

Dear Friends and Partners,

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Greetings from Uganda. Five months ago we started serving in our temporary assignment with a warm reception. The church leaders prayed and thought of ways to secure a work visa for us to establish residency. Elder Selpian stepped up and asked the consent of the group to cover our visa through his educational NGO. Undoubtedly he was God's answer to our prayers. His son processed almost all the paperwork, so now we can do ministry in Uganda and East Africa as work permit holders for 3 years.



Our main goal is to plant more churches in addition to the few existing churches. Strategic points start with restructuring the organization, training and mentoring leaders, then identifying outreach potentials. We are glad the believers express feelings of urgency for the gospel to spread out through various motivational fellowship and training sessions. With the desire that each leader be equipped to form small groups, we are having classes on Bible interpretation, Bible dispensations, Bible introduction and leadership motivational sessions. Ledith conducts special sessions with the women's group, going through the *Highway of Life* lessons, and training potential Sunday school teachers for children.



Roland and Beverly Improso have arrived to join us after serving in Kenya for almost 6 months. After many years without having TCM missionaries, Uganda now has a team of missionaries. The leadership expressed joy, gratitude and excitement as they welcomed this young couple with a fellowship in our residence. During our team prayer meeting we discussed the need of reviving the Bible study in Entebbe. This coincided with Pastor Jojo's intentions, which he announced during his preaching that Sunday. Roland and Beverly will team up with Pastor Jojo for this outreach until a church can be planted in the area. Roland and Beverly's work visa is currently being processed by the same NGO that provided ours. We are so grateful for the passion of Elder Selpian, the director, and his son, Edmund, for securing our working status. Roland is conducting Bible overview classes with the core church members, and Beverly is joining Ledith in various outreaches. We will all be involved in personal mentoring with leaders who we already know desire to give more of their time and abilities to serve the Lord.



I met Pastor Peter Isanga when he was invited by Joseph Thopacio, our Ugandan National Director, to attend our leadership session. He has a congregation in Kasambela, beyond Jinja in the Eastern Region, about 2 hours drive from the capital city of Kampala where we are based. He discussed with the leadership his church's project of putting up a temporary building for people to meet. The area government requires a latrine along with the church building for people to congregate.



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Plans to raise funds of \$1,000 for this project are underway. Please join us in prayer and support of any amount to get their church set up on the empty church land. Any help can be sent to TCM, designated for **Kasambela Church building project of Team East Africa.**



We are thankful that the Lord has answered our prayer for a vehicle. The mission office and some generous hearts contributed for a second-hand minivan with 7 seats. We drove it to pick up Roland and Beverly from Entebbe Airport. The donations for the



car were just enough to cover its purchase cost, initial repairs and payment for transfer of ownership. The engine is in good condition but there are more fixings yet needed like bushings, a/c system, exhaust and other electrical parts to get it running in a near perfect condition. We have travel plans lined up like a visit to Kasambela church and a survey trip to Entebbe, but we need these repairs completed in order to be confident in every trip. Car mechanics put an estimate of at least \$700 for all these repairs. We are praying for more generous hearts to help us through these expenses.

We are always thankful for your intentional partnership in prayers and support. In this season of our lives, we are involved in two mission fields, Myanmar and Uganda. When we look ahead to the future, there are pictures that pop up in our hearts and minds about what really needs to be done in both fields. We see great challenges that merit prayer, planning and perseverance. Myanmar continues to face political and economic challenges, yet our brothers and sisters continue to stand by the grace of God. We can't picture exactly what steps are on the way to our desire to accomplish all the plans, but we are told clearly to walk every single step believing that He who has began a good work in us will complete it until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (Phil.1:6).

All for God's interest,

Gardner & Ledith Improso