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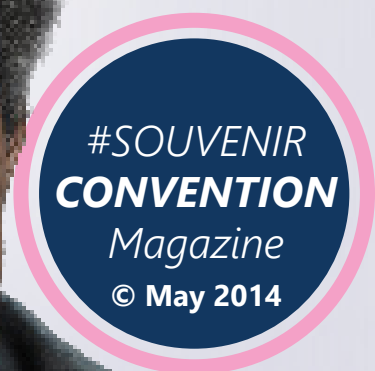
A glimpse into Uganda's
eighth **Archbishop Stanley
Ntagali**



Remembering
Bishop Festo Kivengere
Messenger of peace, joy,
hope, charity



To all nations:
*Here is a message of
hope* - Caroleanne



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We have accomplished more than 1,000 missions since WSM opened and spread its wings across continents like the swallow bird does. Thousands have been REACHED, RAISED & RELEASED into the arduous task of constructing the Kingdom of God.

Like the swallow bird, we have transported the gospel across seas. The networks we have generated have also visited our projects and ministered with us in Uganda. In Uganda we have traversed the country reaching, raising and releasing holistically qualified people from all walks of life.

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We welcome you to the Healing for the Nations Magazine, a souvenir edition for the Healing for the Nations International Convention (May 11 to 18, 2014) at Ntinda Primary School, Kampala, Uganda.

We also welcome you to the maiden issue of World Shine Ministries' flagship magazine. Enjoy and glorify the Almighty God!

Uganda and the rest of the world are at the spiritual cross roads again. By hosting the Healing for the Nations International Convention (HNIC), humanity has a rare divine chance for rekindling revival and renewal. We are at the point like world was at the time of the great East African Revival of 1935 from Gahini, Rwanda to Uganda and beyond.

There have been prophesies and revelations about how Africa is to take the gospel back to the rest of the world. We are very fascinated by the one about the very loud and earth-quaking stampede generated by thousands of elephants singing, preaching and heading out of Africa to the Northern, Eastern, Southern, Western and other directions of the globe! Alleluia!

The HNIC that has attracted hundreds of participants from Uganda, Singapore, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia, Kenya, USA, UK, Scotland, aims to rekindle revival and renewal in the world. The convention is themed: **"Rebuilding Broken Walls" based on Nehemiah 2:17.** The HNIC is to rotate in all districts in Uganda.

Who is Nehemiah? He wrote the 16th book in the Old Testament. The book has 19 chapters. Nehemiah was an excellent leader and courageous man.

We need to bear in mind the 15 time tested principles that guided this famous cupbearer to the King of Persia to accomplish a huge job that could have taken years in just 52 days.

Nehemiah underscored **PRAYERFULNESS.**

He highlighted **SELF-SACRIFICE.**

He accentuated **PATRIOTISM.**

He emphasised high level **MOBILIZATION &**



MOTIVATION.

He stressed **TOTAL HOLINESS.**

He underscored **HARD WORK.**

He cherished intuitive **MANAGEMENT & DECISION MAKING.**

He stressed **DELEGATION & TEAMWORK.**

He employed **WISDOM & DISCERNMENT.**

He exhibited **BOLDNESS & BRAVERY.**

He stressed **DETERMINATION & PERSEVERANCE.**

He worked with **COMPASSION.**

He called for **INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT.**

He did not **COMPROMISE INTEGRITY & EXCELLENCE.**

He championed **REVIVAL & RENEWAL**

Forgiveness is a very important basis for rebuilding broken walls

You can repent of all your sins until you are hoarse, confess your faith to all, pray without ceasing, give everything you have for the work of God, read the Bible every day and still block God's forgiveness by an unforgiving heart. No amount of repenting, confessing, praying or reading the word will ever cover over atone for or excuse unforgiveness. There is nothing you can do that can replace **forgiveness.**

Forgiveness is not tolerance;

Forgiveness is not pretending

Forgiveness is not forgetting

Forgiveness is not generosity of spirit

Forgiveness is not turning the other cheek
Forgiveness is not looking the other way
Forgiveness is not making a joke of a wrong.
Forgiveness is not politeness or tactfulness.
Forgiveness is not diplomacy.
Forgiveness is not a passive non-response.
Forgiveness is something much deeper

Forgiveness is a deliberate act of will.
Forgiveness is a full pardon.
Forgiveness is a substitution act.
Forgiveness is obedience to God's word.
Forgiveness is an act of Love.
Forgiveness is a key to freedom.

WHY DO WE NEED TO FORGIVE?

Forgiveness releases us from the past, restores the present and heals the future.

Forgiveness is a command from God and from Jesus. Matthew 6:14, 18:22-32.

Forgiveness is a give and take thing. Ephesians 4:32

Forgiveness if following Jesus' example. Mark 11:25, John 19, Matthew 27:

Forgiveness brings both physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual healing.

Forgiveness brings repentance and brokenness.

Forgiveness brings reconciliation

Forgiveness releases prayer and intercession.

Forgiveness produces missionary zeal

Forgiveness releases blessing

Forgiveness restores self-worth and self-esteem

Forgiveness releases people from demons

Forgiveness destroys your enemy

Forgiveness opens doors for revival, renewal and ministry

Forgiveness opens doors of freedom in ministry

Forgiveness is a ticket to heaven-opens the heavens.

FORGIVENESS IS POSSIBLE

Forgiveness is good for your own benefit.

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." Mahatma Gandhi.

Forgiveness is difficult. Forgiveness is for my sake. We should take forgiveness slowly. Forgiveness sets us free.

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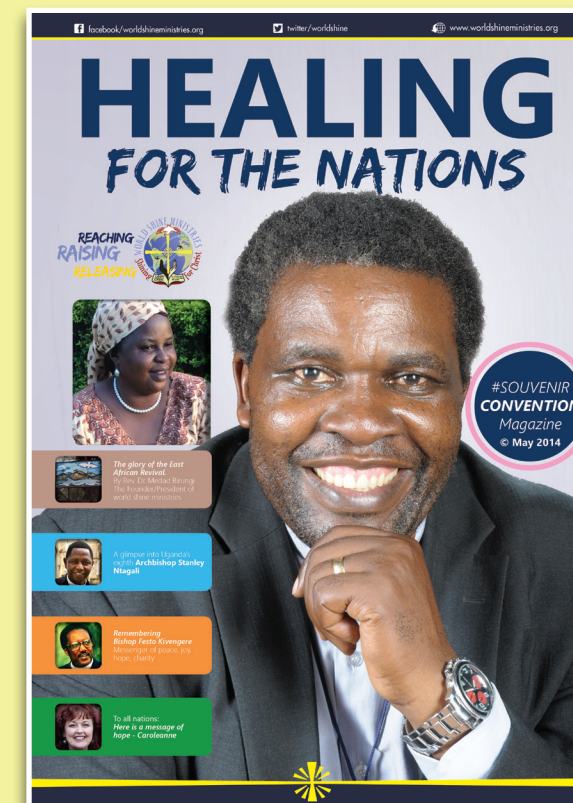
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'God healed our son'

Rev. Dr. Medad & Constance Birungi

The Grace of God

We experienced God's grace in an amazing way in 2011 that humbled our lives into utter brokenness. We had a very big test in my ministry when Jabez Jonathan Omega Nomwesigwa was diagnosed with a brain tumor in August, 2011. It was diagnosed by Doctors in Kampala and confirmed by others in Aghakan Hospital in Nairobi. It became a very big problem for us as a family.

The tumor was called Meningioma, and was located deep inside our son's brain. We cried and cried, feeling shattered, disappointed, frightened, and anxious, not knowing what to do.

We started a prayer movement and informed all our 3800 prayer partners and intercessors worldwide. Using face book, twitter and email, we informed our friends about the problem. The medical test results showed that the tumor could be removed by surgery. The doctors recommended that we choose to take him to India, the United Kingdom (UK), South Africa or the United States of America (USA) for brain surgery.

We decided to take Jabez to London for the surgery at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, but raising money for the surgery was a big challenge. Surgery would cost 20,000 British pounds, approximately 250,000 US dollars or, Five hundred million Uganda shillings. We started fundraising but unfortunately were only able to raise 10% of the money needed. Meanwhile Jabez's condition got worse. He became paralyzed on one side of his body and we feared he was going to die. Without all the money required for the surgery, we were stuck. By faith we travelled with my wife Connie and Jabez to the UK and fundraise once we got there. We proceeded to make an appointment with the hospital and started preparing for our journey. We quickly applied for visas to the UK but were in shock when Connie and I were given visas, but Jabez, the helpless sick boy, the reason for the trip, was denied one. This was very frustrating, because his condition was deteriorating and we could neither reverse the sickness nor take him for surgery. We tried not to lose heart and contacted another hospital in Bristol, the UK. We found it equally expensive but were blessed because we were in touch with Jonathan, a Christian doctor who took his time to give us more detailed information about the tumor and its likely impact on Jabez. It was all very scary. He said the brain surgery could take eighteen hours and might leave Jabez paralysed on one side of his body, for life.

In all this however, we were most disappointed with the British High Commission Visa Office that denied our sick son a visa because we had insufficient funds to cover the cost of his surgery and upkeep. It was heart breaking after trying to raise funds the best we could. We felt betrayed. It was like adding insult to injury for them to give my wife and I visas and deny Jabez one. I felt hurt, disappointed, and helpless.

Our son's health kept deteriorating to the point that he stopped breathing through the nose. The condition also affected one ear



and an eye. It was very hard for us to understand why our son was going through all this. We had been to many prayer groups and pastors for prayer but our son didn't get healed. I felt disappointed with the Lord. 'Why was he not healing our son?' I wondered. We were also disappointed by people around us who said all sorts of things. Some said that I didn't have enough faith, while others claimed God had caused our sons sickness to punish us for sins I had committed. Some even dared to say that I had given my son as sacrifice to the occult, evil spirit that lived underwater. Still others said our son was bewitched and their advice was for me to see witch doctors to reverse the charms. As if that was not enough torment, someone boldly asked, 'Have you built in the village?' to literally mean, 'Do you have a decent homestead where the boy will be buried?' All these questions, comments and accusations were heartbreaking and disappointing. We were shattered. We were also disappointed that pastors and the clergy of our church didn't to visit us or make a contribution towards the surgery. This was a very great blow. We were also disappointed that government didn't support us financially at a time we needed to save the life of our son. Our high expectations were dashed to the ground. Little did we know that the Lord was to prove to us that He keeps His word.

One day, I was invited by Rev. Christine Shimanya to speak about healing and deliverance in a Uganda Prophetic Prayer Conference at Lubowa, I wondered what I was going to talk about when I had been praying for people and they had been healed but my son was critically sick. God convicted me to go and speak at the conference. I went with my son and many unanswered questions.

When I stood up to speak, my sick son joined me on the platform. He came limping, walking at an angle like a drunkard. I got the courage to tell the congregation what was going on and a voice told me, 'Don't worry about tomorrow. God is already there.' Rev. Christine and the other conference delegates prayed for my son. It was a united, desperate and fervent prayer for healing and deliverance. I preached about healing, many people got healed, but my son didn't. This was a very big test for me, a person involved in the healing ministry not able to heal his child, not able to raise the money needed to take him for surgery. Anxiety gripped me because Jabez was approaching the last stages of the illness.

Our God on the other hand is faithful, and our hope in him is not dead. God's delay is not denial. God worked through a doctor in Bristol Hospital who consulted a neuro-surgeon specialist in America on what to do with the brain tumor because different doctors had given conflicting approaches on how to deal with it. Some doctors suggested a biopsy be done; others suggested radiation, others chemo-therapy and one said the tumor could be operated. Consulting a top neuro-surgeon was a great idea. In October, 2011, the doctor in America, Dr. Fredrick Boop of Memphis Children's Hospital, gave wonderful advice that the boy could be operated upon, which was great news to us but still, the money we had was not enough to enable us travel to the UK with our son. We had failed to get the visa to the UK for him. In late October, the appointed date for the Jabez surgery in the UK came and went. We gave up, knowing that our son was going to die. It was very frightening, but God is Faithful.

Just after the scheduled date for Jabez's operation, Dr. Frederick Boop sent a message to Dr. Jonathan in Bristol asking how the operation had gone. He was told that the boy had failed to get a visa and so the operation had been cancelled. Dr. Frederick Boop felt concerned and touched that the boy wasn't operated due to insufficient funds. He called the hospital board members of Leboneur Hospital in America who agreed to sponsor the child's operation. He then wrote to the doctor in United Kingdom and asked if Jabez could be taken to America for the brain tumor surgery since the hospital had agreed to help him.

We were contacted and informed of the new development. We were overjoyed to see some light at the end of the tunnel. This was great news and there was a lot of excitement. The hospital was going to pay for everything. We gladly accepted the offer as it was only the grace of God that did this. It was a miracle. It was God's own making. It was humbling and the greatest news we could ever get from people we did not know, and from a hospital we did not personally ask help from.

They called us, helped us get visas to America. The process of getting a visa took four minutes as compared to the others which had taken three months. These people transported us to America and back. We went to Memphis in America; the operation which was supposed to take eighteen hours took six and a half hours. The boy who was expected to spend two days in intensive care spent only twelve hours there. Instead of staying in hospital for six months, we only spent there three weeks. The money that we had that we had locally collected was not used, the hospital paid for everything we needed. We instead used the money to buy a piece of land on which a dormitory for the orphans in a school in Rwentobo will be built. The greater news was that our son didn't have cancer.

The staff at Leboneur Hospital was very efficient, clean, time

conscious, very friendly and generous. So we received the best medical care you can ever receive all over the world. We received physical, emotional, moral and spiritual support from the hospital. I want to encourage everybody by declaring over each one 'Your destiny is not dead for the grace of God is sufficient for you.' We went back a year after for a medical check-up, the doctors said that the boy is fine with the best brain ever. Indeed he is. Our son is one of the best ten in his class at Lohanna Academy. I encourage everybody to know that God's delay is not denial. His timing is always the best and that his grace is sufficient for you in times of need. When he shows up, he surely acts, and acts smart. Whenever you are in a crisis, call upon the Lord. God sometimes seems to delay but when he acts, he really acts in an amazing way.

We thank Rev, Christine Shimanya, the Prophetic Prayer Conference delegates, all intercessors and all those who prayed for and with us. Thanks also to all those who supported us financially from all over the world and special thanks to Dr. Frederic Boop and the entire Leboneur Hospital staff who helped in saving the life of my son, Jonathan Jabez Omega Nomwesigwa. God also showed me his grace through hospitality. We received great spiritual and moral support from Habitats for Hope; a charity based in Memphis city near the Hospital.

They gave us an apartment to live in for a month free of charge, they transported us to the hospital, and they also fed us, prayed with and for us and encouraged us greatly during that troubled time. We shall always be grateful for the support they gave us when they didn't know us at all.

God's grace was also shown through the unconditional love we got from churches and God's people in Memphis. We also thank God for Servants of Christ Church which welcomed us, fed us, supported us financially, materially, and prayed for us. We had never received the welcome, love and care that we got from this church. They were there for us during the time of the surgery which was very difficult for us. Special thanks to Natalie Allen who stayed with us through thick and thin. Special thanks to her children; Ivy and Quinton; who made Omega feel loved and celebrated and for every game taught and involved him in. A big thank you to the Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis which also supported us with food, material support and who also came frequently to pray with us.

Therefore, when we were frustrated, hopeless, crippled financially and struggling with the deteriorating health of my six year old son, the unmerited favour of God was released upon me and my family through the miraculous healing of our son. God's grace raised the sum of \$250,000 that was needed for my sons' brain tumour surgery, transported us to and from America, supported the doctors and nurses, provided food and accommodation during the six and a half months we were at Memphis Hospital for the brain surgery. God healed our son. By God's grace the brain tumour was not cancerous. My son alive and well and he is also one of the best ten students in his class. God's grace gave us new friends whose friendship is good and productive. He restored our hope. Glory be to God whose grace is enough.

God's grace is amazingly abundant at a time when you have tried everything and reached a dead end. What we have learned is that in Christ we have an endless hope instead of a hopeless end. There is no dead end in Christ. The Lord our God cares. Though he may sometimes seem slow, he surely acts. He is always faithful and always there.✱

Reverend Doctor Medad Birungi Profile



Reverend Doctor Medad Birungi is the Executive President and Founder of World Shine Ministries. It is an interdenominational ministry that reaches, raises and releases trained people into their destiny. It engages in evangelism, discipleship and intercession in Uganda and beyond. He oversees an orphanage and school-World Shine Foundation School with 750 children in south western Uganda (Rwentobo, Ntungamo, Uganda). WSM is also involved in prayer, intercession, healing and deliverance ministry and caring for widows and fighting violence against women. WSM also promotes gender justice by fighting Female Genital Mutilation plus any gender based injustices.

He is an associate Vicar of St. Stephen's Parish Church Nsambya in the Diocese of Kampala. He is a former Chaplain of St. Kakumba Chapel, one of the fastest growing churches in Uganda.

Rev. Medad was also a Senior Lecturer at Kyambogo University in Kampala – Uganda. He teaches Development Ethics. He is an international evangelist and a scholar. He has a PhD in Leadership Ethics and Integrity from Makerere University Kampala Uganda, Master of Theology from Brunel University London UK, Bachelor of Arts with Education from Makerere University.

He is the Founder and President of Public Integrity Research Consultancy Organization (PIRCO)-Uganda which focuses on public integrity, good governance, peace building and conflict resolution in Uganda.

Medad has a powerful testimony on how God lifted him from "the dustbin to university lecturer" (read his testimony in his books).

Medad has strong connections with the Church all over the world. For example his connections in the United Kingdom include his study in London Bible College. He has special links to the New Wine Network since 1998. He is also a member of the Apostolic Network for Global Awakening led by Andy Clerk and Bill Johnson. He has a physical and spiritual burden for revival, renewal healing and deliverance. His message is Love, Hope, Forgiveness and Reconciliation for the dying world.

Medad now has a vision of reaching; 50 cities in Uganda, Africa America, Europe and Asia.

Medad is a writer and the Author of "Tombstones and Banana Trees", "From a Pit to the Palace", "The Challenges and Opportunities of Indigenous Church Leadership in Uganda", "The Glory of the East African Revival and Your destiny Not Dead".

He is married to Constance.

They have 5 lovely biological children, 4 boys and one girl.

They also cater for hundreds of other dependants including hundreds of orphans.*

Reverend Doctor Medad Birungi, the Founder/President of World Shine Ministries, the host of Uganda's first ever interdenominational international convention unveils the objectives of the Healing for the Nations International Convention (HNIC), May 11 to 18, 2014 at Ntinda Primary School, Kampala, Uganda.

As interviewed by the World Shine Ministries Communication Coordinator, Alfred Wasike.

Q: Reverend what is going on?

A: This is the first interdenominational international revival convention to be held in Uganda

Q: WHATS THE HNIC?

A: It is the first ever interdenominational convention. It brings churches together. It's also a revival convention. We have designed it to stir people up for revival and renewal. It is an empowering convention. Empowering believers for ministry globally. It is also a releasing convention. It is going to release believers from sickness, demonic oppression, unto ministry...it will release believers into their destiny. This convention will reach people through evangelism, through the teachings and evening crusades, forum meetings and other networking arena. It will raise people through discipleship, and training... that will come from the teachings, and workshops. It will release people through healing and deliverance and prayer and prophetic ministry...

Q: Interdenominational? Why?

A: Because we are bringing churches and other like-minded institutions together for revival..., we shall pray together, worship together, preach together, sing together, eat together...because the dividing walls are being broken down...this convention is designed to rebuild broken walls in every aspect of life...it is the moment of reckoning...it is the moment of revival...it is the moment of restitution...

Q: why is there need for this interdenominational concert?

A: Uganda has been divided into over 2000 Christian denominations in Uganda. The walls of unity have been broken, because there have been so many divisions, unhealthy competition, blaming, finger pointing, fault finding, character assassination, the demon of religion has been on the throne in Uganda. This convention is rebuilding broken walls of unity...this convention is breaking down the dividing walls to create a forum for working together to build the Kingdom of God.

Q: who has engineered this denominational split?

A: I call this the principality of religion...it has been on the throne in this country...it has divided churches...it has divided individuals, families, societies, nations and the world...it has separated us from God.... So there has been no common voice that should have.... it has blocked the church from being a united prophetic voice in the country and the world... so God is calling us to go back to 2 Chronicles 7:14 (if my people who are called by my name put away their pride and pray, and look for my face, and turn from their sinful ways, then I will hear from Heaven. I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.). I believe very strongly that a united fervent desperate prayer will heal Uganda, Africa and the world. This convention is an opportunity for the church to work

together for the healing of the nations. For example Psalms 133 shows where there is unity God commands a blessing.

Q: Please describe this thing you call the demon or principality of religion

A: It is characterized by the "holier than thou attitude"...it is the spirit of control, the spirit of bitterness, the spirit of rejection, the spirit of persecuting Christians from other opinions, other churches, the spirit of character assassination, the spirit of impersonation, the spirit of blaming, the spirit of sheep stealing, the spirit of arrogance, the spirit of pride, the spirit of persecuting prophets, the spirit of the church where people promote church interests instead of Christ, the spirit of working on peoples' agenda instead of God's agenda, spiritual arrogance, spiritual superiority complex and spiritual inferiority complex, it's the spirit of the Pharisees, the spirit of the Sadducees, the spirit of fundamentalism, the spirit of terrorism plus other such related spirits..., these spirits can lead to murder,...it's a lying spirit and it is a spirit of deception, it undermines the offices of Christ plus the fundamental reason why he came...it even antagonises... the Lords' prayer of unity states that they may be one, this evil spirit promotes church traditions other than promoting Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. It is fundamentally full of strife and divisionism. It is governed by anger, bitterness and unforgiveness. I believe very strongly that Jesus is above tradition, the church, culture, he is Christ for all. So the supremacy of Christ should be upheld by denominational unity. There must be unity in diversity. But the bottom line is that there should be unity.

Q: So that's how the spirit of religion manifests itself

A: yes

Q: what about corruption in church including the alleged backstabbing?

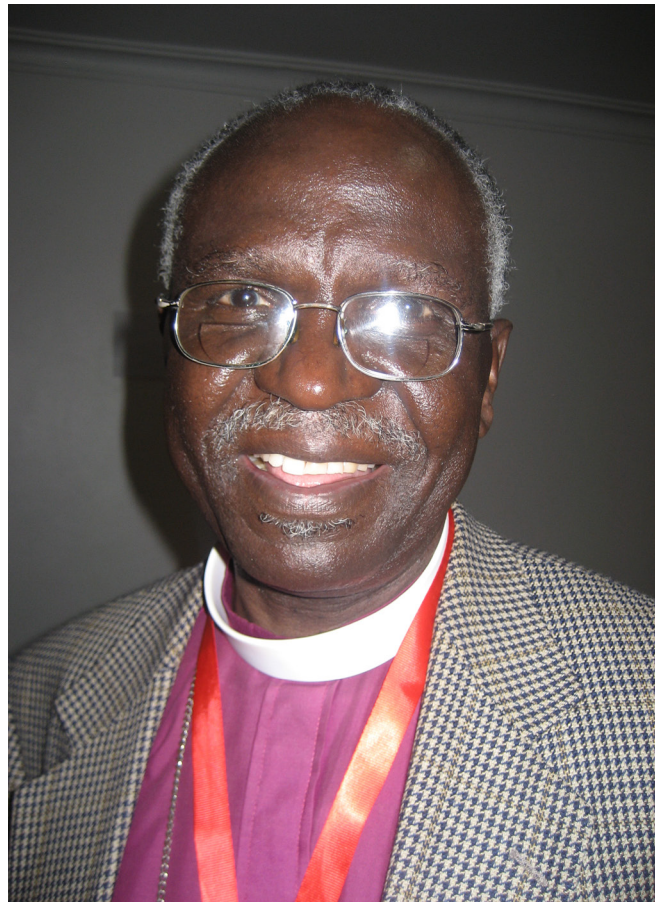
A: The purpose of this convention is to bring the Christians of the same spiritual DNA work together to raise one united voice of revival that Africa and the rest of the world shall be saved by the blood of Jesus. That is our revival cry. That will be expressed in this convention.

Q: What are the potential results do we expect from the HNIC?

A; People will be motivated, empowered and imparted with the gospel of Jesus Christ. They will network with other Christians from outside Uganda. They will be prepared for the healing of the nations. This convention will fulfill Our (WSM) mission of preparing to shine for Christ for the healing of the nations. Revelations 22:2(b). This convention will REACH, RAISE & RELEASE qualified leaders for the construction of the Kingdom of God.*

Bishop Doctor Edward Muhima

This is the man who delivered the memorial lecture on the iconic Bishop Feso Kivengere to the HNIC.



The Focus story on Bishop Muhima goes thus...

The Anglican Diocese of Armidale shares a very special relationship of mutual support and encouragement with Bishop Edward's Diocese, and his May visit to Armidale and the wider New England seeks to further strengthen the bond. Bishop Muhima is highly regarded throughout Africa and in many countries as an extremely colorful and engaging speaker, noted for his wisdom, humility and integrity and a fascinating personal story.

Uganda in the post-Colonial years (1963 onwards) was plagued with a series of conflicts, civil wars, coups and tyrants (most notable of these being Idi Amin Dada, famously known as 'The Butcher of Uganda'. Estimates of the number of Amin's opponents who were either killed, tortured, or imprisoned vary from 100,000 to half a million).

Bishop Muhima, please give us an insight into the dictatorship of Idi Amin and the civil war years in Uganda?

Amin overthrew our elected Government in 1971 in a bloody coup d'état. Bloodletting went on behind the curtains throughout 1972. In 1973 it became open; we witnessed the first public execution of our people by a firing-squad. Protesting the execution of one of my students at the high school where I taught (and was chaplain) put my life in danger.

When my Bishop sensed this, he sent me to the United States, where I remained until two years after the 'Pharaoh' was thrown out of the country in 1979 by a combined force of Tanzanian soldiers and Ugandan fighters.

You fled Uganda to America for some years. What did you achieve there?

I took advantage of my being in the States for so long (8 years) to study and acquire the M Div, MA and PhD degrees, a Diploma in Christian Education, and a Higher Certificate in African Studies (Edward's PhD thesis 'The Fellowship of Suffering' draws upon his experiences during the Idi Amin regime).

What prompted you to return to Uganda?

Well, much as I appreciated the easy and convenient life in America, because of my love for my country and its people, I prayerfully promised myself that I would return to Uganda after Idi Amin to serve my people from within.

Rural Uganda is poor and dominated by subsistence farming, as well as massive population growth. There has been widespread clearing of the natural environment, resulting in land degradation and soil erosion. Here, as elsewhere, the Church must take the initiative to generate solutions ...

You have been involved in development. What projects has your Diocese undertaken?

In the North Kigezi Diocese, where my wife and I are serving (I

as Bishop and she as Mothers' Union President), we preach the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ both in 'word' and 'deed'. In the 'deed' aspect we are involved in counselling, healing and development.

With development in the Diocese, we have projects such as water and sanitation (Watsan), micro finance initiatives (NOKIDES), a medical and health care centre with an operating theatre, providing houses for the poor and water tanks for those who are far away from good water sources, and giving goats and/or cows to the poor so they can be more self-sustaining and have a source of milk.

We are also developing our Prayer Mountain site (at the highest point of the diocese), because we believe prayer is the lifeline of a church and its mission.

Good Deeds – safe drinking water is essential.

What other development initiatives are being taken to improve living standards in Uganda?

For a long time Uganda's peasants have engaged in subsistence farming. Enough food on the table, but plenty of poverty in the same household! In recent years, we have been teaching and helping our people to move from peasant farming to commercial farming such as growing food stuffs, coffee, vanilla etc – and growing these on a large scale.

To go this way requires much capital, which our people don't have. We as a Diocese wish we could help more, but we do not have the financial capacity. This is one of the areas where we need and would appreciate external support.

Subsistence farming in Uganda means hard work for the whole family.

Uganda's population has boomed in recent years and is the youngest in the world, with 60% under 20 years of age. This is due largely to the impact of AIDS on the adult population, coupled with a high birth rate. The population is set to double to 60 million over the next generation. This has enormous implications for the country in environmental, social, economic, educational and health terms.

Apart from economic development, what other ways might your country deal with issues like population age and growth?

Well, without going into great discussions about the economics of development, one thing among many others is that we need to extend the current retirement age from 60 years of age to something like 70 years, so that we retain a higher percentage of reasonably mature Ugandans in leadership.

Another option may be to recruit more mature professionals from other countries for some time. It is a challenging situation!

(The obvious importance of education in the economic development of Uganda sees Bishop Muhima's Diocese working as the main provider of education in the region, with over 100 schools within his oversight).

AIDS has devastated the whole African continent. How have you combated the AIDS epidemic in Uganda?

Our war against the AIDS epidemic in Uganda was and continues to be combated with our emphasis on educating the population in what we call the ABC approach: Abstinence, Being faithful, and

the use of Condoms.

We believe that abstinence is the 100% safe method for those who are not yet married. As for the married, it is being faithful. And as for those who cannot abstain or choose not to be faithful, we tell them to use condoms, but hasten to let them know that condoms do not prevent HIV, but only reduces the risk of infection. Recent findings put condom safety at 69%, implying a 31% risk!

Wall of Orphans – Compassion Uganda has registered more than 58,000 children – many made orphans through AIDS.

Like many Africa countries, Uganda has a chronic shortage of trained medical personnel. For example, Uganda has 1 doctor to 10,000 ratio while Australians enjoy a 1 to 400 ratio, not to mention availability of facilities and supplies. This is another area where the Church's input and leadership is crucial.

Your Diocese operates a growing medical and health-care centre. What progress is being achieved with this work?

As I mentioned earlier, our mission in the Diocese of North Kigezi is to preach the Good News of our Lord Jesus in word and deed, and the Medical and Health Care Centre is another example of the 'deed' aspect of our ministry. We believe that a healthy spirit dwells within a healthy body.

This is in line with the teaching approach of our Lord Himself. He went about teaching, preaching and healing. The Medical and Health Care Centre is our small contribution towards improving the health of our sick.

It is still small, but with the new operating theatre in place, its impact will continue to grow. We will need a good surgeon and a good general physician.

Currently we are training two medical students with the help of our partner Diocese of Armidale. We will also need a good administrator as well.

I pray there might be someone from Australia with skills in this area who will come forward to be the administrator of our Medical and Health Care Centre!

Thank you Bishop Muhima.

Researched by Alfred Wasike,

WSM Communication Coordinator



A HUGE HEART FOR AFRICA

Joan Bosman speaks out on Joan Ministeries



I was born in South Africa, in a village town in the Eastern Cape during the bloody years of apartheid. There were no Secondary Schools in this town so we had to go to the nearest high school. My mother chose the nearest and the cheapest because of financial scarcity. Times were tough during the apartheid years. My mother was a single parent. She could not marry my father because he was white. He was a German. She chose a cheap school in town called Queenstown. I was in grade 9. It was 1961. A powerful televangelist called Authur Prins came to town from Cape Town. He preached the gospel of repentance. Nearly the whole town got saved. It was a great revival. I was one of them. Praise God. Now I was on fire for God. I immediately started preaching on street corners, hospitals and other places. I was 15 years of age. Many of the pupils at my school got saved. The principal was very angry with me. He



said it was a sect church. He decided to summon me in to office. He demanded that I leave this church. He also warned that if I go for baptism, he would make an example of me by expelling me from his school. In other words, I was to choose Jesus or education. Being in love with Jesus, I chose Jesus so he expelled me from school in front of the whole school. It scared them. I went back home to look for a job at 15 years. I also continued preaching the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. I have been preaching the gospel up to today by the grace of God. To God be the Glory. I have spent 53 years now in ministry. I am married to one husband. A wonderful and powerful man of God. He is a great teacher of the word of God. The Lord has given me the best. Together we preach an uncompromising gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been pastoring churches until God called us to missions. He is a teacher right now. He is a lecturer in bible school in South Africa.

After I finished working in my Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the Lord called me for the nations. He called me to East Africa and beyond. I have ministered in 15 countries. God has given me a heart for Africa, our continent. I am passionate for Africa, passionate for Souls, passionate, for Revival which I believe will begin in Africa, I believe it will go through Africa and beyond. This elephant will cross the seas to the western world. It is Africa's time. The dry

bones will live again. Can you hear the noise of the dry bones coming together? REVIVAL IS HERE. He that has an ear let Him hear what the spirit of the Lord is saying to the church in Africa. God has been doing great and mighty things to God be the Glory. my favourite in Africa is the villages I have been ministering in very deep remote villages. I have seen God doing marvelous things to many souls. Last year God called me. He told me to leave my country. He directed me to live in East Africa. He told me to settle in Uganda so that from here I will travel to other African countries. I wept. It was a shock for me. I asked, "Lord is this you calling me now at this age to go and live in a foreign country? leaving behind my children, grandchildren great grandchildren? My family?" The Lord spoke to me about Abraham & Sarah. I spoke to my husband. He said he is ready to go where God sends us. What a man of God my husband is. My children also released us to go to where God wants us for His kingdom. We know that as He provided for Abraham He will provide for us. We also go by faith sacrificing everything for Jesus, no house, no car etc. God has never failed us. Can I tell you my dream? I pray God will give me long life, health so that I preach in all the 52 countries in Africa before I die or the rapture. Thank you Jesus my Lord for all you have done for us truly we can say thus far the Lord has brought us all the Glory to Him I love you Lord. ✨

From a *broken & restored* home to rebuilding broken families

A mother of five talks about balancing work and family

"I thank god for my life"- Constance Birungi



know what to do. There was also domestic violence. When he was drunk he would beat us up. We resorted to stay out in the grandfather's house, neighbours, banana plantation. This problem started when I was 8 until I finished Form 4.

Q: where did you go to school?

A: I attended Kiyaga and Kinyansano Primary Schools. The situation in our home was a set back to our education. Dad only thought about booze. No fees. If I wasn't strong willed I would have dropped out of school. I kept on insisting and persevering. When I was joining secondary in Bugangari, about 20 km away. I would walk that distance. I had this strong feeling that only education would save me, my siblings and my mother from this kind of tyranny.

Q: Did you hate your dad?

A: I did...at that time I didn't understand that there was an evil force driving him to these ugly things to us. I hated him. All that was in my mind. I wished to study and get a job. I wanted to build a house for my family. I spent here (Kiyaga) one year. In the second year, I joined a new boarding Kinyansano school for girls. I solicited a few items from my relatives...an old mattress full of grass, my cousin gave me torn bed sheets...I didn't mind...I didn't care. I walked to school bare footed. No spare clothes. My uniform was all I had. A white blouse and blue skirt...this school was nearer home. I would use other children's old sandals. I didn't have money to buy books. I would beg sheets of paper and thread them together into exercise books. My O level years were very difficult years of my life.

Q: When did you get salvation?

A: I was 12. A preacher came to our school. He was called Rev. Anch He talked about how our heavenly father loves us. I didn't understand that. I had a cruel dad on earth. I was in primary six.

Q: So what attracted you to salvation?

A: In my heart I just thought let me try this heavenly father's love. I wanted Him to take away my pain. I felt peace I had never experienced before. But the Holy Spirit touched me to confess about the hatred of my father. God forgave me. I felt peace. My tears stopped. I used to cry all the time. I felt the joy of the Lord. I trusted him. I went home and told my mother. I went to church and shared. I learnt prayer. I prayed for my family. I prayed all the time. I began to see things changing. When I went to Kinyansano, I didn't have the money. The headmistress, Kedress Turyagyenda called and asked me why I didn't pay fees. I told her the whole story. She offered to let me work at school. She allowed dig, plant potato vines and other jobs to offset the fees. She gave me some

Q: who are you?

A: I am Constance Birungi. I am married to Rev. Dr. Medad Birungi. We have five children. I work as Administrator World Shine Ministries.

Q: Tell us about your past.

A: I was born in a little village called Kiyaga, in the outskirts of Rukungiri (south western Uganda) first born, There are two boys and five girls. My father was one of the richest men in town. He had a shop. He was trading in coffee. But that was short lived because my dad began drinking heavily. His business declined, he sold off assets including furniture in the house. This was a bad turning point in our lives. We lost all hope, we did not

little money to buy books and other needs. Meanwhile, my father was still drinking. But I seeing God bringing peace of mind. My siblings got saved. God was opening doors for us. My follower joined me in Kinyansano...she (Winnie) was carrying her things in a basket instead of a suitcase....this was when I finished Senior 4 in 1986. She came in 1985...we were walking together barefooted, we shared the grass mattress. I had an old and battered metal suit from a good Samaritan. At school life was okay. There were many happy children running around. I had the faith that God would pull me out of this unhappy situation at home. I felt particularly bad on Sundays I didn't have good clothes to wear. I had very low self-esteem. But I was always at the top of the class. I became a discussion leader. I was a deputy head girl. These achievements helped me raise my self-esteem. I became as role model who was admired. Even teachers liked me. These helped me hold my head high inspite of the challenges at home.

Q: What happened at home meanwhile?

A: Dad was still drinking. The domestic violence was increasing. My school mates wanted to visit me but I couldn't take them there. We lived in a very funny house. We slept with chickens. We used to put the harvested millet in a corner. We were ashamed when the visitors came and stayed late. The chickens would come to the sitting area because they didn't have their own space. Meanwhile my father was selling off our property and continued drinking alcohol. Strange people would and come a carry off a table, another time chairs away...the house was empty...he would cut matoke from the plantation without letting his family know. These he would sell for drink...we were too poor to buy salt...we were cooking in a big clay pot and eating once a day. During the holidays, I would walk 5 km to school to work in the garden to offset the fees of the next term.

Q: meanwhile how are your mother and siblings doing?

A: They were living in the same conditions....my third sister, Gloria had joined Kinyansano...she was in senior one when I was in senior four...

Q: How did you perform in o level? A: I got a first grade. But while I was in senior four, there came this smiling teacher. (laughs)

Q: What was he teaching you? A: He was teaching us history. I was doing very well in history and other subjects. He was very encouraging. He made a very important turning point in my life. His words were very encouraging. I had lost hope. Little did I know that one day this smiling teacher would be my husband.

Q: Did he make any advances on you

A: (laughs) If he did I did not notice but I was very encouraged by his teaching methods...in him I saw all the qualities I had always prayed for in a man. I don't remember whether I offered a prayer to God about having him as my husband. (laughs)...I left all for God to sort out...I concentrated on my studies and I excelled...

Q: What did you do in the Form four vacation?

A: I was involved in normal household chores...but what was spectacular in those holidays was that one Sunday my father stood up in church and committed his life to God. He had done it several times before. We thought this was the usual story. The other congregants did not believe him. The visiting preacher



hugged him and prayed for him

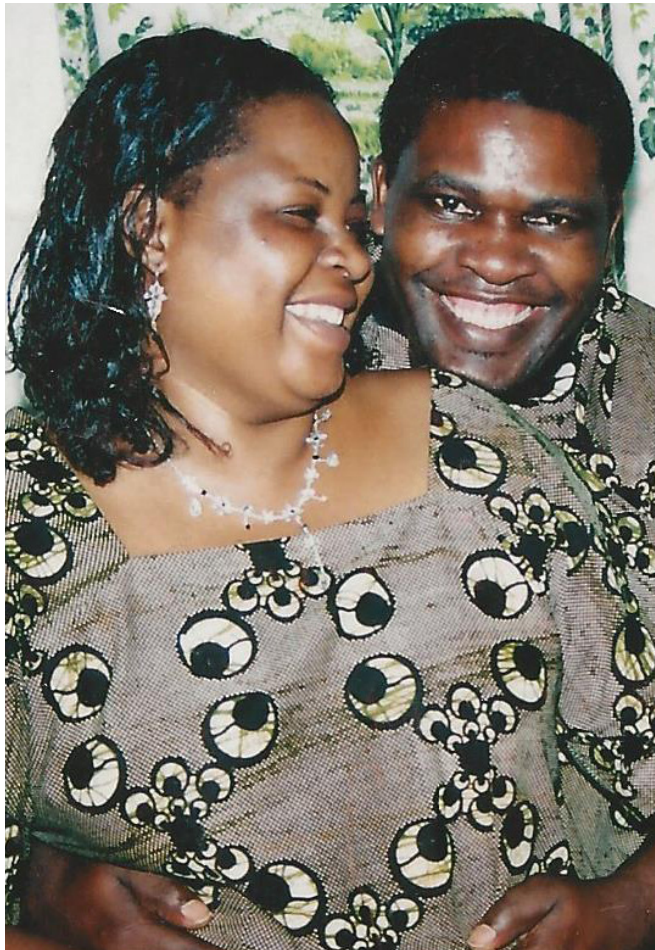
Q: who was the visiting preacher A: The former Kinkizi Diocese Bishop John Ntegyerize Q: which year was this? A: 1986 Q: Has he stuck to his faith? A: yes... Q: other members of our family were in church A: yes Q: how did you perform? A: very well Q: where did you go? A: I went to Bweranyangi Girls for HSC Q: Which combination? A: HEG (history economics and geography Q: how were the high school years? A: the high school years were better because I had a loving father on earth and a loving father in heaven. I did not worry about the safety of my mother and siblings. Q: Were you a boarder? A: Yes. But I was very touched by my father. He would ride a bicycle to see me at school. My school was about 80km. He would bring for me food and

other things. I felt very loved.

Q: What was the financial situation like at home? A: Not very good yet. But there was some improvement. We were able to get fees, what to eat... Q: What was the source of income? A: Crashing stones, planting and selling tomatoes.

Q: who was doing it? A: My father was doing it. The children would help. He was now born again and determined to res=construct his life. Q: what was going on in your mother's life? A: She was now settled. The family was coming back to life. I finished a level. The results come out. I did not make it to the university Q: So what did you do?

A: The results enabled me to go to a teacher training college to study education. But meanwhile my life was reaching another turning point. This time a very nice turning point.



Q: what was it? A: the other smiling teacher had proposed (laughs) Q: what did he propose? A: (laughs) marriage of course Q: when did he do this? A: when I was in A Level, but I did not believe him Q: What happened? A: I was this young shy girl with low self-esteem...I did not believe that this boy of his caliber would be serious about marriage Q: did you love him?

A: yes Q: then what happened? A: I went to Kabale NTC Q: for how long? A: two years Q: then? What was happening at home? A: the situation was improving Q: after the two years what happened?

A: I got married (laughs)...I finished my teaching practice in June and married in August 1991...

Q: and then?

A: but before that a group of very malicious people went

to my husband-to-be and tried to persuade him from marrying me. They alleged that I came from a poor background, my father is a drunkard and so I would not make a good wife. Q: Who were they? A: They were some of relatives and so called friends. Q: What did he do?

A: He told them that he had made up his mind. He told them that this is the wife he wanted and was not turning back. When they failed that side, they came to me.

Q: What did they do when they got to you?

A: They said that I should not marry him because he moves around too much and preaches the gospel. I told them that this is the man I want. The one who preaches the gospel without compromise is the man I want to live with.

Q: And then?

A: We went ahead and wedded

Q: What was the early marriage life like?

A: very interesting because I had got the man of my dreams through prayer. Knowing the kind of home I grew up in, this man gave me peace...I loved it... he was full of encouragement, I was growing from a timid young girl to a self respecting young woman...I was ready to serve God...the man had the same of the gospel like mine...

God began giving us children

Q: How many children? A: Five biological children and many adopted ones Q: who are the biological? A: Barnabas, Joel, Festo, Esther & Jonathan

A: tlooking at ehat God had done for us we started a ministry to preach and reach out together we launched a ministry of the gospel. The only way we could pay back was to serve him...

Q: so what did you do?

We began a ministry called Swallow Evangelistic Ministries. We later changed the name to WSM.

Q: How has WSM performed?

A: Over the years we have REACHED, RAISED AND RELEASED thousands of qualified people all over the world for the construction of the Kingdom of God...many of them have grown alongside our children and completed universities.

Q: meanwhile what was happening at your home?

A: God has turned our family into God fearing and God serving people. I am married to a priest. My sister Winnie is married to a priest Rev David Kagumya. Two of my brothers (Rev. Kenneth Karyeija-Chaplain MUBS and Rev. Julius

Nuwagaba) are priests. My sister Rosette's husband (Godfrey Oundo) is also preparing to become a priest. I PARTICULARLY THANK God for helping me study.

Q: What do you mean?

A: If I think about the trauma of my primary and secondary schools, I really thank God. I also thank God for my husband's support for me to acquire education like the diploma from Kabale NTC, a degree in education from Bishop Barham University in Kabale and a masters degree in women and gender studies from Makerere University. I researched on domestic violence in Christian homes.

Q: How do you balance work and family?

A: It is about setting priorities. I make sure that I do what am supposed to do at the right time. If it is work time, I work. I then rush home to be with my family. I do the right things at the right time to be with my family.

Q: How is the Healing for the Nations International Convention going?

A: Very well. The turn up has been very good. The speakers are wonderful. We are seeing many people's lives being renewed. We intend to host this convention annually.

Q: What is your passion?

A: My passion is to see families restored. Children behaving in line with God's ways. Wives receiving the love they deserve. Husbands loving their wives like Christ loved the church. My passion is to see united families.

Interviewed by Alfred Wasike, World Shine Ministries Communication Coordinator/ Editor Healing for the Nations Magazine.✴



Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24

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Bob and Mary Smith, have as their priority to develop saints with a passion for Jesus and equip and empower them for ministry.

From the 1970s they have been blessed to serve in God's renewing of the local church, as well as cross-denominationally and internationally.

Following many years of pastoral ministry and university teaching, they founded Rose and Thorn Ministries in 2005. RTM belongs to the Fellowship of Christians, and is a member of the Apostolic Network of Global Awakening. Bob and Mary are also Associates of the International Fellowship of Ministries. They have ministered extensively in North America and abroad, including in Austria, Brazil, Chile, England, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, Ukraine, and Zambia. In St. Stephen they are members of Christ Church and overseers at Zion House of Worship. Both have a PhD (Exeter) and a DPMin (Wagner Leadership Institute); Mary has an honorary doctorate (Zaporozhye). Rose and Thorn responds to opportunities of all sorts which further its purposes.

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As the Holy Spirit directs and empowers, Rose and Thorn Ministries seeks to strengthen the local church, to network with the body of Christ across the denominations locally, nationally, internationally and inter-racially, to encourage and equip churches and individuals through teaching, preaching the good news of the Kingdom, healing and discipleship, mentoring, and impartation, to work alongside others who reach out to the needy in practical ways, to bring the glory of God to dry places of the earth so that we may see the desert bloom like the rose (Is.35:1 KJV), as 'thorns' of life are transformed by Life rising from the crown of thorns.

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Single female parent speaks out on parenting

Florence Ewutung

Single female parenting is a very hard job. You certainly need clear guidance. The Bible does speak to you from cover to cover about it.

The Bible does not always answer questions in the way we ask them, or give us truth in the categories or format we want. There are no "ten commandments" in Scripture that exclusively address single parents.

What should we make of the absence of biblical commands specifically for single parents? Let us begin with a more fundamental question: Were there any single parents in the Old and New Testament communities? Yes. Then why were they excluded from biblical counsel on how to parent? They were not excluded. When God spoke to his people, he spoke to married parents and single parents without distinction. In other words, the general commands given to all parents pertain to you. Single parents are not a special subcategory. God's directives to parents include:-

- Provide physical and emotional care,
- Provide verbal instruction,
- Provide physical discipline,
- Model dependency on Christ that grows into his likeness,
- Pray for and with your children

You will not be able to give as much time, energy, skill, and creativity to these five tasks as two parents could. But God does not expect double effort from you. You cannot do, and must not try to do, the work of two adults. But what you should do, in dependence on God, should include these five ministries toward your kids.

Further, while you may receive help from others—your parents, friends, church family, and so forth—you remain the God-appointed parent of your children. Do not concede to others this authority, responsibility, and opportunity. There is no Biblical doctrine of "grandmother's rights." In God's providence you, not your mother, are parenting the children God has entrusted to you.

It is wise to monitor how single parenting affects not just you, but your children as well. In whatever way you became a single parent, in the same way your children have lost a parent. You are not the only one who needs help to respond and adjust wisely. Your child's other parent has died (if you were widowed), or has left the home (if you were divorced), or may be unknown to your child (if you have not revealed the biological

parent's identity). Do you know how your children are handling the event that left them with just one residential parent?

Here you must reject a pair of lies. First, do not lose sight of your child's responsibility to love, trust, and obey despite unpleasant circumstances. A broken home does not excuse unbelief, rebellion, ingratitude, or idolatry. Teenage rebellion is, at the end of the day, rebellion. And rebellion is sin, to be compassionately but wisely confronted.

Second, reject hopeless notions that "doom" your children to future problems simply because they lack two married parents, or because of the negative influence their other parent may exert. Your children are not "victims" or "products of broken homes." They are people—people in God's image and for purpose—who can know Jesus, follow Jesus, and live meaningful lives. Along with my own testimony, I can name several other godly men and women who have raised children as single parents and done a great job.

Whether it is by choice or the result of an unfortunate circumstance, single motherhood brings about its own unique sets of joys and challenges. Understanding the challenges that single mothers face can encourage proactive solutions and arm parents with the tools needed to make the most of the single-parenting experience.

Depending on why the parent became single, can cause children to act out from the hurt and lack of a positive male role model. Behavioral problems can also occur when single mothers are too over-whelmed, making it difficult to manage discipline effectively.

Youth in father-absent homes have higher chances of becoming incarcerated, more likely to get poor grades and rebellious.

Single mothers often experience the stress of financial strain, especially if they do not have the support from an ex-spouse in the form of child support. According to my experience single-parent households also generally have less access to almost everything that households with both parents enjoy. Increased costs and financial burdens mean that some working moms are forced to work overtime. And that can

create stress. You and your youngster may be living on less money than when you were married.

For that reason, many single parents feel chronically fatigued. They often feel physically and emotionally exhausted and find themselves yelling more at their children. As their youngsters move through middle childhood and normally become more opinionated and challenging





Mercy Shalom Shama

of their parents' points of view, more arguments may develop until you find a job that can provide some financial security, economics can be the overriding concern in your life which causes you to forget about what's happening around you.

Single parents need to set aside some down time to rest and recuperate, they can experience burnout and depression, feeling hopeless and helpless about trying to transform their lives into something more manageable. Having a little emotional support or help around the house from another adult can go a long way toward helping you to cope.

Single parents often feel they have no time for themselves, whether it is to exercise at the gym or to have dinner with friends. Even if they can find time for these individual pursuits, they may be so tired that they have no energy for them. Being deprived of sleep will take a toll on anyone, parent or child. Sometimes the best that you can do for yourself and your child is to get more sleep each night.

Single mothers are responsible for managing the home and child rearing. Even with help from family members, the bulk of responsibilities and tasks fall primarily on the single parent. This can result in exhaustion, less energy and time for other things, like an active social life. In other cases the parent becomes angry and eventually bitter which pain is transferred on the children. Therefore, single mothers should deal with their pain before they become effective single parents and be able to raise the children in a loving, caring and peaceful environment.

Single parents sometimes begin to perceive the responsibilities of child-raising as overwhelming. Even the most routine events in their child's life—carpooling, events at school, or normal oppositional behavior—become burdens for parents struggling to squeeze everything into their day. Single parents experience a great deal of tension and sometimes guilt that comes with not being able to attend to all of their child's needs or to provide all of the opportunities they wish their child to have. At the extreme, these parents feel they can't deal with their children anymore. They may resort to physical punishment and even become abusive if they are pushed too far. Or they may give up altogether and agree too easily to their children's demands. When possible, they may surrender and give up on the child-raising responsibilities. Single

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For some single parents, during or after whatever made them single, their lack of energy is dramatic and part of a more serious depression. Persistent sadness, irritability, difficulty sleeping, and weight gain or loss are all signs of depression. A depressed parent has much less to offer a child.

Boys and girls in middle childhood often respond differently in these situations as they adjust to living in a single-parent household. For example, boys may become very aggressive after their father moves out, making it difficult for their mother to assert her authority.

In this situation mothers need to work hard to maintain their authority as soon as this behavior becomes apparent, or matters could get out of control as the child's aggressiveness escalates.

Girls, by contrast, tend to become more reserved and withdrawn as their response to the changing family structure. They also sometimes assume a maternal role in relation to their mother and siblings. An eleven- or twelve-year-old girl may actually run the household while her mother is working, which can rob her of her childhood while creating an unhealthy relationship between her and her siblings. These are not healthy patterns.

To reduce the stress on an older daughter, involve the grandparents and extended family in helping out; alternatively, when financially feasible, hire a part-time housekeeper to assume some of the household responsibilities. The younger children in the family can also begin taking responsibility for more chores.

I am a visionary revivalist-

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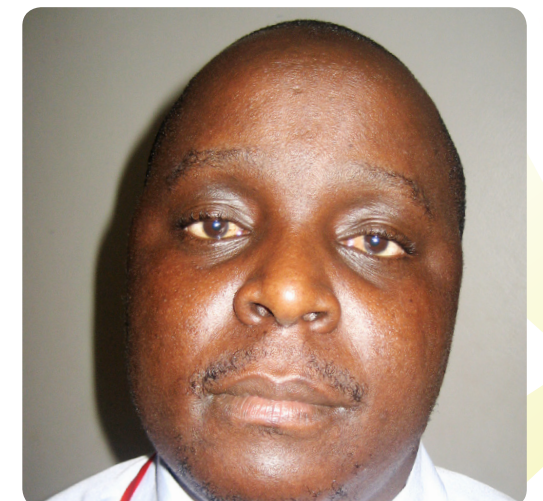
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Balance between business and Christian principles

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All Christians are business men/women but not all business men/women are Christians. Hence, the need for balancing between Christian and business principle.

BASIC RESOURCES:

In management science there are six [06] basic resources [George Terry]:

- Men [Human Resourced].
- Money [Financial Resources].
- Machines [Technology].
- Materials.
- Methods.
- Markets.

Both Christians and non-Christians need the same resources. Therefore, since all Christians are business people and all businesses require basic resources, I do not see the need for balancing. However, Christians need to know that they are stewards of the resources they own or manage. Non-Christian people do not need to balance their business principles with Christian principles which they do not subscribe to.

The principles of managing resources:

Specialization of labour. Authority. **Discipline.** Unity of Command Unity of Direction. **Subordination of Unity of Command.** Remuneration. **Centralization.** Scalar Chain of Command. **Order.** Personnel Tenure Initiative. **Espirit De Corps**

In order to understand so that business and Christian principles may be balanced or to determine that an imbalance exists, let us examine managerial functions which are a fundamental sinequanon for success of any business.

- Planning
- Organising
- Actuating [Implementing]
- Coordinating
- Controlling [monitoring and evaluation]

Time and space will not permit me to delve into details but suffice it to say, for purposes of this article, that these functions are necessary for all business people – Christian or not, industrial or service.

For any business to succeed, there must be basic resources to use, and principles and managerial functions have to be applied in order to produce goods and services for human consumption. What now remains is to articulate a synthesis between the principles, basic resources and managerial functions to come

up with integrated conclusions about our hypothesis: balancing Christian and business principles.

Before we do that let turn to this Christendom. What Christian principles do Christians espouse? At a high risk of stepping on Christianity-experts, I will answer these questions relying on the Doctrinal Statement of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International [FGBMF] which is in harmony with those of many Christian Denominations:

- "We believe in one, maker of all things and being in trinity with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe that the Son of God, Jesus Christ became incarnate, was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man.
- We believe the Bible in its entirety, from Genesis to Revelation [Full Gospel] to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and conduct.
- We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the eternal happiness of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.
- We believe in personal salvation of believers through the shed blood of Christ.
- We believe in the sanctification by the blood of Christ, in personal holiness of heart and life, and in separation from the world.
- We believe in Divine healing, through faith, and that healing is included in the atonement.
- We believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost accompanied by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance [Acts 2:4] as distinct from the new birth and in the nine [9] gifts of the Holy Spirit listed I 1 Corinthians 12 as now available to believers.
- We believe in the Christians hope – the imminent, personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe in intensive world evangelization and missionary work in accordance with Great Commission with signs following."

A Christian emulates [except the forbidden, fruit] Mr & Mrs Adam and Eve in Eden to 'work the ground'. A Christian emulates Abel [not Cain], Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses.

A Christian judiciously utilises God's basic and non-basic resources, applying managerial principles and functions as a diligent Steward.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward." Colossians 3:23.

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31.

On the other hand, the non-Christian man or woman, using the same basic and non-basic resources and applying the same managerial principles and functions is a smart investor, entrepreneur and a tenacious profit maximizer for himself, family, business empire and respected citizen in the Community, nation and, like Zlib Setga et al, of this world.

This does not mean that non-Christian business people have no principles. Many do. In fact many are good nominal Christians who give generously to the poor and even the Church.

But many, too, remain non-believers.

To all nations:

Here is a message of hope -

Caroleanne



Caroleanne lives in the USA with her husband, Byron. They have been married for 40 years and has been in active service of The Lord for 28 years. She has worked to support and serve Pastors as well as other Church leaders enabling them to more efficiently pour out their gifting to the Body of Christ. She has been a counselor to the broken-hearted and a mentor to the hungry in Spirit.

God has graced Caroleanne with strong gifting in the Prophetic which He uses to encourage and enlighten those who hear His voice through her. She carries a gift for healing and deliverance that work together to heal body, soul and spirit. Her heart is given to the Body of Christ with the pleasure of propelling them by God's grace into their destinies. Her life goal through ministry is to see God's chosen walking strong and mighty as Sons of God.

Caroleanne carries a message of Hope for all nations and all people and has given her life to take that Hope to all who will hear.

Along with the message of hope, Caroleanne has a personal testimony of having been healed from a medically diagnosed condition of incurable severe nerve damage in her feet, legs and hips and had lived in excruciating pain every second for 11 and 1/2 years. On October 21, 2011, while attending a Global Awakening conference, Caroleanne was touched by the power of God and was instantly healed. The condition that was diagnosed as incurable was suddenly healed. The pain drained out of her body and has not returned. Though she had believed in the healing power of Jesus before, the personal experience of having been healed has given her an even a greater desire to see hurting people set free from their suffering. Caroleanne loves praying for the sick to be healed. She has increased faith for the miraculous because she lives a testimony of the miraculous every day. ✨

A glimpse into Uganda's eighth Archbishop Stanley Ntagali



Bishop Stanley Ntagali as the Archbishop and Primate of the second largest province of the Anglican Communion was elected by the Ugandan House of Bishops on June 12, 2012. At a press conference following a meeting of the House of Bishops at St. Paul's Cathedral,



Namirembe on 22 June 2012 the Dean of the Church of Uganda Bishop Nicodemus Okille announced that Bishop Ntagali received two-thirds of the votes cast in a secret ballot.

"I am sure that the prayer of many people of this province has been answered," Archbishop Henry Orombi said after the election. We can change our prayers, he said. "This morning it was a prayer of asking. Now it is a prayer for thanksgiving."

The "temperature in our province is cool and nice", Archbishop Henry said. The problems of the past had ended and the Church of Uganda was about to enter "better times as God will be honoured in Uganda."

"I will be a team leader and my brother bishops, all of you, will all be my team members," the newly elected archbishop said after his election.

Born in Ndurwa County in Kabale District in 1955, on Christmas Eve 1974 he underwent a conversion experience and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour and was "born again".

The new archbishop worked as a teacher and then as a lay missionary in Karamoja Diocese before training for the ministry at Bishop Tucker Theological College in Uganda and St. Paul's Theological College, Limuru, Kenya. He later undertook graduate studies at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies in the UK.

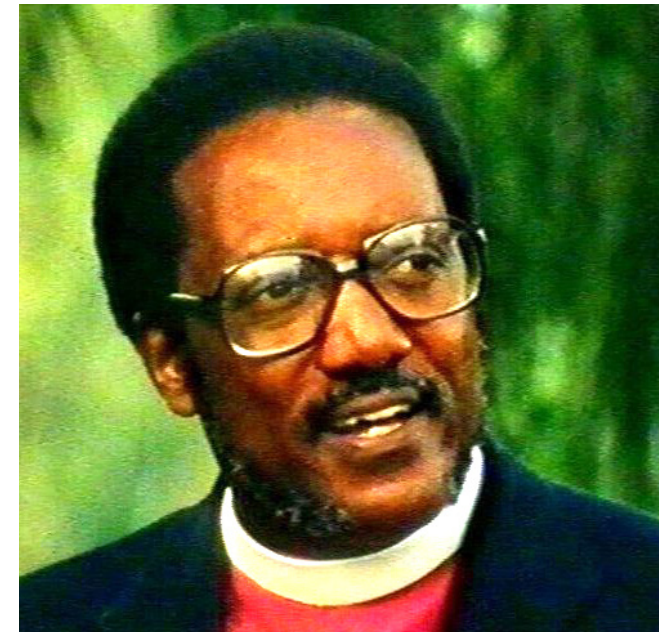
After ordination he served as a parish priest in Bunyoro-Kitara Diocese until 2002, when he was appointed Provincial Secretary for the Church of Uganda. On 19 December 2004 he was consecrated Bishop of the Masindi-Kitara Diocese – and was the first bishop consecrated by the then newly elected Archbishop Henry Orombi. Bishop Ntagali is married to Beatrice and they have five children.

Under Ugandan canon law, to be eligible to stand for election, a potential archbishop one must already be serving as a Bishop in the Church of Uganda, and must be at least 50 years old. Out of the 35 Bishops currently active in the Church of Uganda, 29 were eligible to become Archbishop, Bishop Okille said.

The installation of the new Archbishop is expected to take place on 16th December at St. Paul's Cathedral, Namirembe.

Remembering Bishop Festo Kivengere

Messenger of peace, joy, hope, charity



This story is adapted from The Sunday Monitor newspaper in Uganda of May 11, 2014

His rise from the plains of Rujumbura, Kigezi, to the respected vocation of teaching was itself a high achievement. Born in 1919, few of his peers enjoyed the privilege of a European education that would change their fortunes. It has been 25 years since Bishop Festo Kivengere, the late Bishop of Kigezi, went to his eternal glory. His death on May 18, 1988 silenced a voice that one longs to hear again, especially in a Church and country that struggle to regain their focus.

We remember him with a tender fondness, neither diminished by time nor altered by new experiences and relationships. So we speak of him with a nostalgic wish for his momentary return, a futile longing for a time when the Church and its leaders were in concert with the Gospel that they preached.

One hesitates to pen words in his memory, for one falls short of his eloquence, of his intellect, of his grasp of the scriptures, of his courage, and of his tireless zeal in evangelism. Yet to let pass without comment this anniversary of his death would be to drop the baton that he passed to us through his powerful ministry.

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However, it was the story of his dramatic conversion from a life of vigorous sin, complete with serious devotion to destructive alcohol, blasphemy, persecuting Christians and contemplating suicide, which assured many of us that the hope of salvation was ours for the asking.

Kivengere surrendered to Christ in 1941, the start of a ministry that continues today through the myriad men and women whom he helped bring to Christ.

One event in Kivengere's life that revealed the depth of his complete faith in Christ was the day little Lydia, his second-born

child, took ill while his wife, Merabu, was in labour with their third child at a mission hospital 48 kilometers away.

Kivengere strapped the gravely ill little girl on his back and cycled to a hospital in Dodoma, Tanganyika, where he was working as a missionary teacher. Lydia died soon after arrival, leaving her father devastated.

Moments later, engulfed in the tender mercy of the Lord, Kivengere began to praise Him and to minister to dozens of Muslims who were with him in that terrible moment. His wife did the same when the news of Lydia's death reached her in her labour ward.

That very day Ms Kivengere delivered her third born whom they named Joy, a single word testimony that spoke of the depth of their complete submission to Christ.

For all his devotion to Christ and his exceptional gifts as an evangelist, Kivengere was a sinner like you and me, but one who was not ashamed to share his flaws with his listeners and readers. He laid bare his episodes of jealousy towards fellow evangelists, his angry disagreements with his beloved wife, his occasional tensions with his daughters and his periods of doubt and spiritual coldness.

By doing so, he made it easy for us who looked up to him for leadership to openly confront and acknowledge our own sins and failures that were way worse than his.

We remember him best, of course, because of his extraordinary gift as an apostle for Christ. He did not simply preach the Gospel in a manner that captivated and ministered to us so deeply, he lived a life that glorified the Lord. He lived a modest life. He offered charity to others.

What kind of country would Kivengere find if he returned to Uganda today and what would he do? Deeper ethnic divisions; widespread corruption; destructive materialism; wider economic disparity; a militarized population; violent coercion; escalating tension between the President and his chief spy; a very uncertain future.

Uganda is a country where Christ has been turned into a commodity, merchandised by self-proclaimed pastors, prophets and apostles in exchange for cash and material wealth. Depressing to be sure, but not surprising to one who knows the nature of Fallen Man.

Kivengere would simply resume preaching his unadorned message of salvation and love through Jesus crucified on the Cross. He would exhort us to claim our rights as children of freedom, with an agenda to overcome evil with good.

He would speak the truth to the powerful, especially the President and his armed aides, in defense of justice and honesty.

He would challenge fellow bishops who have become volunteer agents of the state in the war of oppression and repression in exchange for gifts of cars and cash.

He would be the mediator who seeks to heal the wide rift that threatens to tear down his Kigezi Diocese during this period of transition to a new bishop.

He would remind us of the Peace that flows from the risen Christ, the Joy that comes to those who accept His saving grace, the Hope of everlasting life and our duty to offer charity to those in need, not because we can but because we must.

We honour Kivengere by walking in his spiritual footsteps, and by giving glory to God who used him to bring many to Christ.

**"OUR HOME IS A H.O.P.E HOUSE,
A House Of Prayer Education"**
- Mark Purvis



I am 58 years old, married to a beautiful wife Jan, am father to three amazing children, Lucy, Josianne and John-Eric and grandfather to Pippa and Theo Hawkins.

We live in Derby at the heart of England. I am part of the citywide church of Jesus Christ in Derby. Our home is a HOPE house, a House Of Prayer Education.

I have spent most of my adult working life as a language teacher and am called to the 'mountain' of education. In the last 3 years God has given me the vision from His word to see the Kingdom come to every home in the city. It will be one amongst many in our nation and in the nations as His heart is to deliver the nations He has covenanted to His Son, the Lord Jesus in Genesis 22, in Psalm 2 and whose fulfillment has already been determined in heaven as seen in Revelation 11:15. Cities are the strongholds that govern nations as the concentration of the populations there act as an accelerant for both ill and good. We want to impact our cities for good and God's glory.

This will happen as the Father's House of prayer for all nations will be raised up to be atop every mountain of influence in our cities to take nations. I am called to play my small part in that so that the life of the river of God flows into every area of society and brings healing to the nations.

This is a prophetic conference by nature as it is calling out something very close to the Father's heart for His Son, won at the Cross 2000 years ago, soon to be revealed as Jesus' Bride from every tongue, tribe and nation pre-pared for Him for His return. I am very honoured to walk in partnership with my dear brother Medad Birungi, and with Uganda and Africa as strong catalysts to help see this God-given vision fulfilled.

I have a passion for the lost - *Sydney Francis*



Sydney Francis has been married to Joanna for 33 years and they have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. He has been involved in ministry for 30 years, full time since 2005. He is the Senior Pastor of Lehae Christian Centre in Lehae Johannesburg, also the Founder of Bibles4Africa, Involved in other ministries, for example Onehope; Training and Book Distribution, OCC. Training and Gift Distribution, Watchmen on the Walls and Awana SA. He has travelled to 25 countries around the world and has a passion for the Lost.



Our mission is reaching, raising & releasing people to their destiny

If the lord is pleased with us he will lead us into that land flowing with milk and honey. He will give it us. Do not rebel. Do not be afraid of the people of the land. We will swallow them up. Their protection is gone but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them". (Number 14:8-9).

God is good all the time. This is real. I was very traumatized from childhood because my family was surrounded with broken walls. These included fear, anger, poverty, bitterness, pain of rejection, among others.

In April 12, 1992, I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ after a crusade by the of Kigezi Anglican Youth Missioners (KAYM). I felt relief when I cast all my burdens to Jesus Christ. We had an alcoholic father. He wasted money and time on alcohol. This made access to basic needs difficult.

The biggest challenge was education. I dropped from school. I started doing business to raise money for sustain our family. With my savings, I took my young siblings to school. Luckily enough my elder brother was finishing school. He later joined me in the struggle for survival. Glory to God that most of us have finished school. We are working. We have our own families. Ebenezer.

I thank Rev. Dr. Medad Birungi and his wife Constance for the great work they have done in my life. They have inspired, motivated, mentored and supported me in all aspects of my life. May the good LORD richly bless you abundantly.

"God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man that he should change His mind. Does He speak and not fulfill?" Numbers 23:19.

The Purpose of the Evangelistic Missions is to motivate, prepare the church for revival, for the healing of the nations, raising Leaders and disciples, devoted to God and distinct in Social Action. "World Shine Ministries helps to mobilize Christian individuals, groups and Churches, Primary, Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities and Christian Organisations, to support the work of the Ministry through Reaching, Raising and Releasing people into their destiny. We enhance this so powerfully through prayer and giving by those that support WSM work. We seek to reach the unreached and evangelise to places where the gospel of salvation has not reached and revive the nominal churches with the power of the gospel wherever we are invited. We also assess the need and initiate ministry opportunities in any country.

World Shine Evangelistic Ministries (WSEM) is inter-denominational, non-profit, non-political, non-racial and non-governmental International Christian organization helping the church to shine for Christ for the healing of the nations. It works in partnership with churches, Christian organizations and other institutions of learning. Its basis of faith is in agreement.



To mobilize, motivate and prepare the church for revival and healing of the nations;

What is WSEM aim and objective that is intended to achieve?

Empowering, Imparting and Equipping the Church for Ministry, Networking, Partnering and Collaborating for Ministry, Fellowshiping, Renewal and Revival of Apostolic Christianity, Reaching fifty Cities to the Nations with The Gospel of Jesus and Bringing Christians Together for the Common Aim of Shinning for Christ With The Evangelical Alliance Lausanne Covenant.

Our vision is to see the church shining for Christ for the healing of the nations.

Our Mission; is Reaching, Raising and Releasing people to their destiny.

The biggest of world shine evangelistic ministry is being influenced by revival for healing of the nations. Our focus is that, in fifty years to come we may cover fifty cities in Uganda and the entire Africa, fifty cities in Europe, America, and Asia. It is our humble request to our god that we will be able to cover these areas in before fifty years. How will do cover those fifty cities in fifty years?

Through reaching, Raising and Releasing in order to take people to their destiny.

- a) By invitation from churches, institutions of learning and para church organizations, fellowships praying for people and
- b) Through our own Initiative by organizing conventions, missions, crusades weeks by preaching the living Gospel
- c) Partnership and establishing prayer alters.

How do we get funds to enable us to fulfill this great commition?

Through ministry partners, churches ,organization among other .

We raise people to their destination by;

- i) Discipleship and Leadership Developed. .
- ii) Partnership in learning and church institutions.
- iii) Cell group development.
- iv) Fellowships like women, couples, men ,youth etc.

People are released to their destiny through

- (a) Healing and deliverance
- (b) Missions
- (c) Ministry; Church and Commissioning people to minister.
- (d) Professionalism's like training, special forum group.

We have to believe it that it is possible. "With God all things are possible" in Jeremiah 32:27 It says absolutely nothing is impossible to God!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the success of this Convention.

May the Lord richly bless you and your labour in Christ is not in vain. I Corinthians 15:58.

Yours in Christ,

By Reuben H. Kuribakanya
WSEM Missions Coordinator.

Wsm holds its first agm for eastern & northern uganda Evangelism & education are at the centre of action.

The WSM Communication Coordinator, Alfred Wasike represented the WSM President/founder, Rev. Dr. Medad Birungi at the colourful occasion.

World Shine Ministries held its first annual general meeting (AGM) for Eastern and Northern Uganda. Evangelism, Education and other social concerns are at the heart of our actions in this vast region.

Eastern and Northern have special needs because the two regions have been devastated by decades of insurgency. The rebel Lord's Resistance Army led by maverick Joseph Kony and other insurgents terrorized this region killing, maiming and driving thousands of civilians into internally displaced people's camps. The ugly stories that emerged from the insurgency in the region include a grisly one at Mukura, Soroti, where government troops gathered scores of suspected rebel collaborators, locked them in a railway train wagon and lit a fire under it basically roasting them to death.

WSM is involved in rehabilitating hundreds of survivors, among other programmes.

The WSM Coordinator for Eastern & Northern Uganda is Rev. Robert Erone, a former Uganda Government Chief Chemist.

He explained that WSM is an inter-denominational, non-profit, non-political, inter-racial, international Christian non-governmental organisation founded in 2000 with the aim of reaching, raising and releasing trained leaders to build the Kingdom of God. The AGM sat on December 20,

Erone, a co-founder of the WSM, reported that the WSM Kachumbala office has a nine-member Management Committee chaired by Rev. Francis Ebur. It guides WSM activities in Eastern and Northern Uganda. The Kachumbala office is headed by the Coordinator assisted by volunteers.

He also reported that through evangelism (the core activity), his office has managed to win souls for Christ through door to door ministry, crusades and films especially the Jesus film.

Recent outreach missions in this region include:

Kachumbala Mission in 2012 where over 600 souls came to the Lord

Katakwi Mission in 2013 where 917 souls came to the Lord

Schools outreach to St. John's College Kachumbala, Lifeline SS Bukedea and Bukedea Progressive SS in which hundreds of students gave their lives to Christ.

In 2011, several primary schools were reached. Among these include Kachumbala PS, Amus PS; Akwarikwar PS. Hundreds of children gave their lives to Christ.

WSM is planning to visit more schools as soon as the academic year begins.

On discipleship, he reported that WSM has established & strengthened fellowships, home cells, Scripture Unions in schools.



Some of the participants to the annual general meeting (AGM) outside, All Saints Church, Kachumbala, the venue of the day-long conference:

WSM has conducted Pastors & Clergy conferences, workshops and seminars. These were also conducted for other Christian groups.

WSM is also involved in alleviating social concerns like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). FGM is a very painful and in cases very fatal evil practiced against girl children and women for generations by several communities in this region.

In conjunction with our overseas partners, WSM has held anti-FGM conferences & other actions in the Sebei and Karamoja areas, where the evil is most concentrated in Uganda & Kenya.

WSM is involved in helping the needy for education in the region. WSM is currently paying for 2 orphans in primary school, 4 orphans in secondary school and a needy student at university. WSM supports several women's group in Kachumbala, Bukedea and elsewhere.

We also support inter-denominational women's groups in Nyero, Kumi District to generate household incomes and fight poverty. These groups have been receiving support in forms of goats and cash.

The Management Committee Chairperson, Rev. Ebur commended WSM for promoting unity. He highlighted the theme scripture of the AGM from John 17:21 in which Jesus prays for the Unity of all believers. He called for humility, patience, love, trust. He urged

the participants to become active members of WSM by paying membership fees of U20,000/= per individual and U50,000/= per Church or Organisation per year.

Among the challenges, the AGM noted that all the above activities require finances and personnel. Most of the people working with WSM are volunteers. A few, mainly at the WSM headquarters are not volunteers and need to be paid. WSM gets support from partners, mainly from overseas. Local pastors and other well wishers support WSM too. Funding also comes from the U20,000/= from individual membership and U50,000/= from churches or organisations.

The AGM was encouraged to join membership so as to fulfill the Great Commission (Mathew 28:16-20)

The AGM appreciated that the benefits of WSM membership include the excitement of seeing people come to Christ, involvement in ministry (missions, conferences, seminars etc), sharing compassion work with Christ for example helping orphans, widows, other needy by contributing financially and spiritually, the joy of knowing that we are answering to the Great Commission (Mathew 28:16-20).

The AGM also heard that other challenges facing WSM in this region include: rent default of U300,000/= (@U100,000/= per month), public address system, furniture, printer, computers (2), electricity (U5,000/= per month), fuel (U25,000/= per week), communication (U10,000/= per week), volunteer assistant in the office (U20,000/= per week including lunch), among others.

The AGM passed a motion of thanks to the WSM head office in Kampala and the WSM office in Eastern and Northern Uganda for all the work being done inspite of the challenges.

In reactions, the AGM resolved to wait upon God for these challenges.

Rev. Dr. Medad Birungi thanked the Coordinator and the Management Committee for organizing the inaugural AGM. He also thanked God and the members for making time to come to the AGM.

Referring to the AGM theme scripture, he (Alfred) called for unity inspite of the challenges facing WSM.

He thanked God that Rev. Erone raised a God centred family based on Jesus and education that is raising money for the ministry of God's word and meeting some of these challenges.

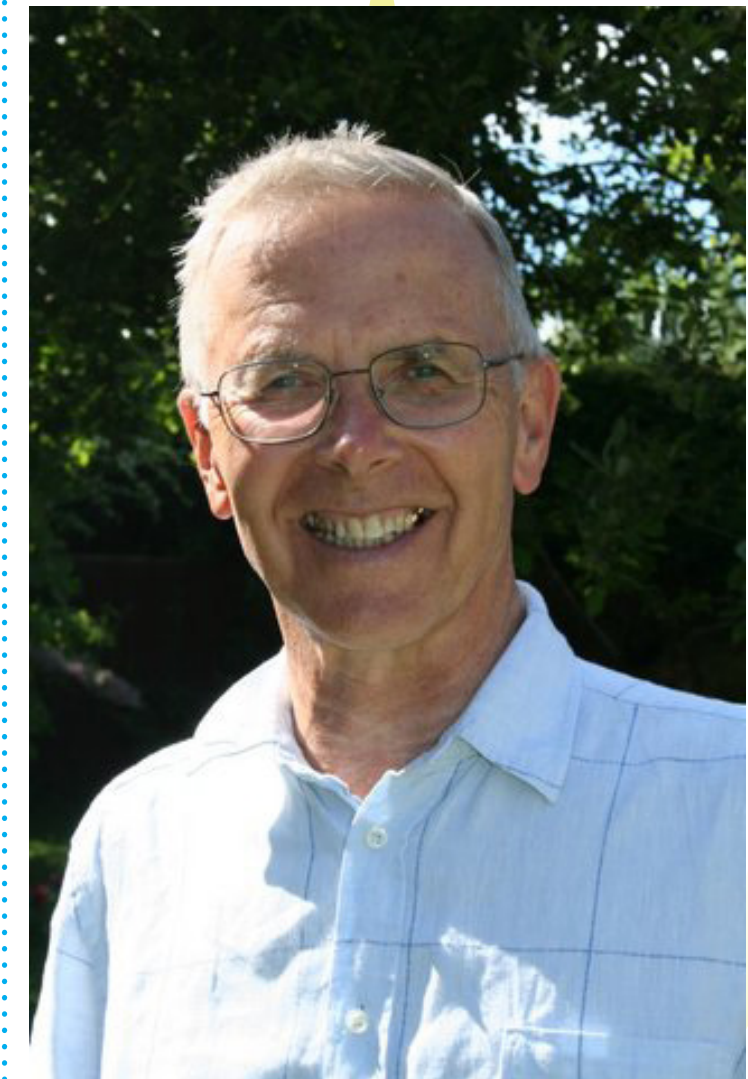
He urged the AGM to encourage membership payments to help raise funds for God's work. He reminded the AGM that Rev. Erone is a WSM Board Member so their concerns are handled at the highest level.

The AGM was informed about the various missions planned for 2014. Some of these include the International Healing Conference set for Kampala in May 2014. We have plans to hold massive crusades and revival weeks in Uganda including in the Eastern and Northern Uganda. In the offing, we also have revival weeks in East Africa and beyond to South Africa (code-named Elephant Stampede in East London), North America and Europe.

He said that we shall need missionaries from among the AGM for all these missions.

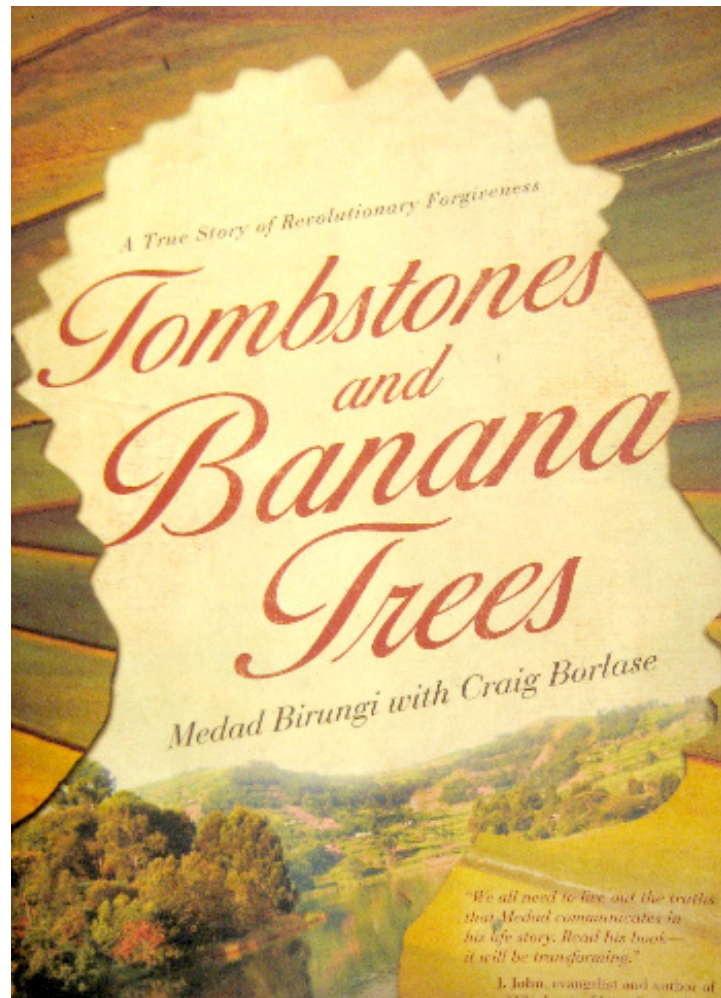
The WSM Communication Coordinator took the AGM through the "REVOLUTIONARY POWER OF FORGIVENESS", based on **Matthew 18:21-35**.

Rev. Dr. Hartmut Kopsch



Hartmut was formerly Rector of Walcot Parish Church in Bath, is married to Jane and has two daughters and five grandsons. They have known Medad for over 15 years and have been continually inspired by his life and teaching. Hartmut has ministered with Medad in Uganda 3 times. Hartmut's passions have always been for evangelism, Bible teaching and discipleship. He is the author of the book entitled: "The Struggle – the Battle between the Flesh and the Spirit".

A review of the book that forms basis of Rev. Dr. Medad Birungi's testimony



Title: *"Tombstones and Banana Trees: A true Story of Revolutionary Forgiveness"*

Authors: *Medad Birungi with Craig Borlase*

Pages: 207

Publishers: *David C Cook in Colorado (USA)*

Published: 2011

Price: *US\$14.99 (USHS40, 000)*

Reviewer: *Alfred Wasike*

More than 2000 years since God sent his only son, Jesus Christ to save us from peccadillo and death; we are still living in a very turbulent world. Abound are the stories of bloody clashes between individuals, communities, nations over wealth and other material resources. Rare are the stories of reconciliation and forgiveness.

What's FORGIVENESS? The words that spring to my mind are pardon, clemency, pity, mercy, absolution, amnesty, exoneration and exculpation, among others. Some of the direct antonyms are BLAME, ACCUSE, POINT FINGERS AT, CONDEMN.

I was touched by Reverend Medad's book on forgiveness.

FLASHBACK: The intense and moving story is set in a village called Rwanjogori (meaning maggots) in south-western Uganda in the early 1960s. Born in a large polygamous family headed by a cruel and drunken father, Birungi recalls, "My story changed beyond all recognition. Everything that was made ugly by pain and anger was turned to beauty by one simple yet unbelievably revolutionary thing: forgiveness."

He further recalls: "I do not think I would ever experience such sorrow and despair as the day my father beat me down from the pick up trucks and abandoned us – my mother, my sisters, my brothers, and me – by the side of the road at Kashumuruzi. We had no food, no possessions, and no hope of a future. All we had was the smell of diesel from the aging pickup trucks loaded with possessions, retreating down the road – possessions that, just minutes previously, had been our own."

At another tragic point of his hard-growing-up years, one of his sisters had just been killed: "I was not alone as I looked down on the rocks at the bottom of the waterfall (Below: A happy Medad at the Kisiizi Falls in August 2012). A woman I knew had approached me.

Aidah Mary Tasiime Entungwaruhanga was an old friend of my mother. She had been there when I was born in the banana plantation. In fact, she was the one who named me Birungi. She used to carry me on her back whenever she visited my mother when I was a small boy. She was an amazing Christian and loved me very dearly. She taught me Christian songs for children and many Bible stories. She had seen me approaching the falls and called out to me above the noise of the water hurling itself down onto the rocks below. She had obviously heard about Peninah. "Your mother is in grief, your father is gone, and your sister is dead. What are you doing?" "I did not answer; we both knew why I was there. She spoke again. "Your mother lost every relative in Rwanda. She has the horror of trying to live without family around to support her, and she was with her husband who mistreated her and abandoned her. But she stuck to you children. How will she feel when she finds out what you have done? You are her only hope, her eyes. What will she feel when she learns of your body on the rocks below?"

He is consumed by revenge: "But I also knew that I would not kill myself. I did not want to hurt my mother any more. I did not want to go to hell like Judas. I wanted others to take my place in death. I would return as a murderer, a killer, an angry man, with hatred in my heart. At that point I think I must have become a killer in my heart, like so many men who had stood there and smiled at death." Medad relents: "It was agony to do so, but I abandoned my plan of suicide. In its place I made a vow to live until I took revenge and killed those who had plotted Peninah's death." He walked away from the "suicide" point with a "civil war" raging in him.

At the time of writing this book he reflects: "I understand today that bitterness is food for demons, and I can see from that point on I felt a different person, incapable of controlling myself." (Below): The St. John's Cathedral Christians applaud Rev. Medad for the testimony

He acknowledges that bitterness is one of the most crushing mental problems in a person's life. It is a deadly poison that needs to be brought to light and addressed urgently. His self esteem was completely crushed. He felt hated and rejected. "It caused me to drink heavily, but whenever I was sober I could see that the problems were just the same. The devastating pain in their family continued. Some of his sisters were raped. He was "enraged yet powerless". "They used my sisters as toilet paper but I could do nothing to stop it"

He describes the Stone Age aspects of his community: "The Bakiga (my tribe) was a male dominated society, fiercely

patriarchal. The cultural laws favour and defend men while supporting the oppression of women. Women are treated as second class, and because dowry is paid before marriage, many are treated like property... and beasts of burden... domestic violence against women is so deep – even in Christian homes – there is no political will to stop it. We would need another book to talk about that as well."

He recalls that it was such a hard year in his life and it set in motion the habits of a destructive lifestyle: being angry, shouting at people not greeting them, killing people in his heart, seeing death all around, spending energy he had in him on vowing to kill. Life continued to be hard. His sisters even "prostituted themselves... You cannot fight the sort of shame or humiliation that comes from prostitution... I will never forget the sacrifices they made for my education". (Below): Even the children were mesmerized)

On a happier note he recalls that within a year his they had raised enough money to send him to school. He recalls, rather fondly that when he first walked to school very many kilometers away: Makobore High School in Rukungiri, his mother went with him. He had no mattress, no bed sheets, no shoes, no trousers, just a spare set of clothes and provisions but he was happy. He made a grass mattress using a shawl his mother gave him. He recalls his mum's warning: "Do not do anything to bring further shame on our family." He said yes to his mother's warning but did not honour it. At school he developed a double life that he kept hidden from his teachers and family. He joined alcohol drinking and chaos-causing gangs due to peer pressure.

It is a great story that climaxes in his being delivered from all these demons and sets the stage for the deliverance and healing of his immediate family, community and thus revitalising the benefits of the spiritually groundbreaking East African Revival of the 1930s.



Singaporean tent maker returns to Africa

Mark Sng is a practicing coach, & 6 Seconds Advanced EQ Practitioner and Trainer based in Singapore.



Mark serves the community through involvement in various boards, committees and councils of schools, church bodies, hospital and professional bodies. He has also moderated inter-faith dialogue, volunteered with non-profits and been selected to critique the Revised Governance Code for Charities & IPCs. He is also involved in Social Enterprise projects overseas. He does pro-bono work with youth & coaches CEOs with AWWA & CNPL, respectively. He speaks at seminars and Conferences locally and overseas on Learning and Leadership. Mark is a retired tent-maker currently residing in Korat, North Thailand, having relocated from Singapore in the last 6 months. Mark has been a lay leader in the Anglican Church for the last 25 years serving in various capacities within the parish of St John's-St Margaret's Church (SJSN) & the Diocese of Singapore and also in the wider church in Singapore with the National Council of Churches. He is currently on sabbatical for a year having recently relinquished his responsibilities listed below:

Among the diverse portfolios he has ably handled include:

- Exco Member – National Council of Churches Singapore, Chair Governance & Property Development Committees, serving member churches from protestant, orthodox and independent churches
- Member Anglican Synod, Member Diocese of Singapore Finance Board, Member Diocese Laos Deanery Council
- Parochial Church Council Member, Lay Reader, Establishment Committee Member, Chair Missions Business & Social Enterprise Committee, Assistant Cell Leader – SJSN
- Treasurer Barnabas Society
- St Andrews Mission Hospital Finance Committee Member

Apart from his duties from the official designations Mark has moderated inter-faith forums and dialogue sessions, sat on a government appointed task force for the drafting of Best Practices in the Governance of Charities & Religious organisations, negotiated space requirements for churches with government agencies, organised Governance Seminars, & coached & counselled clergy. He has also delivered keynotes and spoken at conferences, facilitated workshops and seminars for organisations, NGOs and non-profits, & church and para church organisations in different countries.

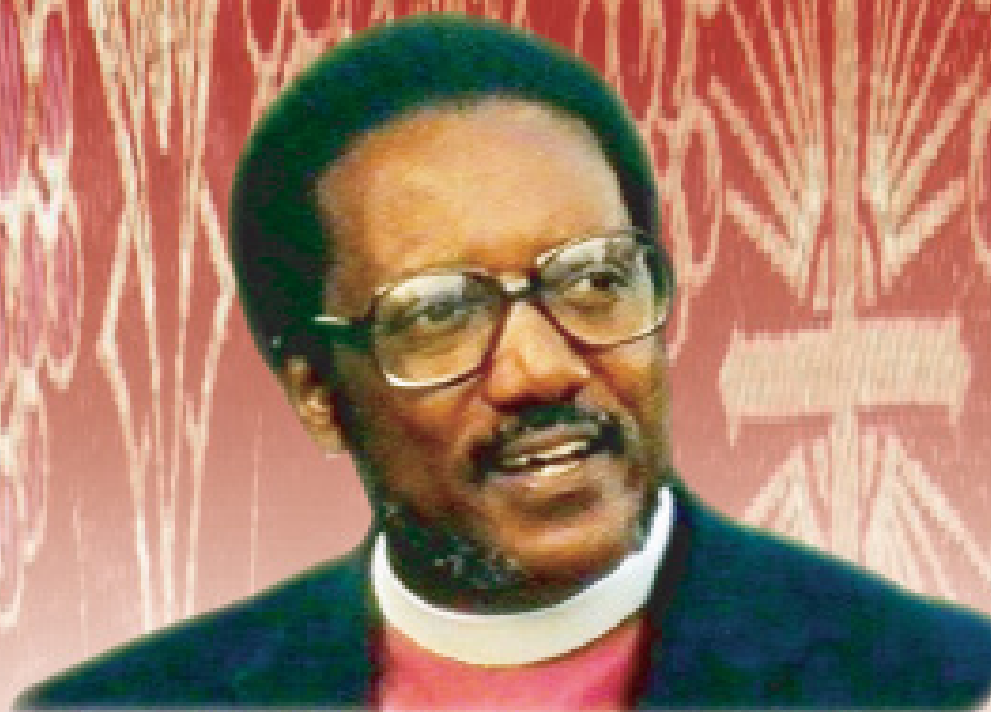
Mark heads Life Options Pte Ltd as Principal Consultant, collaborating with a team of associates while also on the panel of associates of Grovewell LLC, NY and Maximus International Pty Ltd, Sydney.

He trained to be an Accountant in England, then worked with GE (USA), Black & Decker & Tyco, culminating in his last role of Regional Operational Audit Manager covering 12 countries in Asia Pacific & occasionally Europe & North America, across industries, functions and organizational levels.

Mark is coach certified by CoachU & CorporateCoachU & by 6 Seconds as an Advanced Practitioner in EQ (Training, Self-assessment tool administration, Curriculum development for Social Emotional Learning (SEL) & Coaching). Mark is certified to administer the DISC tool and has also been involved in the development of the SEI Youth on-line EQ self-assessment and in-house self-assessments for the non-profit sector.

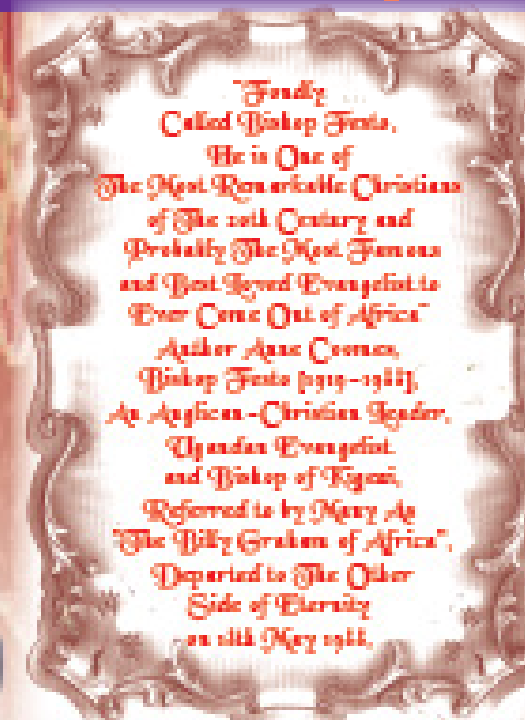
Mark draws from his global corporate exposure in bringing social emotional learning to schools, and Leadership & Change to organization leaders. His niche areas of expertise are Corporate, Life, Career & Teen Coaching, Change & Leadership Development (Corporate), SEL (Education), & Parent SEL (Social). His current business and pro bono work spans different sectors in several countries.

BISHOP FESTO KIVENGERE MEMORIAL LECTURE 2014



Key Note Speaker:
Bishop Dr. Edmond Mbulima

Chief Guest:
Archbishop Stanley Ntagali



The Bishop Festo Kivengere Women Clergy Wear Initiative OFFICIAL LAUNCH



*The Initiative of Highlighting
Dignity and Giving
AGN Women of Clergy Clothing for
Each of the Diocese and Ordained Women Clergy
in the Church in Commemoration of the 50th
of Bishop Festo Kivengere's Departure,
as the Bishop who was at the forefront
of the inclusion of Women in
Specially in the Church.*

*A Gift Example of Clothing for
Ordained Women Clergy
[eg Women Formal Suits &
eg Highlighting Clergy Skirts]*

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“A generation with Value”



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Reliable research reveals that the main cause of the above is the current nurturing of our own children. And for that reason, the Rising Sun Family has been initiated to groom our children in a manner that will restore our society's value.



VISION.

To Nurture a generation with value.

MISSION.

To train and equip our young generation with the practical skills to restore the Values in all aspects of life.

Our aim is to bring to an end the moral decayance in our today's society through our young generation by availing them the right people to inspire, train, groom, mentor and Inculcate a value in their lives for their future benefit and the world at large.

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