

## UGANDA, NOVEMBER 14 – 28, 2023 – SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDIES ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Dear praying saints:

We are thankful to the Lord for all His ways, which are past finding out, as we look back on His faithfulness and guidance every step of the way on our visit to Uganda from November 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.

The express desire was to hold two 4-day conferences in which we would have systematic bible studies through the entire Gospel of Matthew.

These conferences were attended by local brethren who would take up the exercise of 2 Timothy 2:2 – **“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”** This way they could take the things learned and discussed and teach them at the local assemblies they represented.

This seemed like an overwhelming task, but the Lord is faithful and helped in building a structure of the Gospel which would help in further, more detailed studies by individual brethren after the conference.



A basic chapter by chapter summary was provided to each brother who attended which was also used as the outline for the bible studies.

These conferences were held in Mpondwe, West Uganda, and in Mukono, Central Uganda. In Mpondwe brethren from the western and southwestern part of the country attended representing six local assemblies, as well as six brethren from Mputu, N.E. Congo. It was very special to see brethren from Mputu whom we have not seen for many years because of the ongoing conflicts in the DRC.



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In Mukono there were brethren from central, and eastern Uganda representing ten local assemblies from as far south as Sigulu Island in Lake Victoria, and as far north as Sironko.



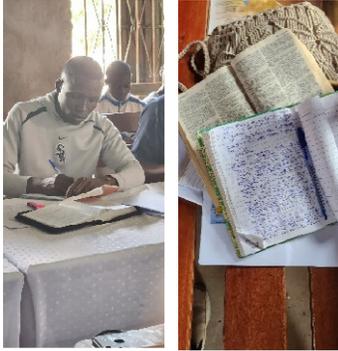
**Conference in Mpondwe, West Uganda**



**Conference in Mukono, Central Uganda**



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Brethren were encouraged to take many notes for reference in the future as they share the word with their local assemblies.



Willing sisters serving the food during a lunch break.



During our stay in Mpondwe, we had the opportunity to make some personal home visits and discuss various personal exercises with several brethren.

We also met with several brethren who will be taking some responsibility in the upcoming youth camps planned for January 2024. Many practical and spiritual responsibilities surrounding these camps were discussed.

It was extremely encouraging to see and hear the exercise on the part of several young brothers regarding the work of the Lord and their role in it. The Lord is faithful to raise up those whom He has before prepared for HIS work.

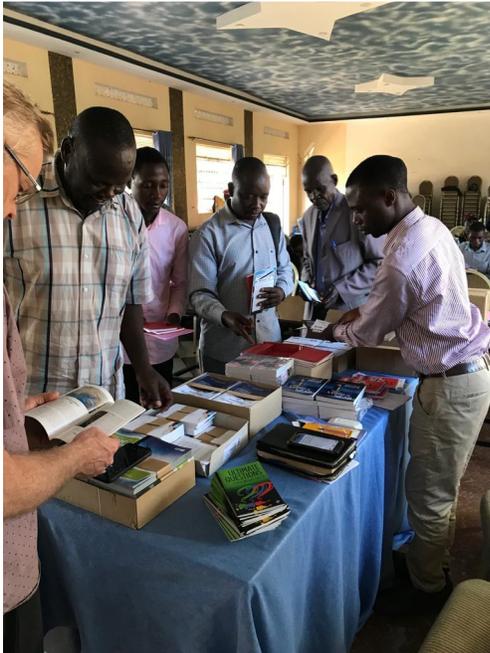


These brethren have just received their first English NKJV Bible. It is very important that English Bibles are made available to them.

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44 Mukama yagamba Mukama wange nti  
Tuula ku mukono gwange ogwaddyo,  
Okutuusa lwe ndissa abalabe bo wansi w'ebigere byo?

You can see in this photo the scripture from Matt. 22:44. The word “Mukama” is “Lord” in Luganda. Notice there is no distinction between the first and second time this word is used in this verse, and therefore becomes impossible to understand what is truly being said. This is just one example of how English Bibles will be helpful to the saints in Uganda.



After the conference in Mukono, brethren were privileged to select literature on various subjects sent from GBV. This is also very helpful for the teaching and spiritual growth in the assemblies and was gladly received.



It is with **thankful hearts to the Lord** that we can now look back on our time with the saints in Uganda and can truly give testimony to **HIS faithfulness** both in seeing spiritual growth amongst the saints, and to experience **HIS presence** with us every step of the way.

Many needs exist that you can please pray for:

- Small building plots of land in villages where brethren desire to construct simple meeting halls.
- Motorcycles for use in the Lord’s work to help with transportation in far away, hard to get to villages.
- Youth Camps in January. Each young person must be sponsored to be able to come. This cost is approximately \$50.00 U.S. per person for a three-day youth camp including transportation, food, and lodging. We hope to host 400 young people in four camps again this year.

**Thank you for your continued prayers** for the ongoing work in this country. While the enemy seeks to distract and destroy the work of the Lord, may we, each one, be looking off unto HIM and be encouraged to occupy until He comes in the place and service, He has put in each of our hands to do.

In our soon coming Lord,

Wim Meijnen and John Redekop