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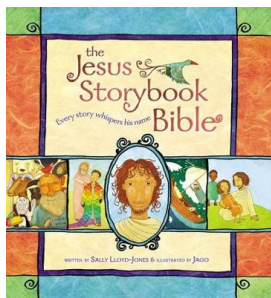
## Youth Conferences:

During our time in Uganda, we will have several “Youth Conferences”. Youth in the village means anyone that is in their teen years to around 40yrs old that are not married. During these conferences, personal testimonies are shared, biblical teaching and usually a question-and-answer session. You could take an entire day answering their questions! Here are a few examples:

*How does the spirit talk? Why are most born again people poor? Did John the Baptist go to heaven or hell, he doubted Jesus. What is fearing God? Is family planning good or bad?*

And there are so many more. We are very blessed by the opportunity to minister to the youth. They are very committed to growing in their faith and sharing it with others.

Joining the youth this time will be Church leadership and Pastors of those churches. They will have an opportunity to learn how to minister and serve the people in their local churches.



## We are going back to Uganda!

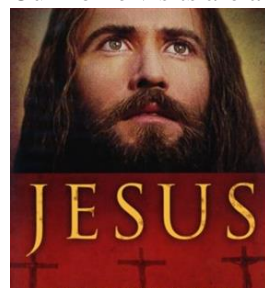
An important part of Hope and Mercy Mission’s ministry are the short-term ministry trips. These trips allow people to see and participate first hand in ministry with the people in Uganda. It is a blessing to work alongside the local churches in sharing and teaching the Word of God. Our team is planning to leave October 31<sup>st</sup> for a 23hr journey to Entebbe, Uganda.

Team members from Plymouth, Maine include Pastor Bob Emrich, Paul Viekman, Nicole Moore, Lucretia Smith, Tiani (Valeria and Ivy) Hawthorne, Adam and Julie (Ezra) Grant. Joining them are Pastor Frank Emrich from Pacific, Washington; Tim Smith from Louisa, Virginia; Chuck Fritz and Zach Vaughn from Machias, Maine and Abigail Emrich from South Dakota.

We will arrive in Entebbe November 1<sup>st</sup> and head to Kabaale village the following day to rest and prepare for the weeks ahead. During our stay the team will meet with the Pastors from Faith Bible School, show the Jesus Film, visit people in their homes, and teach at Leadership and Youth Conferences. Our team will minister in at least 8 churches on the two Sundays we are there. It will be a busy time for our team! We are very thankful for that.

We do “open-air evangelism” by showing the **Jesus Film** in an area that we have not shown it before. We pray that there is a large gathering of people.

Our home visits are a time to encourage those in the faith and share the Gospel with those who have not heard it. We like to gift the families with sugar, salt, soap and a mosquito net. The Faith Bible School classes will start a new session and we will take this opportunity to share devotions with them, teach a few classes and have a time of fellowship. Our team also plans to take time to teach Children’s Workers the Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum so they can teach their children! We have copies of the Storybook Bible for each



teacher.

Some have asked if we are in need of supplies to take with us. They are always in need of medical supplies, school supplies and bibles! (One special request is for good quality soccer balls) If you would like to donate items for the trip, please contact us. We want to thank the churches and individuals that continue to support Hope and Mercy Mission through donations and faithful prayers. Please pray for the team members and preparations for the upcoming trip.

## *Hope and Mercy Mission*

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September 15, 2023

Because you have been generous in sharing in the ministry of Hope and Mercy Mission, I wanted to share this personal note with you.

As we prepare for another ministry trip to Uganda, I am keenly aware of the sacrifice being made by those joining our team. It is a great blessing to witness their labor of love, knowing that this is no vacation, even though some must use “vacation time” to participate.

These ministry trips have become very expensive for team members as each one is responsible to pay their own expenses, including airfare, visas, food and lodging. Also, they usually give what they are able to purchase supplies for home visits and the many needs that surface. The average cost per person is about \$2500.

If you would like to help them with these expenses, you can send a donation to Hope and Mercy Mission and designate it for “Team expenses.” I will make sure that it goes to those who need it most.

Thank you,

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