

Subject: Saturday August 3rd Update
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Dear prayer team,

Once again thank you for joining me in the battle. This morning the team and remaining adoptive families took a trip to the equator and our driver took us on a scenic route through the villages off the main road which was a good experience for our first timers to Uganda. As simple as it may seem I still find it fascinating to stand with one foot in the northern and the other foot in the southern hemisphere (photo below). After waiting out a 3 hour rain, we visited Bethel House orphanage. Most of the team were deeply moved to see about 30 kids lying quietly and still on a tarp over a concrete floor for their nap. After nap time, when we returned from a time of door to door evangelism, they sang songs for us.

As for evangelism, although I have seen it many times here, I was again surprised about the openness of strangers to talk with us about the gospel. We divided into two teams and walked opposite directions from the orphanage in the village of Bwebajja. Rashid, Brian and I walked up a path on the hillside to go to some houses, but stopped on the way to talk with some men who were digging rocks from the hillside. We spoke with one man who had some church exposure, but although he had heard Jesus had died for the sins of the world, didn't understand the connection to himself. We explained that all men are sinners, the sin has separated us from God and deserves punishment that all men face unless they are born again and have their sins cleansed by the blood of Christ. He asked some questions for clarification and said he was really wondering about these matters and wanted us to come back and talk to him on Monday at 10 a.m. Rashid and Brian will return as I will be in Bundibugyo. We next talked at length with 4 other men - one born again christian, a catholic, and two muslims. I was stunned to see one of the muslims alternating between saying he wanted to become a christian today and thinking he should consider it more. The other one was also very interested and they were asking very good questions about who Jesus was and if he was the only way to God the father, and who the Holy Spirit is. Both of the muslims said they wanted to come to church with us tomorrow - so pray that they do. The other team struck up a conversation in the market area of town that evidently grew to a larger gathering and as they presented the gospel, a Jehovah's witness was trying to refute them, a very inebriated man kept interrupting and another lady was evidently making a fuss as well, but many were listening intently. Two people asked how they could be saved and the team prayed with them. I noticed both guys beaming with delight as they followed the team to the vehicle asking for further guidance.

Tomorrow I will be teaching Sunday School and teaching at a new church plant in Bunakija. I am told it is very new so I have no idea how many people to expect or anything about the setting, but I will be there with Rev. Kefa Sempangi. (Read his book *A Distant Grief* for a gripping testimony of God's work in Uganda during the terrible

repression under Idi Amin.) Rachel will be joining me and teaching children if the church allows a time for teaching children independent of the adults. Basime Godfrey, whom many of you met in America, will also be with us. Loyd, Tyler and Brian will be team teaching at Kiyoola. Pastor Bob Hayes will be preaching and serving communion at Seeta-Nazigo where the team will be doing an evangelistic outreach starting on Tuesday.

Below is the skyline from where we were speaking to the men harvesting rocks. Bottom right is the path we took to get there from the orphanage, and bottom right is one of the men working to harvest rocks.

The picture immediately below is Godfrey and me at the equator.=

