

Trinity Presbyterian Church
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Forum with Pastor Elijah E.L. Sebuchu

Record of Questions and Answers:

What is the government's attitude to your work? Do they interfere?
The government does not interfere.

What is your Christian affiliation?
Non-Denominational. He was Anglican at one time.

What is the climate like in Uganda?
It is hot and wet. There is no winter

We are most welcome to visit. He is calling upon Trinity to partner with them.

They live in huts. Their greatest need is to have a school built where the students can receive an education. They want to have a conference hall that will be an AIDS training center. Ignorance is the biggest reason why people are dying. He really wants us to come over.

How much would it cost to build the school?
It is planned in six phases. It would cost \$20,000 for the first phase, which would be a full classroom block. People there are more than willing to learn about AIDS.

He has 49 pastors and 44 churches. Indoctrination is a big problem. The Moslems come with food, etc., to convert people.

What about transportation?
Elijah does not have a vehicle. They use taxis and motorbikes for going to meetings with the pastors. A motorbike would cost \$1400, but he would rather buy a car for \$5000.

What does a typical village look like?
Kampala is the only city. The villages consist of huts. There is only a rock road. That is why he needs a 4WD vehicle.

\$1.00 will buy 18 matchbooks.
A bar of soap costs \$1.00.

What about medical care?
There are government hospitals in Kampala, but nothing in the villages. You have to pay the government hospital, so people don't have easy access. There is a big need for medical care among the people. They plan to build a medical center in the future, offering free treatment.

There are shops in the villages, but these are not like the markets one finds in cities. They are just what people sell from the front of their huts.

What about Watoto?

It is the richest ministry in Uganda, with about 25,000 people.

Elijah's village is located 100 miles from Kampala City. They have had lots of flooding, causing some of the huts to fall down.

What native plants grow in the area that can be used for food?

The yucca fruit grows naturally there. The farmers are only peasant farmers. They get a small harvest and will sell most of it to buy paraffin for candles for light. \$1.00 buys a liter of paraffin. There is no electricity, so when the sun goes down it gets dark unless one has candles. The plan is for the orphanage to use solar power.

What is your long-term strategy?

The long-term strategy is to have 20 Hands of Love centers. Each will have a church, orphanage, and school. The orphans will be in 10-orphan families with a house-father and a house-mother.

Elijah narrated a 5-minute video showing the village.

The source of their water is rain. If there is a bicycle (cost: \$90) the women do not have to carry water long distances on their heads.

20 people live in a small hut. One 12-year-old boy takes care of 18 children.

Only 13% of the people in Uganda have access to electricity. Solar power is planned for their orphanages. If they don't have candles, people will light a fire on a dry banana leaf for light at night. People are bitten by snakes in the huts. (Elijah stresses that if you visit, you will have a hotel room in Kampala to sleep in.) The orphanage will have a well for water.

Jack reported that the Trinity youth have formed a Youth AIDS task Force, chaired by Jake Espy. Elijah wants our youth to come and speak to the youth there, because of the power of youth speaking to youth.

Their schools are open in Uganda, so you can speak about Jesus and even have an altar call.

Review of costs:

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| \$10.00 | 1 blanket |
| \$90.00 | 1 bicycle |
| \$5,000 | 4WD vehicle (there are many places to purchase fuel) |
| \$20,000 | 1 block of classroom and dormitory (can house 100 orphans) |
| \$30.00 | a month to sponsor a child |

Elijah invited Jack to come speak to his 270 pastors.