



May 2018



Answered Prayer

It's been an exciting few months. The speaking opportunity at The Good Samaritan Primary School in Kamwokya slum resulted in the formation of a group of 16 students meeting with Denis (serving with the Navigators) and I every week (see pic, left). We had fun singing songs, playing games and learning about what a Christian actually is and what they believe. A number of them gave their lives to Jesus last week. The headmaster who joined us is hoping to reproduce the lessons with other classes and Denis and I are

hoping to intentionally disciple those 16 children upon my return and train others to do likewise.

The training retreat for children's leaders (see pic below) from both of the churches I serve with was spiritually significant on many levels. The theme of our weekend was 'Come to Jesus' and the talks given by myself, Teacher Betty and Rev Florence tied together beautifully. We had an especially poignant time of prayer, dedicating ourselves to biblical service of the Lord Jesus having thought about what that looks like in practice. Let me not forget to inform you that I introduced them to the very British activity of fellowship around a campfire with the obligatory toasting of marshmallows!



1,000 children gathered together for the Easter Festival at All Saints where I spoke on 'the big swap' looking at the true story of Barrabas. I'm not sure I've ever spoken to a group that large: it was intimidating and nerve-wracking but I trust the Lord will use it for his good purposes (see pic left).

Our Tuesday morning fellowship at All Saints Church (Nakassero) continues to be equally joyful and challenging. We finished our studies of 1 Timothy last week and shared how the Word and Spirit have been refining each one of us on many levels.

Looking Forward

I am now in the final few days here in Uganda before I travel for home assignment. Please pray for me as I prepare presentations for UK; complete (and start) the dreaded task of packing and make sure that everything is in order here.

I shall be travelling to Johannesburg to visit the bible college there and friends, Irene Apio and Beth Soper (both Crosslinks workers). Beth and I are looking forward to a holiday in Cape Town.

From there I travel to London and will spend time in a variety of ways: with family and friends, reflecting on these past few years and looking ahead, meeting with Crosslinks and attending to all the obligatory admin and health checks as well as speaking at various churches.

Please pray for the building of new and developing of existing gospel partnerships; for wisdom to know what to share and how much to share as well as adjusting to a very different culture (and the cold!). As many of you will know I tend to thoroughly immerse myself in life wherever I am so I feel a bit out of touch with all things British (well, not all things but you get my drift!).

I am eager to catch up with as many of you as possible. I don't know how I shall contain my excitement!

With much love and thanks to you all,

Rachael

FOR PRAYER

- Praise God for challenging us through the book of 1 Timothy. Pray that we would treasure the gospel and grow in godliness.
- Praise God for the retreat with children's leaders. Pray for them to grow deeper in their walks with the Lord.
- Praise God for the Easter Festival. Pray that the children would see their need of a Saviour.
- Pray for a smooth transition from Uganda to England.
- Pray for a wonderful time of reconnecting with church, family and friends.



7 things I'll miss about life in Uganda

1. The Sunshine
2. People
3. Tuesday Morning Fellowship
4. Fresh Passion fruit
5. Driving the LandRover
6. Relaxed attitude to time
7. The children at Good Samaritan Primary School

7 things I'm looking forward to in England

1. Family and Friends
2. St. Leonard's Church
3. The Sea
4. The Lake District
5. Food
6. British humour
7. Summer evenings

DIARY

1 May: fly to Johannesburg.

15 May: fly to London.

18 May: travel to Richmond. See family. Interviewed at Christ Church, Durham on 20 May.

25-30 May: family holiday

3 - 11 June: visiting friends in Birmingham, Oxford and Stevenage. Speaking at Gravely Church on the 10 June.

12-23 June: London

24 June - 26 July: Exeter. Speaking at St. Leonard's Church (8th); St. Matthew's, Plymouth (15th)

27 July - 3 Aug: Keswick

4 - 10 Aug: London

11 Aug: Fly to Entebbe, Uganda

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