

# Roderick Report Mbale, Uganda

#### We are so grateful for the Lord's provision!

Praise the Lord! Our unspoken prayer request for a ministry requirement has been answered—we now have an NGO (non-government organization), Tentmakers Bible Mission Uganda (TBMU). Thank you to everyone who has guided and prayed us through this year long process. Even with the discouraging delays in UG governmental changes and in the month long wait for the final signing of the actual certificate, the Lord was working in us and growing our faith.



Many times we needed to remind ourselves—"for we walk by faith, not by sight." We serve a God who is great in lovingkindness and grace! Our work visas expired in April and May, so now we are applying for new visas under TBMU.

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;" **2 Corinthians 9:8** 

It gives us peace knowing we have all the grace and sufficiency to do the work He has purposed for us to do. We are grateful for the Lord's direction and confirmation of His continued plan for us in Uganda, and grateful for your partnership with us in ministry.

#### Spring Bible Ministries - Women's Fellowship

Thank you for praying for Spring Bible Church through a difficult trial. We are thankful the Lord gives His abundant grace because we have seen growth in the body of the church, as the fruit of this trial.

"For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace." **John 1:16** 

This verse is a beautiful picture of the grace of our Lord Jesus—like the ocean waves continually rolling onto the shore, we continually receive His abundant grace!



"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



**Equipping Rural Pastors** - discipling and teaching rural pastors and leaders to know God through the truth of Scripture.

**Thank you for praying** for the ERP program. We are so thankful for the two groups we are working with now. Many are committed to studying God's Word and one group has recently been tested on the Gospel, Discipleship Training, and Bibliology. The students are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this program.

Although ERP is going well, we can see that the opportunities of how learning can improve. Going to the students in different locations in the village is too informal—some students are distracted by everyday life, work, and church needs that make it difficult to teach with continuity in the village. Thankfully with TBMU in place, we can now move forward with plans for a more formal training. One that will allow us to bring students to Mbale for one week a month. This move will provide a better learning environment.

Since we will be teaching in one location, we will need the funding to rent a classroom that will have sufficient space for 10-15 people, help the students with accommodations for the week, and transportation costs.

The goal for ERP is to equip pastors and leaders with a Biblical education—without added financial stress—giving them confidence in the Lord to teach and lead in their communities in God's unchanging truths, sharing the hope of the Gospel and knitting together a community of believers. If you want to contribute towards the additional needs to help equip pastors and leaders, you can go onto <u>tentmakersbiblemission.org</u> select Mbale Project then donate to the ERP fund.

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**Thank you for praying** for the SS Workshop program, and for all the churches, teachers and children involved. We are getting good feedback and we are working through some of the challenges—even though we have committed SS teachers we are finding that old habits (not preparing ahead of time) are hard to break. The children are enjoying a more structured teaching of God's Word and they are learning. Praise the Lord! A typical children's SS class would only learn a dance routine with very little teaching from God's Word. So this is a huge difference and a blessing to both teacher and student.

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

- TBMU to be a light in the community—for the Lord's glory and to have an identifiable growth and edification of the church.
- ERP for the Lord's wisdom in preparing and implementing the new structure of ERP, teaching with clarity, and making disciples.
- Spring Bible Ministries please continue to pray for Pr. John, leader Nicholas, and his wife Miriam as they lead the church. For the Women's Fellowship and the continued growth of the church.
- The SS workshop program for the SS teachers to understand the importance of the preparation of teaching God's Word.
- To be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that we will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9-10

## We Praise the Lord...

- For you!
- For the people He places in our lives.
- For His unchanging Word, and how it changes us for His glory.
- For His continued grace in ministry.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Because of HIS love, Deb and Steve