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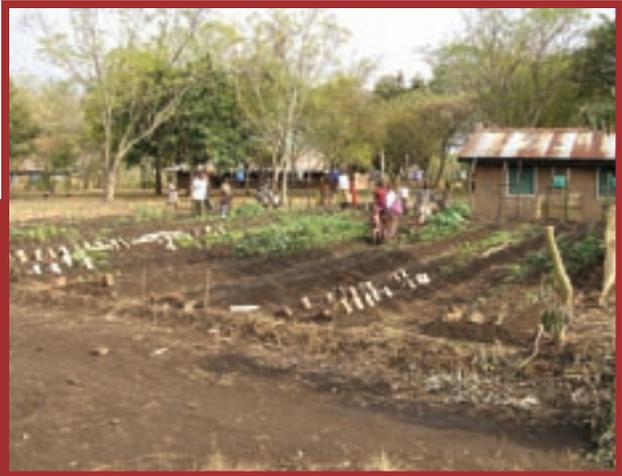
By Darrie Turner

"The Lord answered Moses, 'Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel."
Exodus 17: 5, 6 (NIV)

My first encounter with the small Bible School at Kiburara, Uganda, was in 1996, during the ADF wars. I can still remember the day the small Bible school population swelled from 75 men, women, and children to well over 2,000 who sought shelter, refuge, and food away from the blazing guns of the rebels. Faustan, Ndungo, Sitariko, and Moses, the staff at the Bible school, opened up their hearts and hands to those who came seeking refuge. All through the four-year war, the Bible college at Kiburara was a place where people could come when they were in trouble.

Yet that place of refuge and shelter for the wider community has itself become a place of suffering. Those who have given so much to others now are looking for the help they need to sustain life.

This bucket garden is an effort to do drip irrigation on a small scale, as a teaching exercise. It also helps the school grow a little food even when their main crops fail.



Let me explain: The Bible School at Kiburara has been nationally run for 15 years. It is a school supported mainly by agricultural practices where teachers and students grow their own food. Because the school does not provide food for students or staff, but only a place to grow the food, the tuition fees are greatly reduced, making the school affordable and practical for the people to attend. It is the only self-sustaining Bible school running on an African economy in East Africa of which I know.

But still they suffer! Why? Lack of rain! The ground at Kiburara is lovely, rich black soil that is 3 feet deep. It could grow anything, but it doesn't. In order to grow crops, two rainy seasons a year are necessary, but those rains have

been unreliable over the last five years. The people need 6 weeks of rain to grow crops, and now they often get only 3 weeks. They do the hard work of digging, planting and weeding but it is discouraging to see no harvest. Often before the beans, corn, peanuts, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and onions can produce, the rains stop! Their crops die from lack of water! After much prayer and investigation into this circumstance, the Lord has led us to a solution. There is more water than needed less

than one kilometer away in a river that flows all year long. E.M.I., an engineering mission in partnership with us, has designed a solar, drip irrigation system that will allow the school to grow crops all year round. This system will also

Help Bible students in Uganda with life-giving water



Faustan (the director of the school) and some of the children with a new bio-sand water filter. They use it as a teaching tool that will help them understand and correctly use the larger water purifier they hope to build later.

provide clean drinking water for the wider community. We are currently raising money to purchase the parts needed for such a system. The total cost is \$62,000. Pray with us that we will be able to help our brothers in Africa as they seek to train the future pastors of Uganda. Pray that the funds needed for the project will come in so that another growing season will not be lost. Pray that God will be able to use this project to open doors for the gospel to the wider community.

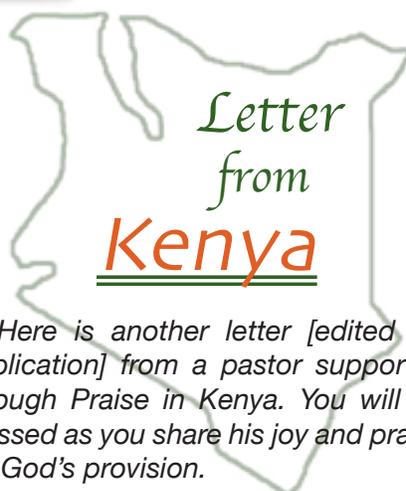
Darrie Turner and his family serve in Uganda with WorldVenture.

How to Help

Because we believe in this project, we are encouraging our Praise family to share in this powerful opportunity to impact not only this Bible School, but the surrounding community as well. Praise is already supporting pastors in Uganda, and we have a stake in the outreach of the gospel in this strategic African nation.

Moses and the people of Israel discovered that their sustenance

came from the Rock of Christ. Christ is the answer for all times and all nations, and His love is extended to this Ugandan community through this water project. You can help by praying for this project. You can also give feet to your prayers by sending a gift for the completion of the project. Please designate your gift "Uganda Water Project." One hundred percent of all your gifts given to the project will be sent to help. Thank you in advance!



Here is another letter [edited for publication] from a pastor supported through Praise in Kenya. You will be blessed as you share his joy and praise for God's provision.

Greetings in Jesus' Name. I am so glad for such an opportunity to communicate with you. First and foremost, I would like to thank God so much for the support I have received from you. Thank you for the concern and care. May God bless you abundantly.

*The church is making much progress, and we are experiencing more increases day by day. I am able to serve God more effectively because of your financial support. Thank you so much. Thank you for your efforts and endeavors to support my family and me, and for the resulting well being of the ministry. Yours in the Lord's service,
Pastor John
Jesus Glory Manifest Church*

Sin Prevention

By Pastor Dick Shaw
Director, Praise, Inc.

"Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways. You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. *I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."*

Psalm 119: 1-16, NIV

These first 16 verses of Psalm 119, a psalm that celebrates God's wonderful Word, remind us so vividly of the importance of spending time reading, studying, and memorizing God's Word. Praise, Inc. is committed to helping the Body of Christ make that convenient in every circumstance and at every stage of life. We continue to offer the entire Bible read aloud on one DVD. This King James translation recording allows

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you to hear the Bible read through at your convenience. The DVD includes tracks for you to begin listening at the book and chapter of your choice. The complete Bible on one DVD sells for just \$4.99. We have also developed a new product we are offering to our Praise family entitled *Psalm of Comfort and Encouragement*. This DVD recording includes some of your favorite psalms. As you listen, you will see beautiful scenes of ocean beaches and other water features, and you will hear the comforting sounds of waves striking the shore. Your spirit will be ministered to by listening to God's Word, and your soul will be comforted by the beautiful scenery.

The DVD is 71 minutes in length and will be a blessing over and over, each time you listen. This

custom recording, a Praise, Inc. exclusive, is only \$5.99.

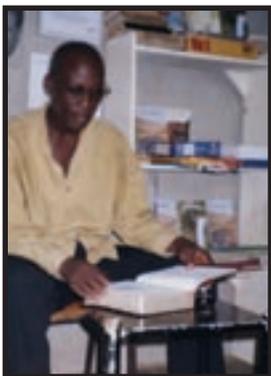


Praise, Inc.'s present office building located on West Oak Street in Caldwell, Idaho. See page 4 for updates about our possible move and new projects.

COMPUTERS FOR ABIDJAN

By Pastor Dick Shaw, *Director, Praise, Inc.*

Pastor Cephas Larmie is our leadership contact in Cote d' Ivoire. He lives in the city of Abidjan and oversees the ministry of several of our pastors in that country. Since his office has no computer equipment, he must use an internet café for all his email communication. The café rates in the city of Abidjan are extremely high. We have the privilege of passing along Brother Cephas' request for our help to purchase some used computer



**CEPHAS
LARMIE**

equipment. Here is the request in his own words:

"We are very much grateful and thankful unto the Lord for His divine blessings upon us and you all in Praise, Inc. We extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Rev. Ron Warren, Jim Cardillo, and Rev. Jim Bull, and all of our sponsors in Praise Inc, USA for their great care and compassion. We are also extending our thanks to the members of the Salem First Baptist Church for the gifts sent to us. We deeply appreciate their kind gesture and charity.

Meanwhile, I have completed the inventory on the computer costs. I investigated the various prices and have concluded that it will be best to buy the equipment

piece by piece. After buying the items, we will ask a technician to join them together for us We hasten to suggest that whatever the Lord will lay on the hearts of the sponsors, we will accept and appreciate. God bless."

We invite you to share in this project. You may designate a gift for computer equipment for the Abidjan office. Thank you for your generous gifts.

Praise, Inc. Office Update

Thank you for praying about our possible relocation. We are trusting the Lord for His best provision. Since the property where our building is located is up for sale but yet unsold, we are still in our existing offices. Options include being able to rent or purchase our building from a potential buyer or relocating our offices to a new location. We have made preliminary contact for a possible building here in Caldwell, Idaho, should we have to move. Thank you to those who have expressed concern and suggested possible solutions. Please continue to pray with us about these changes.

Other News:

- We are working to expand our IMAP ministry in Eastern Europe. We ask that you pray with us about opportunities to help the ministers of the gospel in Russia, Romania and Bulgaria.

- Jim Cardillo has joined our staff as volunteer Director of Special Projects. Jim has been a friend of Praise for many years and brings a heart for helping the cause

of Christ. His current project is the potential development of a medical clinic and pastors' conference in Honduras. Please pray for Jim as he takes up these responsibilities.

- As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are in the process of moving our pastors who live and serve in restricted countries over to the administration of The Voice of the Martyrs. This decision is based in the principle of kingdom efficiency, since VOM is already working in Vietnam, China, and Cuba, and we do not want to duplicate kingdom efforts. This will allow us to extend our ministry in Africa, Central America, India and Eastern Europe. We are contacting all of our sponsors who are supporting pastors in communist countries and giving you the option of retaining your pastors as they move to VOM or allowing VOM to find new sponsors. Thank you for your understanding during this transition.

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