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--This was begun Friday evening Uganda time but not finished until Saturday--

Thursday we went back to Seeta Nazigo and where we were to hold a six hour conference on church unity starting at 10:00 a.m. No one was prepared but we all agreed we would give it our best effort. We also found out that Pastor Kefa Sempangi and Pastor Edward Kasaija would also take part so that took a great deal of pressure off. However, since this is Uganda, things always change. At 11:15 only two church members were present. In their defense, it had rained the two previous days and with the ground now soaked, the mornings are prime time to get into the gardens and plant crops. We really knew that when such conditions exist, it is pointless to plan events in the morning hours. When your families food supply depends on your own efforts, you learn to make the most of every opportunity. Therefore we decided to go visiting door to door again doing evangelism. We had at least eight people respond and have names and phone numbers for the Uganda follow-up team.

It is also worth a note here to say the response to door to door visits in Uganda is far different than in the US. Here, no matter what the people are doing, they stop to greet you, invite you into their home and will even sit on the floor so the guests can have a chair.

We went back to the church at 2:00 and Dr. Kefa was speaking to about 50 people. Turns out Pastor Kasaija could not make it. It had already been determined that we had to leave at 4:00 in order to beat the late afternoon traffic jam in Kampala. Such traffic jams are so bad it is often that you see people walking are able to cover more distance than those in cars. The Kampala part of the trip can take 45 minutes or nearly 3 hours.

When Dr. Kefa finished, we took lunch (they forgot the forks so we ate rice with our fingers). At 3:45 it was our turn for the conference so the other three gentleman gave a brief testimony and then went to take a wheelchair to a lady who has for months sat all day long in the doorway of her parents home and mad mats to sell. One of our teams discovered this fact on Wednesday during our door to door visits. My very good friend, Pastor George Yawe, had come to help with the evangelism team. Our guys agreed to pay for a used wheelchair and George agreed to get one Thursday morning and bring it to the church. I missed seeing the joy of this taking place but a photo is attached.

Dr JD Bonner had joined us briefly in Seeta Nazigo but was scheduled to fly out Thursday night so he was in Kampala during the day on Thursday and spent some time at Mengo Hospital Eye Clinic.

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We left the guest house this morning before sunrise and as it worked out, it was after sunset when we returned, It was a long day for us. We traveled to Jinja (the source of the Nile River) to visit one of the projects of Compassion International. One of the men on our team (a Major on the Tuscaloosa Alabama Sheriff's Department) is a representative for Compassion in that part of Alabama. We arrived at 9:00 and had a tour of the project (quite impressive) and then went shopping for the project. Our guys had \$1,000 their church had sent to help the project. They purchased metal roofing sheets for a new building plus a lot of staple food items for feeding the children.

With the Compassion visit complete, we went into Jinja town to visit with Dave and Lisa Fish. Lisa is the daughter of Dave and Susan Franklin. They moved to Jinja on July 1 for a two year mission with Good Shepherd's Fold, a ministry to orphans. I took some teaching materials and some goodies for the grandchildren. You can learn more about their work at <http://demo.aarce.com/gsf/>



Daughter in new wheelchair with Mom and Dad



Moses, a student pastor at Seeta Nazigo with his wife and son



Children in a school who came outside to hear our team share Christ



Dr JD Bonner and George Yawe using a village PA system to share Christ



Just a random photo with Thanksgiving on my



This is the Seeta Nazigo church building. It is

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A church member in her village shop

still under construction but this view from the road is a good testimony



Dave & Lisa Fish with their children in Jinja and also me