima Island Mission — Uganda

Relentless God volume

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Return to the Relentless God



Our life is full of brokenness— broken relationships, broken promises, broken expectations. How can we live that brokenness without becoming bitter and resentful except by returning again and again to God's faithful presence in our lives? **Henri Nouwen**

Reading and watching news headline this week to an artist can paint an image of a condemned world. A world in which God is not. True the world is condemned! But the Spirit who hovered over the whole world at creation to subdue it to order is more than ever present today. God is at work in our generation like He did in the times of Abraham the father of all faithfuls. This day He is speaking to each one of us to turn to Him from idols, to serve the only living and true God. I Thessalonians 1:9.

A deadly evil force is at work turning many away from the covenant with a slow death in tasty pleasures. If the conquest of Napoleon threatened the whole world, we should be more alert to the advances being made to rob the church of its salt and light. Sweet things that the church is receiving from the world have contaminated our faith and crippled our witness to the next generations. As a family and a ministry in submission to

the conviction of the Holy Spirit, we repent of the secret ways in which we have turned away from God. We have many ways wanted to be the masters of our lives. Too many times our pursuit for comfort has deformed our view of who God is and worse denied us opportunity to experience His faithful presence. I think of the opportunities we missed to share His love because we were too focused on our failures, or buried in our miseries.

To our reader, God wants you too to turn to Him and denounce all idols especially that of comfort. He wants to reign in you fully so that you can manifest His glorious power in Christ. God is not dead and is not ignoring your troubled world.

In this volume we share some of the many ways God has worked through lives of people to express His relentless love. He wants us to experience true joy in His presence. We cannot postpone any longer the Father's call to embrace Him as God who is with us all the time, everywhere.

Before you read would you join us in prayer?

Father thank you for your relentless love for me and all humanity. Amen.

Patrick & Ritah Bongole

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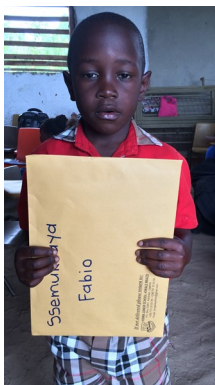
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CHILDREN THRIVING THROUGH OUR SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

A young oak that had been uprooted is steadily gaining roots by a fresh water stream. Fabian Semukaaya was born in the absence of his dad who had abandoned his expectant wife after entering an illicit relationship with a woman indulged in drugs, alcoholism and witchcraft. Five months before his birth, Fabian's dad had deteriorated in conduct as he ceased going to work as a builder but turned violent

to his Fabian's mum. "Life as a single mother with three children and no job and no home drove me to resort selling spirits and beers to get food for my children and rent a 1 roomed house." Pauline, Fabian's mum confessed.

Pauline heard Kisima Junior School director sharing about God's heart for children at a local Anglican church where she had run for help in February 2018. God has trans-

formed this family's life especially their only son Fabian who is in school thanks to the generous families supporting our child sponsorship. Fabian loves football and works hard at school with friends in preparing vegetable gardens. He once shared, 'when I grow up I want to help my mum and sisters to build them a big house and plant enough food for them.'

Fabian needs a safe community of loving Christians to nurture and mentor him to overcome the stigma he and his siblings faced and rejection they experienced when their dad abandoned them.

Through his local Prayer covenant club, Fabian and 57 other children pray together for each other's needs.

Our sponsored children receive regular discipleship, pray with an adult and their families receive monitoring visits to ensure they are using the skills acquired to do gainful work.



Some of our sponsored children with their academic reports for term 2. below class teacher explaining to parents.

Available for Sponsorship— An Enduring Story

We received sad news of two of our children who lost their fathers during the August holidays. Elias Kazibwe a 6 year old in top class lost his dad after a long fight with HIV/AIDS. When Elias's mum came to report to us of his sickness, we encouraged her not to worry because we do not

send away children due to failure to pay school tuition of 15 USD. While Elias can continue to come to school and receive a meal, he needs support to acquire scholastic and other supplies to enable him thrive during his academic journey. **Would you consider**

sponsoring Elias Kazibwe with \$25 per month?

We have 45 children available for sponsorship. With only \$25 every month you can support a child receive education, feeding and to be disciple in the faith.

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Are We there yet? 1 Million Challenge



At the start of 2018 we set a goal of printing and distributing a quarter of a million of 40 day prayer covenant cards for children in Uganda. This was made possible through the generous support of the Prayer Covenant Inc. team in the USA who have made it pos-

sible for us to print and deliver these prayer cards and prayer charts at zero cost to children. Distribution is done through church partners and schools where we orient and train teachers and Sunday school workers to inspire children to a life of daily receiving the love of our Heavenly Father in prayer.

While we embrace and work towards this goal of one million children being reached by 2020 in Ugan-

da, we pray for the stretching of nets across the entire continent of Africa, America, Asia, Middle East, Australia and Europe.

Millions of children can and will be reached with the gospel of God's love through the Prayer Covenant. This requires resources and so we pray for \$1,000,000 funds to enable translation, printing and distribution of prayer cards and booklets across the globe!

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"The commitment to reach and disciple 1 million children in Uganda by 2020 affirms our submission to the call to reach every child in the world with the good news to maximise their potential while they are still young."

Our school appreciates these prayer cards because on them you have prepared a message to keep our kids focused on God. It is not for us teachers to get time and prepare such material for our kids. Thank you!
Teacher from Moyo

The prayer card was the first ever material to introduce my child to memorizing scripture. She has tried to read and memorise these 10 verses one everyday.
Mother to 9 year old.

Transformation in a Local Church—All Saints' Church Mutundwe



Everyday we are experiencing God relentlessly empowering the local church to reach out and nurture young people. One of these churches is All Saints' Church Mutundwe located south of Kampala.

During our Saturday conference, children and youths shared the struggles they face in relationships and interaction with media. Our teaching on building Christ honoring relationships highlighted the principles in scripture to building healthy relationships. An open discussion was held on Sunday in the presence of children, youth and their parents to clearly communicate the needs of young people and the roles of the adults as role models, mentors and spiritual guides.

This church has established a youth service every Sunday and gives opportunity to youth to minister one Sunday every month. **What can your church do?**

"I came from lamenting about my girl's changing character to actively influencing her choices by loving her and being close to her. This is what God intended for me as a mother when He gave me this precious gift of our daughter."

Mrs. Kisaakye

la. Through an ongoing partnership, we have in real time served with this congregation to bring back the agenda of discipling young people to top the priorities among her families. The vicar Rev. Kisaakye and his dear wife grasped God's vision for children through a very personal encounter that fundamentally changed their view of the place of children in mission. As Mrs. Kisaakye narrated during a Sunday service to climax our holiday ministry in this church; the Christian parents have delegated the responsibility of raising children to schools and other institutions where children spend most of their time.



Our Farming God's Way Story

Having successfully tested for 8 months our gardens with organic vegetable growing, we are ready to scale up the school farm project. We are particularly thankful to God for the Farming God's way model which seeks to maximise on environmentally friendly farming practices that enhance soil fertility while harvesting chemical-free products. Using hoes, our students and ground workers prepare the soils taking out weed grass which is later returned to the garden after drying it in the sun.

Through the Farmers' Club, children are planting one acre of mixed vegetables and greens to be harvested one month to 4



months from now. 17 groups of children are receiving seeds to do plant gardens of 30 by 20 feet in their homes for demonstration and provision of vegetables. We have invested \$298 into purchase of seeds and farm tools plus another \$80 per month for our farm manager. In 4 months our 1 acre has capacity to produce over \$1,500 worth of vegetables and corn which will feed children for two school terms.

Donation Request: 1.5 Acre land for Sale!

We have received an offer of 1.5 acres of farm land 300 metres from the school being sold at \$2,000. If we acquired this piece, we would ultimately expand the school farm to increase food security, ensure a balanced diet. *We are shifting from spending thousands of dollars on food purchases to growing our own food!* Our plan to establish a poultry, piggery and cattle keeping projects need this piece of land which will be fenced off a safe distance away from school. **Please help us support this cause before the land is taken by another buyer.**

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We appreciate Brett & Kim M for a cash donation which enabled us buy seeds for children to plant in their gardens.



We make organic manure from cow, chicken and pig droppings. After sun drying them, we put them in an air-tight 100 litre tank which we covered for 2 weeks. We also cover grass in dump environment for it to decompose into manure.



CONSTRUCTION



We completed brickwork for the building to house Hope clinic/sick bay for our children at Kisima Junior school. now awaiting roofing, plastering walls, pouring floor concrete and installing doors and windows.

We installed a window and door on our

store room at the main classroom block. Remaining with 14 windows and 4 doors to secure classroom block.

We completed concrete slab and foundation for pit latrine at the site for teachers' houses. We have 14,000 bricks, and stones but in need of 100 bags of cement, iron bars and sand to start construction work.



Praying for East Africa— Psalm 8:2



Leaders from 5 East African countries gathered together at the Uganda Christian University to pray, reflect and be equipped in preparing worshippers out of children. The instructor on Theology of Worship for children, Dr. Johann Kim taught the biblical and practical aspects of raising an effective worship ministry for children based on prayer, scripture reading and music. Children from African cities will prepare praise festivals to the glory of God.



Prayer requests

1. Children and staff at Kisima Junior school, health, provision and success. Pray for those who lost their parents for comforting.
2. Child sponsorship of 45 kids in need of help.
3. New souls that accepted Jesus and those that are going to during our missions to schools, communities and churches. To be firmly established in Christ and in His word.
4. Financial provision for the critical needs

including van, land and prayer covenant ministry

5. Peace and stability
6. Pray for our gardens that they will yield in bounty.



Appreciation partners and supporters

- ⇒ The Prayer Covenant Inc. ministry team Dr. Jerry Kirk, Rick Schatz, Stephen Eyre, Vik & Candy Marbali, Joan Rielage & Karen Hitchcock for regular prayer and financial support towards children evangelism and discipleship programs.
- ⇒ Prayer Covenant for donation of a 10,000 litre rain water tank
- ⇒ Maderia Silverwood Presbyterian Church Pastorate, Youth Ministry & Congregation for prayer and financial support that provided shoes and uniforms to pupils.
- ⇒ Dorothy C. for cash donation that purchased a small petrol generator for the school
- ⇒ Brett & Kim for cash donation towards purchase of seeds at School farm
- ⇒ Dr, Gary Sweeten for the books on Rational Christian thinking and cash donation.
- ⇒ All 15 sponsors of our children for your support towards their education and discipleship.
- ⇒ German woodball team for donation of food items for children during 2nd academic term
- ⇒ Hope Church Mason for the ministry prayer partnership.
- ⇒ Dave & Marilyn & your Life Group
- ⇒ All intercessors
- ⇒ Local partners:
- ⇒ Abato Foundation Uganda for the donation of tooth brushes, pens, and soccer balls.



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Donate today towards purchase of Van

There is an old time hymn "How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news." This hymn reminds us that we are to be the feet of Jesus taking the good news of salvation found only in Jesus. We are to climb mountains, cross rivers and go to places we have never been.

For us to do this, we need a cost effective, efficient means of transport to carry people and logistics to any desired destination.

We need a van to enhance our teams' travels at the school and community outreaches.



"You can make a \$50 or \$100 or more donation towards the purchase of our van. \$2000 so far collected, we need \$5000 to acquire this tool for transport to the school and missions to communities."

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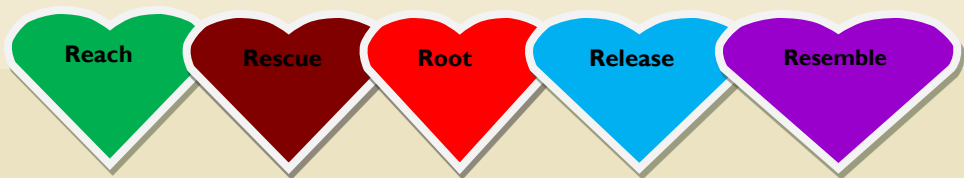
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Kisima Island Mission welcomes you to Uganda, the pearl of Africa and centre of the earth. Get opportunity to minister to children, youths and families in our target communities and beyond. For those of you seeking to volunteer in schools, Kisima Junior School has many areas that can employ your talent, skill and energy.

Vacancies available for **Music, dance and Drama, Computer, English, games and sports to 4– 10 year old**. If your passion is to train pastors and church leaders, we have an extensive network of churches to which we can connect you to serve God. **Customized Safaris** to National Parks, source of the Nile, Equator & Sesse Islands. Send email to

bongolepatrick@gmail.com to engage on the prospect of serving in a country with over 56% of 38million population being under 15 years.

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6th October 2018– Training of Sunday School Teachers from Wakiso & Kampala under Church of Uganda Partnership

24th September, 7th & 16th October, 13th November 2018- Ministry at King's College Budo

1-30th October– School Out-reaches for 3 weeks

7th December 2018– End of School Term 3

9th– 14th September 2019: Nur-turers' Conference

