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Open air campaign team



Widow Nighty Opio and family

## INN-TERNATIONAL

**Ministry Trip Report:** 15th-27th January 2015:  
northern Uganda, by Director Peter Marchand.

Kigumba—a significant, rapidly expanding town in Masindi District, the centre of witchcraft in Uganda. We first visited there in December 1995, preached the gospel in the town centre for four consecutive nights, and opened a new church. That church has subsequently opened others, including a few miles further north in Kiryandongo, where we did the same in 1998. Today there are over 70 churches and as many different tribes. It struggles for identity—neither north nor south, rich nor poor, no dominant tribe or language, with Islam as the dominant religion. We were warmly welcomed by both civic and religious leaders, representing political, business, education, agricultural and many other spheres. For four consecutive days church leaders from many, but by no means all the denominations, were encouraged, equipped and empowered, especially to lay aside their rivalry and independent spirits which merely produce impotence in the Body of Christ. As anywhere the church there needs to be one in order to have any impact of eternal value. Regrettably rivalry and suspicion is as rife among the churches as it is among the tribes. I taught essentially on Jesus' prayer that they may all be one, that the world may know and believe that the Father has sent the Son (John 17). Many responded in the evenings to the public preaching of Jesus and the call to follow Him. In 21 years of continuous preaching in Uganda, now exceeding 30 ministry trips, I have never encountered so many demonized people, sometimes children of 8-9 years old. As they came forward for prayer the demons manifested wildly, and were bound, silenced and cast out in the all powerful name of Jesus Christ, thus confirming the preaching of the Word of God. To be frank, it was a tough trip! I realized towards the end of the second week that I had malaria despite taking the necessary precautions. I was unable to complete the final Sunday Service and returned to Lira for intravenous treatment. Earlier we were able also to visit another church we opened 9 years ago in another area. It was a pleasure to join again with one of our widows, Nighty Opio, and her family whom we have been supporting for over 15 years. She pastors the church in Kiryandongo. They are all doing well, and three of the daughters were central in our praise and worship team. We were able to distribute a good number of Bibles in English and Kiswahili to leaders who as yet did not possess one of their own.

As always we thank God for the battles and blessings, and you for your support in whatever way. God bless you!

### **Forthcoming Ministry trips**

- **25th March -13th April: Goiânia, Brazil.** Missions Conference; church visits and leaders seminars
- **3rd-16th December:** Andhra Pradesh, India, with India Village Ministries

Peter is the key speaker on all these ministry trips.

*Any financial assistance with these ministry trips is most welcome as we fund them all. God bless you! 3 John 1.7-8*

## INN-MEDWAY

### **Churches Together in Medway**

We were privileged to host CARE's EngaGE15 Election Forum on 25th February. In a current rapidly changing political climate, and with the General Election only a few weeks away, many Christians are seeking God as to how to cast their vote. We have a mandate to be involved in the out-workings of society, but when no one party or leader appears to stand out as upholding the laws and principles of God, what should we do? CARE helped people face up to and think through the relevant questions and issues. Whatever the outcome on 7th May, one thing we must do is pray for those in authority, that we may lead a peaceful, godly and dignified life (1 Timothy 2.2).



## INN-TERCESSION

March - May 2015

*"Through prayer ... let us expect results that we have never dared to claim before." A.B. Simpson*

- Day 1** Finance, accounts and administration: Gillian Marchand
- Day 2** Patron: Dave Bilbrough, international sing/songwriter
- Day 3** All Inn-tercessors, sponsors and donors
- Day 4** Voluntary Staff member: Evelyn Kusi
- Day 5** Trustee: Duncan Cawte, Hillsong London/Kent
- Day 6** Inn CM: communications, publicity and social media
- Day 7** Future: focus, identity, connections and relationships
- Day 8** Virtual VOICE: weekly social media posts
- Day 9** Uganda Ministry Trip January 2015: lasting fruit
- Day 10** Brazil Ministry Trip: March/April 2015
- Day 11** Further funding for growth, development and expansion
- Day 12** Supporting church: St Helen's CoE, Cliffe, Rochester
- Day 13** Director: Peter Marchand: vision, finance, health; future
- Day 14** Uganda Team member: Richard Ogweng, leader
- Day 15** Radio Kiryandongo FM
- Day 16** India Ministry trip: December 2015
- Day 17** Uganda partner: Milton Ogwal, Born Again Faith/VOM
- Day 18** Ugandan widow and orphans: Nighty Opio, Jane, Barbara, David (Michael, Grace)
- Day 19** Ugandan student: Walter Olima—future studies/employment
- Day 20** Uganda church network: Kigumba Elders Fellowship
- Day 21** Uganda church plant: Baramindyang (VOM)
- Day 22** India partner: Suresh Vemulapalli, India Village Ministries; Roja, Swithin and Sophie
- Day 23** IVM church: Daliparru; Mrs Kasthuri
- Day 24** India Village Ministries: Children's Home—funds for boys dormitory
- Day 25** Brazil partner: Roberto Araújo, Katy, Benjamin
- Day 26** CTIM: Member churches and organisations; Executive Committee; Chairman: Peter Marchand
- Day 27** CTIM Ministers and Leaders Breakfasts and Prayer times; Prayer for Medway
- Day 28** Medway Ministers Group: mutual honouring and support
- Day 29** Ghana partner: Kojo Kyeremateng, Akua, Ama, Nana Yaa; baby
- Day 30** Medway Council: Rodney Chambers, OBE; Leader
- Day 31** Local Member of Parliament: Mark Reckless, Rochester and Strood

### **Relevant Question**

What do you see as the church's greatest weakness?

### **Peter replies with relevant Answer**

Apart from fear and doubt, there are six great enemies of the church. We are clearly instructed to "submit to God and to resist the devil" (James 4.7). Tragically in so many places God's people, very often unwittingly inspired by their leaders, do the opposite ...they resist God and submit to the devil. The exact reverse! It is one of the "wicked ways" from which the church seems reluctant to turn (2 Chronicles 7.14). Those six enemies, which render the church largely impotent in so many parts of the world, are the spirits of independence, competition, criticism, division, bitterness and pride. Jesus's almost final teaching to His first disciples, to which He refers as

a "new commandment" (i.e. not optional!) is to love one another (John 13.34-35; 15.12,17). In His great High Priestly prayer in chapter 17 He repeats His plea to the Father "that they may be one" (vs 20-23). If they were one, then the world would believe and the world would know that the Father had sent Him. We all long for the world to believe and to know that the Father sent the Son, but yet insist on ignoring or disobeying the essential requirement for that to take place. To me, this is the church's greatest weakness. To be strong we need the spirits of love, harmony, respect and honour. And, of course, to submit to God!