

# Roderick Report

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**Learning the chicken business at Kikimu Farms**



**Steve and Deb Roderick**  
Serving in Mbale, Uganda

## Greetings from Mbale, Uganda!

We want to introduce you to another one of our Pastors, Pr Benson and his wife Anna. They have three boys—Emma, Samuel, and Abner, and two girls—Constance (not pictured) and Alice. Pr Benson's church at Busiu was planted in 2009...God is faithful and continues to work on their behalf. Pr Benson works part-time at the local hospital—he was recently asked by the UG Gov't to oversee the entire refrigeration for Ugandan hospitals, but he refused. He says God called him to be a pastor. Today his leadership team is growing and taking on more and more responsibilities. Pr Benson is held in high regard in his community, not only for his love for others, but his devotion to the Lord. Pr Benson has a burden for children who are unable to attend school simply because they don't have the books, or a uniform, or short on school fees. His father told him, "never miss an opportunity to learn". He is putting that wisdom in action by working on a project called "Divine Mercy", a ministry helping kids attend school.

We were recently blessed with and thankful for the provision the Lord has given us to invest in the lives of our pastors. We were able to take 7 Pastors and their wives to Kikimu Farm to learn how to successfully start a chicken business. Our prayer for them: a small chicken business will allow the pastors families to have the funds to send their children to school, and help with everyday needs. May God be glorified in this endeavor!

We met John a few years ago working as a cook at the Bible Institute. John has a desire for the Muslims in his village of Makuduyi, near



**John**  
**New Believers Discipleship Class**



Thank you for praying for Pastor Eldad and Grace...Praise the Lord, little Steve Asher Roderick Kebba was born August 27th!

He's got big shoes to fill, ha, ha!



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"Mbale Project"

**"To get, we must give; to accumulate, we must scatter; to make ourselves happy, we must make others happy; and in order to become spiritually vigorous, we must seek the spiritual good of others."**

**-C.H. Spurgeon**



Mbale, to come to faith in Jesus Christ. He recently led several people to the Lord! He asked Steve to come alongside him and help disciple them. We told him we appreciate his faithfulness and mentioned to him he had a shepherds heart. He promptly told us he wanted to attend the Bible Institute to learn more of God's Word. It reminds us of Psalm 90:12 "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." John is not wasting the days God has given him...he recognizes who God is and his need to increase in knowledge and understanding of our Lord.

Steve travels occasionally to Kenya to teach a refresher course on Christian Ethics and Leadership. He enjoys rekindling relationships and meeting new pastors. He is blessed by the fellowship and the commitment these men have to teach the truth of God's Word!

#### **Praise the Lord!**

- He is Faithful and His Grace and Mercy abounds!
- The Ugandan Gov't has recently re-opened churches, with guidelines. Post-secondary schools will re-open in November, and primary to senior students will re-open in January.
- We can continue the discipleship program with the leadership in our village churches.

#### **Prayer requests:**

- For Pr Benson, Anna and family, and "Divine Mercy".
- For the Pastors to learn the chicken business and be successful.
- For Deb as she teaches "Bible" to K-3rd/4-8th grade at an International Homeschool cooperative nearby.
- For John and Steve as they disciple new believers.
- For our Ugandan and Kenyan pastors—standing firm on the Truth.
- For discernment through cultural challenges, especially in the area of money.
- For continued open doors/hearts to share the gospel, and wisdom through discipleship.

We are so grateful for your partnership and investment in our lives...thank you for lifting us up and seeking the spiritual good in us! "...To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

Much love, Deb and Steve