

Sunday, May 16 Uganda Ministry Update We arrived safely in Uganda after two long 8 hour plus flights. Covid-19 was the big issue for traveling. Had to have a "Negative" covid test 72 hours before check in. Dr. Krabbendam's test was 72 hours and 20 minutes before check in. He discovered this issue on Tuesday, and was able to get another rapid test on Wednesday. Believe it or not, the 20 minutes was enough to keep him from flying. Once he and I met in Atlanta, we had to go present our covid documents and have them approved before leaving Atlanta. Once in Amsterdam, we again had to present our covid documents before continued travel to Entebbe, Uganda. Then, once we arrived at Entebbe, we again had to present our covid documents to enter Uganda. I found trying to sleep on the plane while wearing a mask hard to do.

Saturday morning we went to Kajjansi (just down the road from our guest house) for a memorial service for our brother and co-worker, Pastor Sam Bongole Kibuuka. He died of heart failure last May. Due to covid lock-down in Uganda, no normal funeral service was held. We all shared and then Dr. K. preached. The event was held at the church Sam had planted before his death. Sam and wife Sarah, had done prison ministry as well as working with a number of other churches. The particular location of the church is full of darkness (evil spirits, witchcraft, and false religion) so it was a natural location for Sam to plant a church. I went back there today and preached for their morning service.

Saturday afternoon was also very special. For years Dr. Krabbendam has worked to make contacts with Ugandan government leaders and has found quite a number of them who are faithful believers. We gathered at the home of one of them, Dr. Ezra Suruma. For a couple of terms, he was Ministry of Finance for Uganda, and still consults a number of government departments. He has a PhD from the University of Connecticut. During the reign of Idi Amin, Dr. Suruma taught at Florida A&M in Tallahassee (small world). Also present was Dr. Nsaba Buturo, a member of the Ugandan Parliament and one of the 25% who were reelected in their recent election. There were several other church leaders present and after a meal, the discussion was on the state of the world and the deep need for revival in the church around the world. If the church does not change, how can we expect the world to change.

The next venue is an evangelism conference inf Busheyeni Monday - Wednesday.



Sam Bongole Memorial Service in the church he and some others planted two years ago



Dr. Suruma, our host, and Dr. Krabbendam



Dr. Buturo sharing, said he training in Parliament would not allow him to share sitting down



Onesimus Asijimwe, a good friend and Anglican Priest, also shared.