



Rev. Peter Kanyemera of Kibingo Town Church in Hoima City after receiving a Bible during the follow-up of churches planted between 2018 to 2021 in March

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits," Psalm 103:1-2. The financial year 2021/2022 began at a challenging time when the Delta variant of COVID-19 was at its peak. There was a lot of pain and suffering, loss, grief, fear, distress and uncertainty. We did not know how the future of the ministry would unfold.

But thanks be to God! He was our refuge and strength; a very present and well-proved help in times of trouble. He has victoriously seen us through the pandemic and helped us achieve most of our set goals.

As this financial year comes to an end, we look back with gratitude, thanking God for all the great exploits He has done through and for us.

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank our ministry partners without whom this ministry would not have been possible. Your generous and sacrificial giving is a pillar to the Ministry. God bless you bountifully.

Family at the Crossroads

LIFE Ministry Uganda declared 2022 the year of the family, under the theme, *Family at the Crossroads*. A campaign to strengthen and restore families will go on for three years. During the COVID-19 lockdown, the family faced unprecedented challenges. The media was awash with stories of crimes of passion, defilement, incest, domestic violence, murder, separation and divorce.

In line with our vision, "Movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus Christ", we want to win a hurting country to Jesus. We agreed that the best way to reach out to the communities is to address their pain: talk about the family and offer Jesus as the answer to its restoration and healing. The "Family at the Crossroads" campaign has already started in several churches and on some TV stations.

In partnership with COU Family TV, we have run the Family Talk Show every Friday at 6pm. More so, with a strategy dubbed LIFE Sunday, we have visited various

churches and led Sunday services with a focus on the family between February and May 2022.

All Saints' Cathedral Kampala gave us a whole week that we termed "LIFE Week" where we exhaustively talked about the family during morning devotions, lunch hour services and evening sessions. This strategy has strengthened our partnership with the body of Christ and opened many doors for ministry. In fact, three people have joined the organisation as volunteers as a result and several have committed to give their L.I.F.E (Leadership, Influence, Finances, and Expertise) towards helping fulfil the Great Commission. During LIFE Sundays, 6192 people were exposed to the Gospel and 61 gave their lives to Jesus.

We are partnering with All Saints' Cathedral Kampala to launch the Marrieds' fellowship in order to continue reaching out to the married. Our staff and associates have led Homebuilders groups that bring together married couples and equip them to be godly spouses who build godly families. We have over 60 groups in Mbarara, Kasese and Kampala.



Mr Michael Segwaya and his family during LIFE Sunday at St Francis Chapel, Makerere

Win, Build and Send Christ-centered multiplying disciples who launch spiritual movements

WIN STUDENTS TODAY, WIN THE WORLD TOMORROW

We have been focused on a systematic approach to the ministry of evangelism and discipleship as we build human resource capacity to be able to reach the students at the national scope. We have rallied together to see the lives of students transformed through the resilient efforts of staff, volunteers, student leaders and associates. We have seen students grow in their relationship with God, commit to the mandate of the Great Commission, and make meaningful choices and decisions in their day-to-day life.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and its effects, we scaled down to having active ministry presence on

five university campuses, three high schools, and one Bridge program center (ministry to high school leavers). We have ably exposed the Gospel to 12,841 students and 1,816 students have given their lives to Jesus. 178 students are being disciplined on a one-on-one and small group basis. 108 students are undergoing training using the New Life Training Curriculum (NLTC) that is spread in four cycles at Makerere University, Kyambogo University, and Kampala International University (KIU) Western Campus in partnership with Ishaka Community Church.

NLTC has equipped students to clearly understand our vision and mandate, prioritise their relationship with God and be

thoroughly equipped for the work of ministry. If we ever desired to see lives impacted and spiritual movements established among young people, these are the days! Many students testify of how their lives and ministry have been impacted. More to that, seven student leaders have joined the organisation as volunteers and missionary staff upon completion of their studies at the University.

Regardless of the challenges we have faced, for example, the changes in the academic calendar, low financial support among staff, low staff count and the busy academic schedules of students, we have pressed on towards the goal of reaching students today to impact the world tomorrow.

As a child of God, I must seek Him daily

My name is Nanshemeza Angella Tugume. I am a second-year student, pursuing a Bachelor of Laws at Uganda Christian University (UCU) – Mukono. In 2021, a group of missionaries came to my hostel and shared the Gospel during mission week. I was later encouraged to join a group of students who have a desire to grow in their relationship with God for discipleship. This weekly discipleship group is led by two staff of LIFE Ministry Uganda (LMU); Douglas and Rita Ssemaganda. I am so grateful to God for that afternoon when I decided to join the group because my life has never been the same again.

I have faced a number of challenges in my Christian journey, but I have learnt how to live a victorious life in Christ from the discipleship sessions. I have learnt that I am a child of God and I have to seek the Lord daily. In relation to that, I ought to read the Bible, reflect on its



message and apply it in my life. I have also been able to understand through the Scriptures that God's love is so abundant and He forgives us of all our sins when we confess and repent. I have realised that the more I invest in God and prioritise my spiritual life, the more I grow in Christ's likeness.

Douglas is a wonderful teacher, orator and diligent servant of God. He has taught us a lot about Christ through the Scriptures. His personal experiences have also helped me in my journey with the Lord. He has extended his teachings as far as equipping us with the skills to ensure that we excel in other areas of our lives, for example, academics, relationships and so much more, all of which I am eternally grateful for.

My experience with LMU has been fulfilling, socially exciting and eye-opening. It has greatly improved my emotional and spiritual well-being. I wish many more young people have this opportunity.

Namirembe Hillside High School students practising how to share their faith using the Four Spiritual Laws booklet





Africa Renewal Ministries staff after being trained in using the Jesus Film resources last year. They were given 40 tablets

EQUIPPING THE BODY OF CHRIST FOR MINISTRY

We are dedicated to reaching everyone, everywhere with Bible-based films in their heart language through the use of Jesus Film Project resources and tools. In 1979, Campus Crusade for Christ produced the Jesus film as a way to tell people about Christ through media. The Jesus Film has been translated in over 32 languages in Uganda. We believe that someone does not have to learn another language in order to learn how to spend eternity with God. Over the years, more culturally relevant resources for evangelism, discipleship and church planting have been produced.

In the spirit of no ego, no logo, let the Gospel go, we desire to equip the body of Christ with these resources so that Uganda is saturated with the Gospel. We conduct

trainings in order to equip Christians in how to use the resources. We also give Jesus Film equipment to those who are willing to show our evangelistic and discipleship films. We have distributed 70 projectors and 60 tablets to various churches and Christian organisations this financial year.

In partnership with 12 Television stations, we also broadcasted the Jesus film and other films during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Millions of people were exposed to the Gospel. Contact details of our staff are always shared as the films show and people who need any help contact us. Between December 2021 and May 2022, we have been able to train 128 church leaders and youth workers in Masindi, Iganga, Gulu, Kayunga, Kampala and Ntungamo.

LIFE Ministry has taken me digital

I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to attend the Jesus Film Project training in May. My life never remained the same. On the first day, I learnt that if am going to present the unchanging Gospel in the changing world, I must adjust to the change that is happening.

A trainer mentioned that "change does not make an appointment with your calendar". That statement stirred me up! So, I made up my mind to go digital. We were thoroughly equipped with various tools and resources for evangelism, discipleship and church planting, for example, the Jesus Film App and Godtools. I am now empowered to disciple the people



God has entrusted to me so that they grow deeper in their faith. I grew up being told that I should

never associate with people from certain denominations. Although I developed a kingdom mindset years ago, I have not been considering Christians of some religions as my fellow kingdom labourers.

However, I learnt how to associate with them during the training. I actually discovered that we have the same goal: to preach Christ alone. I appreciate LIFE Ministry Uganda for conducting this training and I hope to continue partnering with them in helping fulfil the Great Commission in Uganda and beyond.

Bishop Clever Naamara, Christians Fountain of Life Ministries Uganda



Community members of Nalwegorire, Bugweri district at the launch of a newly drilled borehole in November 2021

RELIEVING SUFFERING, RESTORING DIGNITY, AND REVEALING HOPE

Unto is the humanitarian arm and resourcing strategy of the organisation. It enables us to catalyse our effort to express the compassionate heart of Jesus Christ to disadvantaged and vulnerable communities by relieving suffering, restoring dignity, and revealing hope. It is an expression of our strategic intent of "Loving God, Loving People" to make the Gospel more practical to the people.

In October 2021, we held a medical outreach in Pabbo, Amuru district in partnership with Mengo Hospital. We had a team of eight dental and eye specialists and 10 missionaries from the US. Within the four days of this medical outreach, about 700 people

had their eyes checked and those who needed reading glasses received them at no cost. In addition, over 350 people who needed specialist treatment were attended to. About 300 people were treated by the dental specialists.

We had a team of trained people who shared the Gospel one-on-one with the people who came for medical help. The Jesus Film played throughout the day. Over 150 people gave their life to Christ. The church leaders in the area were given the list of the new believers so that they could do the necessary follow-up.

One of the leaders who received a pair of reading glasses was interviewed on the local radio station.

He thanked God that he was able to read his Bible again and renewed his faith in God. The testimony became a wildfire that drew many people from miles away to seek help and listen to the Gospel.

We have successfully repaired seven boreholes and drilled two new boreholes – in Nalwegorire, Bugweri and Lumule, Kitgum, where residents sometimes had to walk 6km to the nearest water source.

The process of repairing or drilling new wells is always accompanied by evangelistic contacts and the Jesus Film shows in the community. Consequently, we have seen many people come to Christ through such efforts.

MINISTRY RESULTS: 1 July, 2021 to 31 May, 2022

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| Total Exposures | 18,645,328 |
| New believers | 430,989 |
| Ministry of the Holy Spirit | 1,307 |
| Trained for evangelism & Discipleship | 1,690 |
| Engaged Disciples | 5,172 |
| New groups | 14 |
| Multiplying Disciples | 43 |

God Bless you abundantly!

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