

NEWS LETTER

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Reminders

Since being Born Again on 17th February 1966 I have been strong in the first gifting that I recognised Holy Spirit had put in me, 'Encourager'; particularly of young people and seeing them developing into leaders.

Just over 10-years ago God was speaking to me about ministering to worn-worn-out pastors and Church leaders. He has been true to his word and continues to put hurting, wounded and tired pastors and leaders in front of me.

It is almost 9-years since I was commissioned at the Well Church, Ansdell to go to South Sudan for three months to support Magnum at Hope for the Future in county Kaji Kaja. That time with Magnum was shortened to 5-weeks as Michelle Perry invited me to join her @Iris Sudan to head up the first International Leaders School.

During ghat school Michelle saw in me her answer to prayer for a father for the IRIS children. I sensed a calling.

July 2011 commissioned, for a season, as a continuing Well Church senior leader for attachment to Iris Sudan.

IRIS South Sudan

Father God gave me my missions statement:

Psalm 68 v 5-6

5 Father to the fatherless, defender of widows —

this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

6 God places the lonely in families;

he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.

Although I was generally father to all 125 children I was more specifically father to the teenage boys.



As Jesus showed me how to love and to

reveal the Father's love to these boys; He also very clearly said to me that Africa needed Godly young men properly educated to make a difference in their nations in the future

Michell's vision for the children was to educate them to GCE 'O' level the equivalent of a 16-year old in the UK.

Apart from what God was saying to me He had given missionaries, Wendy and Irina also a desire to educate certain



boys to a higher level and they sought to raise funding under the banner "**Wings to Fly**".

Our current director of IRIS SS and now

Uganda, Carolyn Figioli is committed to educating the

Thanksgiving

We have much to be thankful for, but allow me to continue the theme of 'Fruit', under the heading of **"...He sets the prisoners free and gives them joy"**

Join with me in thanking God the Holy Spirit for guiding me to Alex Bwire and allowing him to join me at the time Justin was being re-settled in America.

Now Alex is seeing Jesus setting the captives free. I used to see the captives as being pastor and leaders caught up in. Religion instead of relationship, but I have come to realise there are many more and a big one is those that are imprisoned in 'unforgiveness'

The last three Encounter Retreats led and taught by Alex. All I have done is a welcome to our home and Retreat House and a little input in the 'Fathers 'Blessing'



module. Well done Alex, thank you for being who you are in Jesus and obedient to His calling upon your life.

children to another level, but funding is not easy.

Fruit

Fruit from 'Father to the fatherless'; 'Africa needs Godly Young Men properly educated' and 'Wings to Fly'

I've shared in past months about Edward, Kennedy and more recently Safari graduating and their ongoing education. Also about Malik's forthcoming graduation on 20th December and Joyce soon to graduate with a Certificate in Nursing; equivalent to UK S.E.N. (State Enrolled Nurse)

Let me share now about two other boys about to receive the Certificate in Electrical???????

Lawrence and Anthony are day students @Nakaawa Vocational Training Centre and I have been able to observe their keen desire to work hard and do well in their studies and examinations.

The landlord of our base compound used to have a very good electrician who we could rely upon, but he decided to go work in the Middle East. Since when we have struggled. Some months ago someone recommended an electrician, so we



gave him a trial. He didn't follow instructions and did two poor jobs.

One of our two-way bedroom lighting circuits short circuited and burnt out.

Anthony and Lawrence worked together rewired back to the junction box; purchased a new two-way lighting switch and completed the repair. They also replaced one of the outside



lights and corrected the wiring on our kitchen lighting circuit. Jobs well done!

Our other Anthony (Tony) Ruhmya, studying Social Sciences at Nkumba University is also starting to bear fruit. He is taking 'leadership' seriously and has been nominated and elected leader of four university groups: Outreach of Christian Union; Rotaract Club; United Nations Club; and Social Work Club.

These past few days he has led a team taking aid and helping people affected by landslides in Bududa District, Mount Elgon N.P. in Eastern Uganda. A few weeks ago he was planting trees in Mbale. When he asked me for funding for these clubs and activities he said "I really learn a lot from these clubs and put into practice some of the theoretical parts in my course within these clubs and I wouldn't like to quit them."

Prayer Requests

- 2017 and 2018 have been a real struggle financially, but I have continued pressing into what I believe God has called me to do. In doing so I have exhausted my personal resources; so pray with me for:
 - Wisdom and understanding as I review each area of my ministry.
 - Does everything I do fit into my God-given mandate of Psalm 68 v 5-6?
 - Am I educating Godly young men who will make a difference in the future of their nations?
 - Is my Village Mission Team cost effective in 'Setting the Captives Free'
 - We operate under the **FIRE** core values of Partners in Harvest:
 - The '**F**' and '**I**' stage:
 - Two to four day mission to a Bush Village Church with morning and afternoon seminars releasing the 'Father's Love'; 'Living in the Light'; Intimacy & Hearing God's Voice'; & etc.: with a Taster introduction to 'Healing Life's Hurts'.
 - The '**E**' stage:
 - Evening crusades that see many saved; a first step in 'setting the captives free'.
 - The '**R**' stage:
 - We invite the village pastors and Church leaders to my Oasis Retreat House in our compound @Wellspring, Bweyogerere for a 3 - 4 day Encounter Retreat (Healing the Hurts of Life; Releasing JOY in the Holy Spirit.

God has been good through his people these approaching 8-years that I have been a Well Church sent-missionary in East Africa. Apart from the very occasional special project I have not had to resort to asking for funding, but right now I really don't know how we will live beyond Christmas and where all the new school year fees and requirements will come from by the end of January.. All I know and cling to is that

God is Good; All of the Time.