

Roderick Report

**"Man's ways are variable,
but God's ways are
everlasting."**

-C.H. Spurgeon

Praise the Lord!

The perfect Christmas present.

Two chicken houses are under construction. They should be completed by next week with the delivery of three hens and one rooster. Thank you so much for praying and donating so our pastors can increase their income and take care of their families needs. Please continue to pray for this project, and for wisdom as the pastors learn this business. If you are interested in helping other pastors with a chicken business, there will be a way you can donate through TBM.

**Pastor Robert's
chicken house**



Pastor Benson's chicken house



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Mbale!

Christmas in Uganda...the Christmas traditions here are so foreign to us, but we find common ground in celebrating the birth of our Savior! *"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."* Matthew 1:21

We are so thankful to be here sharing His power and love that takes away our sin—the truth of God's Word and His lovingkindness to those He places in our path through old and new relationships. Thank you for being a part of this ministry, we are truly grateful!

An Encouraging Conversation

After teaching a refresher course, a pastor and good friend said he appreciates the teaching. He said they (the fellow pastors) can't see when a cultural belief is conflicting with the Bible until the truth is taught to them from someone outside their culture. There are times when we don't fully understand the culture, and



Peeling matoke, a traditional UG dish.

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This is Sarah, she has been a great friend, and has helped me in so many ways...especially with the cultural challenges by explaining the history behind the actions. She helped me cook a traditional lunch for our pastors—she is also a great translator and loves to sing gospel music to praise the Lord. What a blessing she is to us. Please pray for Sarah, Joy and Jolie: Sarah's a single mother, and recently started a new business selling clothes.



Sarah, Joy, and Jolie

even times when we enjoy the differences. But his encouraging word reminds us why God has us here...not to change the culture, but to teach the truth of God's Word, and let God change the hearts of men.

"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ."

Colossians 1:28

It's a joy to see our students mature in the Lord and have confidence in serving Him faithfully. May the Lord be glorified in their lives!

Praise the Lord!

- God is with us, and He came to save us!
- Primary schools will re-open January 10th.
- For the first term at the Bible Institute (after the lockdown) is completed — Steve had 6 pastoral students in his class!

Prayer requests:

- For our prompt obedience to the Lord's leading.
- For God to receive the glory in everything we do!
- For personal reflection as we go into the new year.
- For wisdom in teaching.
- For the new believers class—starting Doctrine on Jan 13th.
- For Sarah, Joy and Jolie
- For the chicken business projects.
- For continued open doors/hearts to share the gospel.

God with Us! *"The Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."*

Isaiah 7:1

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"Mbale Project"

"Our God is the God of grace, who comes into the darkness of the experience of men and women to bring His light, joy, and peace—a story which is so wonderfully conveyed to us in the celebration of lights that we enjoy at this time of year."
-Alistair Begg

May God's grace and peace be abundant in your lives.

Happy New Year!
Love, Deb and Steve