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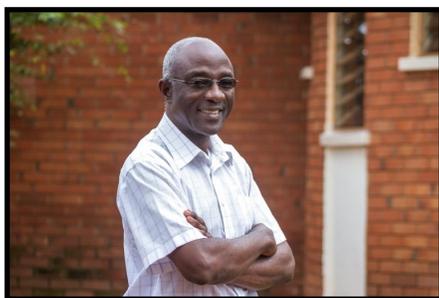
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Dear Ministry Partners and Friends,

“EBENEZER: UP TO NOW, GOD HAS HELPED US!”

Sunday, 27th March 2022 was a special Thanksgiving Day for our ministry, Proclaim Africa. We had to hold this Thanksgiving Day because we were commemorating eleven years since Proclaim Africa began. About 160 guests turned up at Grand Global Hotel, just to the west of Makerere University. Our guest speaker was Pastor Edward Kiwanuka



Pastor Edward Kiwanuka, Overseer of Deliverance Church Uganda

the Overseer (Bishop) of Deliverance Church Uganda. The soft-spoken, but very influential, Ugandan church

leader was very excited and he congratulated Proclaim Africa for attaining eleven years of such an influential ministry in Uganda. He said that usually not many organizations or businesses continue functioning even after five years of their founding. He was particularly happy that Proclaim Africa was focusing on ministering to pastors and other church leaders.



Thanksgiving group

Looking back at the way Proclaim-Africa began in 2011, we can boldly say, “EBENEZER!” which means, “UP TO NOW, GOD HAS HELPED US!” (1 Samuel 7:12, NLT). By 2010, we (Lazarus and Lois) had worked with Campus Crusade for Christ International (CCCI), for nearly 40 years. In Uganda, CCCI is known as “LIFE Ministry Uganda” (LMU), which we were privileged to help start in 1971.

Our driving desire in Proclaim-Africa is to help improve the Bible study and preaching skills of pastors and other church leaders in Africa, and set the African church on fire. We believe strongly that revival in the African Church is contingent on the deep, sound, and obedient study of God’s Word. Then African Church spirituality will no longer be described as “a mile wide and an inch deep,” as some missiologists have claimed. We thank God for the thousands of African church leaders whom we have given training in “In-Depth Bible Study” in the last eleven years. Mr. Kirabo Lukwago, one of our Board members, has rightly observed, “If you minister to a pastor, you have ministered to (the whole) of his congregation!”

The chairman of the Board of Directors of Proclaim Africa, Dr Nathan Nshakira (MD and management consultant), proposed that we launch the project of purchasing a building that would house the offices of Proclaim Africa. He and his wife, Anita, a lecturer at Uganda Christian University, donated ten acres of a piece of land located in Eastern Uganda. It is valued at about 40 million Uganda shillings (approximately US\$11,500). Fortunately, we have just identified a house on a half-acre plot in the southern suburbs of Kampala and it is on sale for about \$320,000. A number of the guests who came made varying commitments and pledges to help with the purchase of this building. In the meantime, Proclaim Africa offices are being hosted at the Seruyange Residence and as you can imagine, this is not easy! Would you like to contribute to the “purchase of a brick” to help build a home for Proclaim Africa offices? Please let us know if God puts this desire in your heart!

“AFRICA LOSES ONE OF ITS FOREMOST EFFECTIVE CHURCH STATESMAN”



Dr. Peter Okaalet

This man was Dr. Peter Okaalet (11 November 1952 – 5 February 2022). He was a medical doctor, theologian and one of the foremost champions against HIV/AIDS that has ravaged Africa. Dr. Okaalet died early February, this year (2022), of prostate cancer, which he had battled with for three years. He was more than a dear friend to us for he was our son in the Christian faith! I (Lazarus) first met Dr. Okaalet sometime in 1971 when I was second year Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.: Physics and Mathematics) student at Makerere University, Kampala. I was on a Scripture Union (S.U.) evangelistic outreach team. At that time Dr. Okaalet was probably a second year in high school at Teso College Aloet (1968 – 1973), in Soroti, north-eastern Uganda, a brilliant young man who spoke bombastic English. In spite of his pride, the school authorities had recognized his leader-

ship abilities and had made him Deputy Student Head Prefect of the school. In my nervousness and gibberish testimony at the students' evangelistic meeting we held at the school, I (Lazarus) did not know that I had somehow impacted the future medical doctor, theologian, and missionary. Challenged by something in Lazarus' gibberish testimony, nevertheless, the Holy Spirit that day touched Peter and brought him to faith in Christ as his Lord and Savior. However, Lazarus did not know about it **until some twenty years later** when Peter personally told him and also introduced Lazarus to his family as the one who had led him to faith in Christ. **Praise the Lord who works in and through us even in our weaknesses!**

Peter went on to study medicine at Makerere University (1974 – 1979) where he graduated as a medical doctor in 1979). He was all along a keen witness for Christ. After his graduation from Makerere University, he went on to work as a doctor at St. Anthony Hospital, Tororo, Eastern Uganda, and also served as medical superintendent of the hospital. It was during his medical practice at Tororo town that a terminally ill HIV/AIDS patient challenged him, “You have told me about the dangers of HIV/AIDS, but you have not told me about life after death.” In his embarrassment Peter resolved to go and study theology, which he did at the then Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (NEGST), but now known as Africa International University (AIU), where he did Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Theology (Th. M.) studies. AT the same time, he worked as the university's medical administrator.

After his graduation from AIU, Dr. Okaalet joined Medical Assistance Program (MAP) International, a U.S. based not-for-profit organization and became its regional director for East and Southern Africa for five years and later a policy advisor for another five years. He testified as the MAP Africa director before the U.S. Foreign Relations Committee that was chaired by Senator Joe Biden (now U.S. President!) on: “The Role of Faith Based Organizations in the Fight against HIV/AIDS in Washington D.C. On world AID's Day, 1 December 2011, Dr. Okaalet gave a lecture on the topic: “Better Together: Family Planning and HIV/AIDS Integration” to the U.S. congressional staff in Washington. He was named one of TIME Magazine's Global Health Heroes and recognized during TIME Magazine Global Health Summit in New York November 2005.

WE THANK GOD FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES HE HAS GIVEN US TO HAVE A LITTLE PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN MEN AND WOMEN LIKE DR. PETER OKAALET FOR GOD'S KINGDOM OVER THE YEARS. Please pray for Peter's widow, Sarah, and his children.



“HANDLING A GOOD PROBLEM”



Chosen Women of Africa Conference

The recent Chosen Women of Africa conference reminds us of the words of Proverbs 19:21, which says, “Many are the plans in the human heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.” After two years of COVID-19, lockdowns of several times---from March 2020 to the end of 2021. The Lord released us to resume our ministry activities among pastors’ wives in Uganda. We are grateful to Him!

So as the Chosen Women of Africa Committee, we began meetings to pray and plan for this year’s National Annual Conference, slated for 19th – 23rd April 2022. In our minds, we expected just a small number of women, about 60 to 80, whom we could manage and afford to attend because of the impact of COVID-19. However, during our mobilization efforts, there was such an enthusiastic response that we were persuaded to push the maximum number to about 100. However, when the conference began, to our amazement and surprise, the ladies still kept coming until the number got to 138 including our administrative team. GOD’S WAYS ARE ALWAYS BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION (Isa. 55:8 – 9)! We give God the glory for the impact of this ministry which has made it very popular among pastors’ wives over the years.

We thank God for the successful conference we had. The program comprised of the following major sessions:

- Devotional Teachings on: “Our Stewardship of Marriage, Family, and Ministry,” by Maama Faith Luwalira, wife of Bishop Wilberforce Luwalira, bishop of Namirembe Diocese of the Church of Uganda (Anglican);

- “Spiritual Growth,” taught by me (Mrs. Lois Seruyange), director of Proclaim Africa ministries (Pastors Wive’s Ministry and Women of Excellence {professional women’s Ministry});
- “Leading Small Group Bible Studies,” taught by Mrs. Perry Bazaale (Proclaim Africa staff member);
- “Knowing What You Believe and Recognizing Cults,” taught by Pastor Rogers Atwebembeire, director of Africa Apologetics Research Center in Uganda;
- “Sharing Your Faith,” taught by Mrs. Perry Mukasa (Proclaim Africa staff member);
- “The Need for Sunday School Ministry and How to Teach Sunday School (in churches),” taught by Ms. Beth Baleke, a staff of Uganda Scripture Union;
- “The Practical Class on Eating a Balanced Diet,” taught by Mrs. Rose Mugabi, wife of Pastor Peter Mugabi, former General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Uganda.

We are forever grateful to the Lord for our sponsor for this ministry and all those who gave to make this pastors’ wives conference possible for many pastors’ wives from different churches and church denominations in Uganda. The total cost of this conference was approximately \$15,000. A large part of this bill is still outstanding and we would appreciate continued prayer and additional financial support to help clear this bill.

“OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES”

* **Friday, 29th May 2022** – Lazarus spoke to about 80 leaders of the East African Revival in Namirembe Diocese. He taught them on how to Study the Bible. One of the leaders, Dr. John Kayima, a building engineer, was so excited he requested that we should hold more of such trainings for the members of the East African Revival. Please pray that God will enable us to do that!

* **Thursday, 2nd June 2022** – Lazarus spoke to 27 members of the Fellowship of Christian Engineers, on ZOOM in various parts of the country, on the subject of: “Discipleship.” There was much appreciation for the talk and it has been suggested that he makes the notes available for the members of the fellowship who are a lot more than those who heard him.

* **WANTED!**
Please pray for the Kitgum Bible Project, through which we have pledged to distribute 100 Bibles to 100 Church leaders. **COULD YOU GRACIOUSLY CONSIDER DONATING** one or more Luo Bibles for pastors in Northern Uganda? Each Bible costs about Uganda shillings 40,000/= (approx. U.S. \$12).

“ THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!! ”

WE HEARTLY APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYER AND FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP IN THIS MINISTRY. HOWEVER, PRESENTLY WE ARE VERY LOW ON OUR SUPPORT (WITH ABOUT 30% COMING IN --- FOR US AND OUR TEAM OF 13 STAFF). WE HUMBLY REQUEST YOU TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR GIVING TO US. AND IF YOU MISSED SENDING FOR SOME MONTHS, PLEASE CONSIDER CATCHING UP. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND MULTIPLY YOUR RESOURCES!

Yours sincerely,

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Make your check payable to “**World Ministries**” and attach a note stating that your donation is for:
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