

# JULY 2019



## RACHAEL IN KAMPALA 13

### Training

'Training' would be an apt word to sum up these last four months. God has provided many opportunities to teach and train as well as leaders hungry to learn.

With Living Word Uganda, we conducted three Area Bible Seminars and our first 'Equipping the Church' conference throughout various locations across Uganda. We were teaching bible-handling skills from the book of 2 Peter. Many hearts and minds were challenged as we considered what false teaching looked like then and today (see picture, left).



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The All Saints Cathedral children's team were able to provide three different training events for their teachers. We were delighted to welcome Katherine Lyddon (from Exeter) who helped us think through how we can teach children and engage them in prayer by using interactive teaching methods. We later hosted Tim Hawkins (a veteran Australian youth worker whom I have long since admired) who encouraged us to be focussing first and foremost on our personal relationships with the Lord Jesus (pictured here at one of our monthly prayer meetings).

Please do pray, along with us, for eternal fruit for the kingdom through our ongoing training and discipling of leaders.

### Travel

The other word that could sum up 2019 is 'travel'. I have travelled across beautiful Uganda to help provide teaching and training to leaders. I also travelled (thankfully by plane and not bus!) to Tanzania to support a brother involved in church planting in rural areas. He had gathered many

pastors and leaders from a number of churches to come together for a conference. I was teaching on the gospel, bible handling skills and women and ministry. Not only is the country stunning and fertile (my second favourite after Uganda) but the ground for spiritual growth was also fertile. I was challenged and humbled by these faithful people who often persevere at great cost and risk to their lives.

I thoroughly enjoyed travelling to Europe for a family wedding and count it treasured time to have had with family and friends (see picture at the top of this letter with my parents and brother).

Looking ahead, Word of Life Uganda's director is seeking to spread the impact of WOL to the more rural areas of Uganda. To that end, I am busy helping to prepare a training programme for women (largely based on the material from the Tanzania trip) as our team hopes to travel to Kisoro during the second week of July and to Kisase later on in the year.

And of course, I shall be travelling back to the UK mid-October until mid-January. Thank you so much for your ongoing love and support of me. I praise the LORD for each one of you!

## Prayer

- Praise God for opportunities to teach and train leaders.
- Praise God for a refreshing retreat with Libby Halestrap.
- Praise God for the wonderful provision of a new home (see photo, right). It's three houses on one compound.
- Praise God for the resources to enjoy time with family and friends.
- Praise God for encouraging monthly prayer meetings.
- Praise God for developing links with the Good Samaritan Primary School.
- Praise God for the pioneering work of Willium Saidi in Tanzania.
- Pray for safety on the roads as we travel to many places.
- Pray for prayerful and faithful preparations and teaching.
- Pray, as ever, that as I open up God's word in various contexts the Spirit would be transforming minds and hearts to love Jesus more.
- Pray for the organising of logistics for the UK trip.
- Pray for me to be ensuring I care first for myself before attending to the needs of others.
- Pray for me to seek out someone with whom I can talk through some of the tragic things that are part of life here.



## Diary

**26-30 June:** assisting with orientation and pastoral support of a team visiting from the UK.

**8-14 July:** Word of Life training in Kisoro.

**July:** Living Word Uganda seminar on 'biblical youth work' for apprentices.

**August:** providing a bible holiday programme for current secondary school students who used to attend the Good Samaritan Primary School.

**September:** Word of Life training in Kasese.

**September:** hosting a couple from Exeter.

**Ongoing:** with the All Saints Cathedral Children's team, we continue to work through the book of Mark.

**Good Samaritan Primary School:** I continue to teach there on a weekly basis. I love it!