

052221 Uganda Update

We returned from the Ntengamo conference on Wednesday night. I left on Thursday morning early with George Yawe for ministry starting a noon in Kyamagemule. We were late getting there as we made three stops trying to get the power steering unit belt to stay on. Finally we went on without it. I then spoke to a gathering of parents in the school to encourage them to actively participate in the education of their children by paying school fees so the school can pay the teacher and feed the kids. I also tried to help them understand the importance of education. This may seem easy to most who get this update, but we are dealing with parents who are the third and fourth generation with no education themselves. George said some of the parents are not Christians so I included a gospel presentation. We then had lunch and afterwards, gathered in the church for a worship service.

I was surprised at the beginning of service by two older ladies that Fred Schreiber put gutters on their house and a 250 liter water collection tank. This was two years ago and since one of the old ladies had passed away. They would not saying "thank you" and gave me a live chicken. I told them they needed to save it for Fred.

Once they finished, the teaching leadership came on stage and gave me two more live chickens in thanks the funds we were able to provide for food during the covid lock down. This of course is thanks to you generous donors who support this ministry. These teachers live on campus and have no plots on which to have a garden and grow their own food.

Once the service actually got underway, we had a very heavy rain storm that lasted over an hour. I was preaching in a building with a tin roof and no ceiling. We had a PA system but I am not sure how effective it was. I was told they had heard, but I have doubts.

On Friday morning, we went to the second church plant at Nyanzi. Thankfully, the weather was beautiful. I taught a group of leaders at the church for about an hour. Then the regular service began with me getting two more live chickens plus a half dozen fresh eggs. I know I will get kickback for this, but we had one of the chickens Thursday night for dinner and the eggs for breakfast on Saturday. All the others chicken now live at the guest house.

The service went very well with a good response and lots of enthusiasm. We then had a very good village lunch and started our way back to the guest house. George hit a big rock and we then had a flat tire. Thankfully the spare was good. But as they were putting on the spare, someone noticed some oil dripping from under the drivers seat. It is a Toyota van and the engine is under the front seats. By God's providence, there was a mechanic in this incredible small village. We got him to come and check and it was a small line that feeds oil to some other item on the engine. He took it off and went by Boda Boda (motorcycle) to the next village. A mechanic there actually had a brand new one. So after an over two hour delay, we were back on the way to the Kyamagemule guest house. Thankfully, the return to our Entebbe Road guest house was without event. But four stops for car issues with George is a record.

All in all, it was a good two days of ministry. It has been two years (Betsy's health and Covid) since I was in Uganda and many thought they would never see me again. It was a very warm and friendly welcome back.

Photos on back



Two sweet ladies giving me two live chickens



Teacher's delegation with two more chickens



School students greeting my arrival



School faculty



The "team" sitting beside the disabled van



A typical roadside fruit & vegetable stand