



**October 2018**

### Returning

Thank you to so many of you that helped make my time in England so refreshing and joyful. God was kind in allowing me to experience the hottest summer in Britain since 1976! For those of you who like statistics, I drove 2,000 miles, slept in 29 beds and had special time with more people than I can count! Upon my return, I enjoyed reuniting with the many people who have become dear to me over the last few years (See pic above with my 'Ugandan family').



After a brief period of re-transitioning, I got stuck back into ministry with the opportunity to speak to the Living Word Uganda Ministry Apprentices about biblical youth work: how we think about it biblically and work it out practically (pictured left).

All Saints Cathedral ran a children's camp (aged 3-9yrs) using some of the material I had written on the gospel. It was brilliant to see how they tweaked the material to fit into the context here.

The real joy was hearing children as young as 3 learn that they, too, are sinners in need of a saviour. One such 3yr old - at a family birthday celebration - asked to make a speech (a Ugandan tradition at social events) during which he shared the gospel with all the people present and said that everyone needed Jesus to deal with their biggest problem!

During this camp (pictured right), the leaders decided that the parents, too, needed to hear the gospel and asked me to speak to them. I found this talk really hard to prepare for but God was gracious and allowed me to be his messenger. We were delighted with the response! Parents, particularly dads, applied the message of the gospel to how they parent in the home and asked lots of questions! We were able to share with them about their biblical mandate to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of the Lord and gave them many resources to help them talk about the



gospel in their everyday interactions with their children. These parents have asked that we might have these meetings every holiday instead of just once a year! Thank you SO much for praying. Those prayers were heard and answered!

### Continuing

My weekly bible study (pictured right) with All Saints Cathedral continues to be the highlight of my week. A few days ago we visited the home of the leader of this group and got engrossed in discussing how we can share the things that we're learning with others. They commented that in most preaching on TV, the radio and sadly many churches too, they don't actually hear God speak but merely the thoughts of the preacher in question. They have a great desire to see this change mpola mpola (slowly by slowly) and are thinking through how they could contribute, personally to seeing this change.



I travel to Arua in a couple of weeks to help teach through the book of Habakkuk to university student leaders. I'm struggling a bit to get my session together and I'm nervous as it's my first time teaching in this context so I would appreciate your prayers.

Pattie, my housemate, leaves for good mid-October and Irene will come to stay. We have a tendency to talk A LOT about all kinds of things which is a joy but pray we would be disciplined in not talking all night!

### FOR PRAYER

- Praise God for increased understanding of the gospel given to children and parents.
- Pray for good fellowship on holiday and with Ugandan friends.
- Pray for Irene and I to live and work well together to the glory of God.
- Pray for safety on the roads and for peace and justice to reign nationally.
- Pray for wisdom as the church team I partner with think through how we could further equip people to handle the Bible faithfully here.
- Pray for the Area Bible Seminar in Arua. Pray we would teach and communicate clearly. Pray that the message of Habakkuk would encourage... things are not too dissimilar here.
- Pray for Tuesday morning bible study working through Ephesians with the team at All Saints Cathedral. Pray that our understanding of the church would be moulded by what Paul has to say to the Ephesians!
- Pray for me as I settle into my new church family, All Saints Chapel Lweza. I'm starting a similar ministry here as with the mother church, All Saints Cathedral.
- Pray for quality time to prepare well for speaking engagements in December and January.

### DIARY

**1st - 7th October:** holiday in Kenya.

**8th October:** last night with housemate, Pattie.

**12th-14th October:** travel to Arua for Area Bible Seminar. Teaching on Habakkuk 2.

**Week of 15th October:** hosting a Ugandan family (good friends).

**18th October:** start back at the Good Samaritan primary school.

**21st October:** begin bible study group with youth leaders at ASCL.

**9th - 11th November:** retreat for women missionaries serving in Africa

**10th-16th December:** giving four talks on the gospel for All Saints Cathedral Kids' camp. Residential. 500 children.

**23rd Dec - 4th Jan:** brother Ben comes to visit!

**7th - 12th Jan:** LWU conference. Teaching a daily workshop on how we get from the Bible text to a children's session.

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