

OCTOBER 2021

Newsletter

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Dear valued partner,

October was an exciting month. It was a quiet month at Sojourn in terms of visible progress. But we all know that God is always at work in the background and preparation time is never wasted time. I am pleased to tell you that the water pipes have been replaced and connected. The water tank installation has proven to be a bit more challenging because the tank stand needs to be customised to fit the bigger and heavier tank. But at least we have water again and in this heat it helps to keep the garden going.

On the admin side I have been very busy with content for our website and social media sites. I am also in the process of finalising a presentation for use in approaching businesses for partnership, which will be launched in January. We also procured a computer package which will help us stay in touch with all our partners and just streamline our entire process.

We launched our Raffle Fund Raiser at the beginning of November. This is a wonderful opportunity to stand a chance to win a full, organic, free range lamb. The draw will take place on the 15th December, making sure that the winner has it in time for Christmas. The tickets are R50 and if you haven't bought yours yet, please contact me on 084 702 4313 so that I can secure a ticket for you. I have also attached the raffle sheet in case you'd like

Vision

To provide the perfect environment for people to encounter God and hear the Gospel.

Equipping people, through teaching, to spread the Gospel

Banking details

Sojourn Retreat
FNB – Cheque
account
62086040129



Pipes installed & new tank

to help fill one. All proceeds go towards the building fund. Please let me know if you are participating.

UGANDA MISSION TRIP FEEDBACK

As you all know I was on a Mission trip to Uganda from the 16th to the 28th October. What an incredible, meaningful and life changing experience!!!

I just want to take this opportunity to honor God by firstly thanking Him for the following:

- FOR OPENING DOORS THAT NO MAN COULD. UGANDA WAS IN STRICT LOCKDOWN, NOT ONLY DID HE OPEN THE BORDERS BUT HE ALLOWED GATHERINGS JUST IN TIME FOR OUR VISIT
- THE MAJORITY OF US DID NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO GO TO UGANDA ON THIS TRIP BUT HE SUPERNATURALLY MADE A WAY. THANK YOU TO MY SPONSORS – THE CHRIST HEALING FELLOWSHIP AND OWEN & MARGIE.
- THE TIME OF OUR VISIT IS TYPICALLY RAINY SEASON AND WOULD'VE MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO REACH CERTAIN DESTINATIONS OR MINISTER BECAUSE A LOT OF THE MINISTRY OCCURRED OUTSIDE – APART FROM 2 LIGHT SHOWERS, THERE WAS AN UNPRESIDENTED LULL WHICH ALLOWED US TO MINISTER FREELY
- FOR HIS PROTECTION - DESPITE MINISTERING ONE ON ONE WITHOUT MASKS, A LOT OF THE TIME, NOT ONE OF US CONTRACTED COVID
- FOR HIS PROTECTION ON OUR TAXI TRIPS AND OF COURSE THE BODA BODA RIDE (MOTORBIKE TAXI'S)
- FOR OUR UGANDAN HOSTS, THE GREAT ACCOMMODATION AND THE DELICIOUS FOOD – GOAT MEAT, JACK FRUIT, MATOKE, CHIPATI BREAD AND OF COURSE ROLEX

SECONDLY I WANT TO GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY FOR THE INCREDIBLE THINGS WE WITNESSED AND WERE A PART OF :

- FOR BEING SO FAITHFUL IN GIVING US THE WORDS TO SPEAK AT VERY SHORT NOTICE AND WITH NO PREPARATION
- THE ALTAR CALL THAT SAW AN ENTIRE CONGREGATION INCLUDING PASTORS AND STAFF COME UP FOR PRAYER
- THE HOMECCELL GROUP THAT HEARD A MESSAGE



Charis Bible College Uganda



Church conference



Uganda radio broadcast



Orphanage visit



Orphanage skit

ON THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT AND ALL CAME UP FOR PRAYER WITH INSTANT MANIFESTATION AS THEY SPOKE IN TONGUES.

- *THE SUPERNATURAL HEALING THAT SAW SOMEONE JUMPING AROUND, COMPLETELY RESTORED*
- *WITNESSING PEOPLE SET FREE FROM EVIL SPIRITS*
- *THE BLIND WOMAN THAT WAS BLESSED WITH AN AUDIO BIBLE*
- *A SOCCER BALL THAT BROUGHT SUCH JOY TO THE ORPHANAGE CHILDREN*
- *THE HOPE THAT WAS BROUGHT THROUGH THE MESSAGE TO A GROUP OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS*
- *THE BUS FULL OF INJURED CHILDREN THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PRAY FOR*
- *THE WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE FOR A WAITOR AT THE AIRPORT MUGG AND BEAN AND THE WOMANS CONFERENCE*
- *THE MINISTRY ON THE PLANE AND AT THE AIRPORTS*
- *THE INCREDIBLE STREET MINISTRY WHERE I KNOW VALUABLE SEEDS WERE PLANTED AND LIVES WERE CHANGED.*

I FEEL SO PRIVILEGED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

IN ADDITION: I HAVE OFFICIALLY COMPLETED MY 2ND YEAR STUDIES AND GRADUATE ON FRIDAY THE 26TH NOVEMBER 2021

As at the end of October we are sitting on a total amount of just under R57,000.00 !!!!

We are so close to the R60 000 goal and I believe we will reach and exceed it with the Raffle Fundraiser. We will be throwing the slab in January as well as buying bricks, cement and sand.

THANK YOU FOR LOYAL SUPPORT AND OF COURSE FOR YOUR PRAYERS. None of this would be possible without you.



Homecell ministry



Mental home ministry



Street ministry



Women's conference



Women's conference

Stay a while

God calls us the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world”. Matthew 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

I got to experience first hand what a blessing one can be to those around you – with very little effort. Mine was an extraordinary opportunity to put my life on hold for 10 days and minister full time to people on the other side of the equator. But it was the realisation that I am able to do this every day, no matter where I find myself, that impacted me the most.

Both salt and light are able to affect things around them. Salt adds flavour to food and is also used as a preservative. While light, displaces darkness and is able to reveal things that would otherwise remain hidden. When applying this to our daily ministry, being the salt of the earth is how we influence people around us and how we can enhance their lives. A prime example of this is ‘love’. Our love towards people shows them God’s unconditional love and this in turn enhances their lives. A very practical example in Uganda was when we blessed a blind woman with an audio bible – this immediately enhanced her life as she no longer had to rely on others to read the Word to her while at the same time experiencing God’s love.

In terms of being the light, we are able to witness to people and make them aware of the Gospel, the good news! That we can be saved and enjoy abundant life because Jesus died and rose for us. And all we have to do is believe and receive it. This awareness, knowledge and understanding is needed in the world today. We saw so many lives saved in Uganda and all it took was time to share what we had experienced.

I’m here to tell you that you don’t have to be a pastor or an evangelist or even a missionary to be the salt of the earth and the light to the world. Just let the love of God be reflected in everything you do and share the gift of the Gospel with those around you and watch as you enhance lives and light up the world. You can start today – wherever you are. It’s too precious to keep to yourself or to save for a special occasion. The verse above doesn’t say you “can be”, it says you are. Walk in it.

I cherish each and every one of you. Be blessed.

Theresa

