Steve and Deb Roderick January 2025



## Roderick Report Mbale, Uganda

Praise the Lord! We will complete four years in February and we can't believe how quickly time has gone.

The Lord has graciously given us another year in Uganda to reflect back on, and to evaluate ourselves and the ministry He has purposed for us. We've had many challenges to work through these past years, but with those challenges and trials we have seen His abundant goodness and grace! Please be encouraged today—God is working on our behalf—"He is ruler over every diagnosis and prognosis, over all incomes and outcomes, over the most daunting challenges as well as the most seemingly trivial details of our lives. We can take comfort as we walk on this earth because of our Father's rule from heaven. (God's sovereignty) does not call for a passive acceptance of fate; it comes with the promise of grace for the battle. When we can't withstand anymore pressure, problems or pain—the awareness of God's rule infuses us with supernatural strength. It enables us to live with contented cemented clarity through chaos and fallout of an ugly fallen world. When we want to curl up in despair we find the courage to patiently, even joyfully, persevere in the assurance that 'Heaven Rules."

-Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

We are grateful for your partnership in prayer and support—you make a difference—you are a part of His plan and we can truly feel the love and care as the Lord guides us.

## **Equipping Rural Pastors**

We are excited to say the ministry of ERP (an informal Bible training program) is in it's early stages, but slowly progressing. We have two different groups that Steve is meeting with at this time. The growth and edification of the Church in truth is so important to the Lord, so it is important to us! When we use God's Word correctly—someone hears the gospel or understands Scripture more fully—it will accomplish what the Lord desires.

"For just as rain and snow fall from heaven and do not return there without saturating the earth and making it germinate and sprout, and providing seed to sow and food to eat, so My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do." Isaiah 55:10-11 HCSB

## Spring Bible Ministry - Sunday School Workshop



Thank you for praying for our first SS Workshop. It was a great success, and we are grateful to you and for the Lord's guidance.

Equipping the SS teachers in this way is an important step for the growth of the churches in our area. We had 16 churches represented, with two teachers for each church. They left the workshop with the confidence to teach their children God's Word. They were equipped with 26 weeks of Jim Cooks "99 Adventures" curriculum, instructions on how to illustrate the truths of God's Word, how to create unity within their class by using fun Awana type games, a Bible, and most importantly, the clear Gospel presentation.

In 6 months we will have another workshop to go over another 26 weeks of material, and answer any questions or challenges they may have had. We also hope to add a few more churches that could benefit from these resources.

We are super thankful for partnering with SBM—Pr. John headed up the invites and he will be visiting the churches for follow up.

## Thank you for praying with us for...

- The SS teachers to teach with clarity God's truth, to know God and apply His Word to their own lives.
- Pr. John as he conducts the follow up with the SS teachers—that they will freely ask questions and be encouraged.
- That the kids in these 16 churches will be drawn to the Lord and the Gospel of Jesus Christ—trusting Jesus as Savior and grow in His likeness.
- The SCS P7 student to read and study their new Bibles and treasure God's Word in their hearts.
- Equipping Rural Pastors (ERP) for the right men to come alongside Steve to accomplish the Lord's will for this program.
- An unspoken Request for a ministry requirement that is still needed.
- Spring Bible Ministry is going through a trial that will affect the whole church — pray that they will stand firm on God's Word, to trust and praise Him through this time, and encourage each other to move forward.
- · His favor in our lives and to be yielded to His Word.

We Praise the Lord that we will celebrate our 40th anniversary in April, we can't think of a better place to be to give honor to the Lord for His grace and faithfulness to us for all these years!

We are thankful that the Lord establishes our path so that others can see and understand His love and our Savior Jesus Christ's sacrifice for them. We are grateful for you—Grace be with you all!

Because of HIS love, Deb and Steve





It's a blessing when the Lord give us opportunities to teach together!

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