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UGANDA MISSION

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You came back!

When others were seeing **DEATH**, you were seeing **LIFE!**

~ Apostle Billy
Kampala, Uganda

“What if you test positive in Atlanta?... in Uganda?... in Amsterdam?... What if villagers are afraid to attend medical clinics and you can’t enter any prisons?” People were asking us these questions and honestly, we as a team entertained these same thoughts along with other concerns and unknowns. Yet, our cry was, **“God, increase our faith,”** and we continually claimed the promises of Isaiah 41:10, *“Fear not, for I am with you... I will strengthen, help, uphold you...”*

We could tell, even the first day as we met with pastors that fear and uncertainty were gripping their hearts. Quoting from Daniel 12:32, Apostle Billy said, *“Those who know their God shall do exploits; you did exploits to step into Africa in such a time like this of the pandemic because when others were seeing death, you were seeing life.”*

Bishop Dickson testifies, “One of the greatest miracles that took place during the medical clinic outreaches was when a divination and witchcraft queen named Sarah gave her life to Jesus Christ. She abandoned all her witchcraft and has now even led her sister to Christ. Sarah had customers in the UK, Canada, Dubai, South Africa,



An encounter with the Living God transforms former divination queen to a soul winner!



Switzerland, and many other countries. We praise God that His word and the message of salvation came with power and were not kept in lockdown due to fear. Another powerful moment came at the public school where we shared the gospel with 170 students. Many of them, including Muslims, then prayed the sinner’s prayer and received their own Bible.”

Uganda Board member Chet Stoltzfus said “The needs are great. I came to realize that some of these villagers never had an opportunity to seek any kind of medical help because they could not afford to see a doctor. These medical clinics serve as a wonderful platform to share the gospel. I was also really blessed with the local pastors’ hearts, vision, and compassion for their people.”

Pastor Daniel Male writes, “Your trip coming here was a big lesson of walking by faith to us here in Uganda. We were so blessed to have over 800 villagers receive treatment for various diseases like typhoid fever, ulcers, malaria, burn cases, hernia, and stomach pains, etc.”

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Please pray for Gary and Rosa Miller as they are moving to Uganda during our April mission trip. God has placed within them a deep heart of love and compassion to minister “unto the least of these.”

Foothills Community Church in Columbus, NC is partnering with Gospel Express to send Gary’s to serve alongside our Ugandan brothers and sisters.

“These shelters and food parcels have shaken this village for Jesus...” - Pastor Ben

Kabwasa Pentecostal Church in Rakai, Uganda experienced and continues to experience a tremendous outpouring of God’s divine favor. Pastor Ben writes, “These shelters and food parcels have shaken this village for Jesus, winning more souls to Jesus than ever in the history of this village! Before COVID-19, we depended on sermons alone to communicate the gospel, but villagers feared the religious leaders who openly attacked Christian Evangelicals. But in 2020, during the COVID-19 lockdown, when we were distributing food parcels, there was a spiritual wave that gave people holy boldness to resist the lies of religion and accept Jesus Christ, resulting in a huge harvest of souls.

We were preparing to baptize 60 new converts Sunday, March 14th, but then we experienced an unusual presence of God during the morning service. I was convinced in my heart that God was doing some great things within us. **Worshipping continued as we headed to the swamp river and we ended up baptizing 111 people!** We attribute this to the faithfulness of God through our cell group leaders. We are forever grateful for you to trust us and to partner with us in building the kingdom of God. Please pray for me to learn how to partner with the Holy Spirit to mature these new converts spiritually and for the laborers to support me in this ever-increasing spiritual harvest.”



What a joy having Mel Stoltzfus and his 13-year-old daughter Carrie join us on this mission. Carrie was the



Medical and Mission Team

highest fundraiser during our last Bible Read-A-Thon. There were priceless smiles and cheers from villagers and prisoners when Carrie sang and gave them Bibles. My eyes became tear-filled watching her give Bibles to villagers, pastors, prisoners, and high school students. The prison warden said, *“These prisoners will long remember this very kind gesture of children from America making (these) Bibles available to the men.”*



Water Well UPDATE

We have been suffering to have clean water for more than 12 years.

- Mrs. Akpan, Ibo village, Nigeria, Africa

Photos and video clips kept coming with villagers praising, dancing, and worshipping God during the dedication service for their new well. Many people in the world don’t have access to clean water, something we take for granted every day. The village chief said, “My people will now begin to have clean and good water for drinking, cooking, bathing, etc.” A second



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water well is now being dug in Nigeria and two wells are underway in Uganda. Also, food distribution efforts continue in poor villages and among refugees in Nigeria and Uganda. Many elderly are suffering due to deplorable living conditions. There is also a struggle to care for and feed children because elementary schools remain closed and parents can’t provide. **We sincerely thank you who have partnered with us, especially for food parcels, water wells, and shelters.** Let’s do all we can, wherever we can, while we can. The day will come when no man can work (from John 9:4). ~Nelson Coblente



Prison Ministry Update



In-person prison ministry continues to be restricted. We have, however, received numerous requests from chaplains for digital resources. We decided to produce some quality DVD recordings as a means to encourage inmates. In February, Marv & Mary Beachy made their way to the Carolinas to oversee this project. Marv's son John also assisted the first few days. Both the *Conflict Resolution* and *From Bondage to*

Freedom seminars (8 sessions) were recorded by Mervin Wenger. The Dave Miller family, along with Nelson & Sarah Coblentz, also recorded some singing and preaching sessions that will be made available. We pray these resources will be an effective tool in ministering to the hearts of men and

women behind the fences. We thank God for opening these doors of opportunity and we thank Marv, Mary, and John for helping to make this possible!



We extend appreciation to **CHRIS BLANK** for two years of service as our Development Manager. This was a new position for Gospel Express and Chris did a great job with the numerous fundraisers and helping to expand various avenues of ministry. The

Blank Family plans to stay in the local community. **THANK YOU** Chris, Kathryn, and family.

Personnel News



At the same time, we are excited to have **DEREK MILLER** join the ministry full-time! Derek, of course, is familiar to all of us and will continue to travel with his family (Miller Family) and serve in the Development Manager role while on the road and at the office. **WELCOME** Derek!

SARASOTA FLORIDA WEEKEND

From the unknown (one door closes) to the favor of God (another door opens).



As 2021 rolled in, we realized we couldn't have our normal auction and revival meetings at Pinecrafter Park due to COVID-19 restrictions. It seemed like last minute to us, but God opened the door to have 2 banquets and a

shorter auction at Carlisle Village Inn. A huge thank you to all those who helped accommodate and who adjusted to these "new" arrangements, and to the donors, buyers, and banquet attendees. The events were all well-attended.



Offerings from both banquets came to \$12,047 while the auction brought in \$40,500. After expenses, the non-designated proceeds will be divided between Gospel Express and Living Hope International. Truly God did exceedingly abundantly above what we asked.

38th Annual Benefit

AUCTION

April 22-24, 2021

Mel's Stables

834 Wallace Road, New Holland, PA

Miller Family
Nelson & Sarah
Mullett Family
Stoltzfus Family
and Guest Groups



Ransomed Bluegrass



Amos & Margaret Raber

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

7 PM Cattle Auction

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

4:30 PM Pig Roast & Big John's Chicken

6 PM Singpiration

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

7-10 AM All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet

9 AM Auction Begins

6 PM Singpiration

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so you're knowing where it's going*

1. **MAIL** – Use the enclosed response card/envelope to send a check.

2. **WEBSITE** – www.gospelexpress.com. Click on "Make a Donation" for a one-time credit card donation. ****You can also setup recurring monthly or quarterly donations.**

3. **IN PERSON** – Attend a service and donate via cash, check, or credit card.

4. **PHONE** – Call 828-859-7003, ask for Karen/accounting to make a credit card donation.

5. **IN-KIND** – A non-cash donation. This could be a vehicle, land, fuel, or any item that can be used in the ministry to reduce costs or sold for monetary gain. This can have tax benefits for the donor. *Example – We have a company that donates tires for all our vehicles... what a blessing!

6. **ESTATE** – Consider remembering Gospel Express in your will/estate planning. We have received some very timely estate gifts through the years, especially this past year... PTL!

Call Lonnie Raber (828-859-7003)
to discuss any ideas or questions you have.

Team Schedules

*Visit our website or call the office 828-859-7003 to confirm dates before traveling long distances

Miller Family



MILLER FAMILY

Apr 9-10 Joy in the Journey Women's Conference - Benton, OH
Apr 11 Mt. Zion Church (AM) - Utica, OH
Apr 13-18 Hicksville Menn. Revivals - Hicksville, OH
Apr 22-24 Benefit Auction - New Holland, PA
Apr 25 Bethel Church (AM) - Morgantown, PA
May 3-7 Annual Staff Meetings - Columbus, NC
May 11 Church Service - Memphis, MO
May 12 Word of Life Mennonite - Hutchinson, KS
May 13 MEC Copeland Church - Montezuma, KS
May 14-16 New Horizon - Cañon City, CO (Youth Conference)
May 18 Skyline Mennonite Church - Cañon City, CO
May 19 Redeemed Community Church - Greeley, CO
May 20 Milford Mennonite Church - Milford, NE
May 21-23 Leon Menn. Christian Fellowship - Leon, IA (Revivals)
Jun 3 Music Tracks For New Recording - Pelzer, SC

Nelson & Sarah



NELSON & SARAH COBLENTZ

Apr 6-17 Uganda (Nelson)
Apr 22-24 Benefit Auction - New Holland, PA
May 3-7 Annual Staff Meetings - Columbus, NC

Stoltzfus Family



MEL STOLTZFUS FAMILY

Apr 22-24 Benefit Auction - New Holland, PA
May 3-7 Annual Staff Meetings - Columbus, NC
May 23 Central Mennonite Church - Smyrna, DE

Mullett Family



MULLETT FAMILY/ From Pain to Purpose

Apr 22-24 Benefit Auction - New Holland, PA
May 3-7 Annual Staff Meetings - Columbus, NC

Mervin & Freida Wengert



MERVIN & FREIDA WENGERD

Apr 9 Mid-West Benefit Auction - Memphis, MO
Apr 22-24 Benefit Auction - New Holland, PA
May 3-7 Annual Staff Meetings - Columbus, NC