On one of the Saturdays I was invited to give a lecture entitled 'Introduction to the Gospels' at a session of a C-TBS study course run by my good friend <u>Dan</u> <u>Muwanguzi</u>. The twenty or so students were very keen to learn and we had a good time together. Dan and Miriam's three boys are growing up and doing well at school. Dan and Miriam now have a little girl, Princess. Last year Dan set up a new fulltime ministry to provide Bible and vocational training and other support to churches throughout East Africa. It is called Christian Model Ministries – their website address is: christianmodelministries.com



Jonathan, Miriam, Dan, Princess, Mike & David

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

The support we give to the churches and individuals in Uganda is only possible through the kind donations we receive and so I would like to say thank you to all those who have supported the work of *Uganda Ministries* over the last 19 years. If you would like to send a gift towards this work please make cheques payable to: *Uganda Ministries*.

PRAYER POINTS:

I hope that you have enjoyed reading this newsletter. Below are a number of areas that I would ask you to remember in prayer:

Pease pray for

* <u>Dan & Miriam Muwanguzi</u> - Health needs - family needs – schooling costs, and the new Christian Model Ministries.

* <u>Elizabeth House Residential Centre</u> - The daily running costs and on-going needs. What best to do when the children become adults.

* <u>Pastor Steven and Susan Mugwanya</u> - God's Centre of Blessing – new building construction and caring for a large church family.

* <u>Pastor Richard & Sarah Gandhi</u> – His Bible College course and pastoring their church.

* <u>Hidden Treasures School</u> in Kiyoola. Staff needs, new Kitchen building, erecting a perimeter fence and the effects of HIV /AIDS.

* <u>Valerie Crowhurst</u> – Her on-going ministry, daily needs, health and support.

* <u>Dave & Anona Banks</u> – Back in the U.K. but continuing to provide financial support and regular visits to present and promote the 'Discipleship' study course book.

* <u>The Pastors and church leaders</u> who faithfully serve God and their growing congregations despite various challenges and difficulties.

* <u>The ongoing work</u> of **Uganda Ministries** and the next ministry trip in 2015.



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Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus, and I trust you enjoyed a good 2014. I also hope that this newsletter finds you well and knowing God's rich blessing. Since it began in 1996 the work of *Uganda Ministries* has developed in various ways. Below is an update of last year's visit and other news.

JUNE 2014 VISIT:

■N June of last year I travelled out to Uganda once again and had a very enjoyable and fruitful stay. The Annual Leadership Training Conference - Once again the host of this conference was Pastor Steven Mugwanya, Senior Pastor of God's Centre of Blessing in Bweyogerere on the outskirts of Kampala. Attendance was encouraging with around 300 Pastors along with over 80 other leaders. This year the theme was 'Building a leadership Team' and the messages were a challenge to church leaders to develop a team of gifted and committed men and women to serve their churches. Together we looked at 1) The Biblical Pattern, 2) The Example of Moses, 3) The Example of Jesus.

4) The Blessings of Team Leadership and5) Leadership in Action.

Each of the delegates was presented with a certificate and the feedback I have received from some of them since the conference has been very encouraging. In 2010 Pastor Steven's church began to construct a large permanent building nearby and the work has progressed very well since then. They hope to open the new facility in 2016.



Construction of new church building.

This year I stayed once again with my good friend, Val Crowhurst as Dave & Anona Banks had already returned to the U.K. It was a real blessing to renew fellowship with Val and to enjoy the mutual encouragement of ministering to God's people in places where 'visitors' are rare. One major aspect of Val's ministry is the *Elizabeth House Residential Centre*. The centre opened in 2008 and since then has developed into a peaceful haven for the special needs children and young people who now live there. The Education & Play Building is in regular use and an outside shelter has been built for teaching sessions during the hot season. The compound also has two girl's quarters and one for the boys.

There is still a little building work to be done and the daily running costs have naturally grown. Another concern is what to do about the residents once they become adults.

I am pleased to say that *Uganda Ministries* has been able to provide regular financial support to help with construction costs and provide staff salaries, equipment and basic food for those cared for at the centre.



Outside Sun Shelter.

The Centre Manager and Care Team do a great job with the kids.

During my stay I made my annual visit to <u>Hidden Treasures Primary School</u> in the village of Kiyoola. Just over 6 years ago the school was built to provide a good level of schooling for 80 pupils. Since then it has grown rapidly and we currently have 245 registered pupils! This puts a strain on classroom space and other resources but to help we are nearing the completion of a Nursery building, the next stage will be plastering the interior and exterior walls. The outside of the main building has been plastered, the staff quarters are now completed and we are about to commence constructing a new kitchen. We still need to erect a perimeter fence to secure the whole site.



Man School Building

During my visit I was also able to present the annual 'Diane Sanders Award for Most Improved Student'. This year it went to a young girl named, Nanyonga Juliet.



Presenting the Award.