



Uganda and back every year. I am not wondering any more. He is an economical God, who does not waste even money, but invests it. He seems to be using the global connections and networks to bring new things to our respective nations. Most amazing though is the new kind of love and new kind of knowing of God and new kind of direction to everything that grows in me. Every year regardless of my feeling I need to go again.

In a year WSM's had gone forward so much with new employees and vehicles. The day before my flight from Helsinki, Finland, I received the WSF newsletter. It was impressive. WSF seems to be running very professionally, especially with the whole global thing of transferring money legally across continents. This is so encouraging. It opens a whole new level of credibility and accountability. It is so important for credibility among the donors. Everyone has heard about the suspicious things that happen in Africa concerning donor money. WSM is organized now to be above that suspicion. WSM in Kampala looked like a new thing too. Everything was running according to the plans with Sarah running the programs, David the car, and Robert taking over some of Medad's old duties at the WSM office.

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For me the most exciting thing this year was that we were finally, really teaching as a multi racial/multi-national team with Connie Birungi and Margaret Kiswiriri, and this year, Jewel Hyun, a Korean/American. We were black, white and brown, Ugandan, American, Finnish, and Korean, teaching biblical equality and interdependence through Christ in one spirit and with one mind. It made a difference! I still remember the faces of the about 200, mostly male, pastors and evangelists in the Gahini diocese in Rwanda, as they listened to our female team teaching what the bible really says about the Creation intent of God, the Fall and the redemption concerning women and men. At the end of two intensive days of teaching, pastors and evangelists, one after another came to repent for hiding money from their wives. As we were driving back to Kampala, and the return flight back home was coming close, I felt quite miserable contrasting in my mind the bored faces of my students at the economics department and the faces of the pastors in Rwanda which indicated their world view on women and men was changing hour by hour as we spoke.

It was good to meet so many old friends in Kabale after so many years. Enid running the Woman's Voice radio program for example. As I am looking at my pictures from the Kampala conference, it really strikes me that I know the names of so many already. What a privilege to know so many God's premier revolutionaries from Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, and around Uganda. I see a picture of Margaret's women leaders at St. John's, who teach Carrie Miles workbook in their small groups. I see Fellie with her chicken and women of different religions working together to better their lives'. I see cell church seminar at Pastor Livingstone's church. I see Winnie's and Beth's projects in Rukungiri. It was wonderful to worship at the Kyambogo University Chapel as well. It all was almost like at home. Many of the worship songs we sing back in our church too. I think this was the first time I heard Rev. Medad preach in Uganda. He always makes the visitors preach – in the case of women often, it is their first time ever too. I will remember his New Year sermon. No wonder things start moving! There is such a balance and boldness in his sermons. It is amazing how well the cell groups have taken off, 70 or so in all. At Kyambogo, it seems to take a month to have the kind of growth that takes us in Helsinki ten years. No wonder our Cell Group Network (community within the Lutheran church) is excited to support this cell vision. World Shine Ministries is not having its name for nothing! I believe WSMs will be showing who God is to the world even more, with the planes flying more from Uganda out to us 'muzungus' too.

Anne Mikkola

RaTas -Christians for Equality & Cell Group Network in Helsinki Finland.

News from World Shine Foundation

Over the last few months a number of people have contacted us to say very kind, complimentary things about the newsletter. Thank you. We are very pleased you enjoyed the previous issues. We hope you will find this one equally interesting and that it will inspire you to continue to pray and give. You will see that we are even more international in this issue with a fascinating article from Professor Anne Mikkola from Finland. I think many of us who are involved in the work of World Shine Foundation can identify with the sense that comes through in her article of being involved in something greater than ourselves. We wonder, "How did I come to be doing this? Then we have to confess, "The Lord has done this and it is marvellous in our eyes". Ps 118 v 23.

We praise God that we continue to hear encouraging news from Uganda and that World Shine Foundation has been able to support a number of the different activities going on there over the last six months. We have been busy in Scotland too. There has been much to learn but it has been an exciting time as we have seen substantial funds coming in and being transferred to further the work in Uganda. The large bites taken at either end by the banks in charges is a source of frustration. Our treasurer is constantly trying to strike a balance between only transferring amounts that are economic and not holding up unduly payments that may be desperately needed in Uganda. On a more positive note, we have been discovering just how straightforward it is to claim Gift Aid and how much it adds to individual giving. An extra £28 in every £100 really does make a difference. We are grateful to all who have given so generously, some committing funds on a regular basis others making single donations for a particular purpose.

We are thankful the elections in Uganda passed off relatively peacefully despite initial unrest. It was a worrying time as the country voted in the first multi-party election for many years. We pray that those elected into government and those in opposition would be very mindful of their responsibility to govern wisely on behalf of those they represent and not use their elevation to power for selfish or sectarian ends. In the providence of God, the election has brought about an interesting situation for World Shine Ministries. Janet,

the wife of President Museveni has been elected MP for Rwentobo, the area where WSM has acquired ground on which to develop a school and clinic. This is apparently her first venture into politics in her own right although she is well known in Uganda as a wise and gracious Christian leader. At the election she stated she would campaign to reduce poverty in the region. There is certainly plenty scope. Rwentobo is an area where there is much need but also great opportunity. It is a mixed Christian and Muslim area situated close to the Rwanda border. The local people made land available for WSM to purchase and are looking forward to seeing the plans for the school progress. In the coming months, World Shine Foundation will be focusing on raising the money needed to allow site clearance and building to begin.

Kenneth Karyaija is currently in Uganda on a visit. Despite assurances in November that his visa would be extended, he did not get his passport back with the extended visa until 14 February. A good St. Valentine's day present! It seemed the way was clear for Patricia to apply to join him but her application for a visa was turned down. Kenneth will now have to reconsider his plans to continue his studies towards ordination at Ridley Hall. Pray for this young couple who have spent so much of their short married life apart. Pray that God would make clear his purpose for them and that they may be enabled to move forward in his will.

Benson Mugenyi, Margaret and the children have survived a snowy winter and an even snowier spring in Scotland. They have moved to a larger flat but fortunately the children have been able to stay in



Benson & Margaret Mugenyi at the WSF Soup Lunch in February

the same school where they are progressing well. Benson is actively pursuing opportunities to promote the work of World Shine Ministries. He spoke to the Free Church of Scotland Spring Conference in Aviemore in April and hopes to speak in Dundee in May. He hopes to visit some



of the English supporters in the summer. Benson's mother has been very unwell and was hospitalised in Kabale for a period. She has been discharged home but requires regular medication and care. Please remember Benson and his family in prayer.

Soup Lunch

A successful Soup Lunch was held at Dowanvale Free Church to raise funds for World Shine Foundation.. The lunch was generously supported by the congregation of Dowanvale and the other Free Church congregations in the west of Glasgow. It proved an excellent exercise in teamwork and a good forum to try out our promotional material.

Forthcoming Events

- Our AGM will be held in Dowanvale Free Church Hall, Chancellor Street Partick Glasgow on Saturday 24 June at 11am followed by a buffet lunch. It would be encouraging to see a good attendance of new volunteers with fresh ideas to share. Please pray.
- We are planning another Praise Evening at St. Silas Episcopal Church 69 Park Road Glasgow G4 on Saturday 2 September at 7pm. We hope to have Rev Dr. Medad Burungi and Mr. Robert Erone, President and Chief Executive respectively, of World Shine Ministries speaking at this event. Please pray that these gentlemen may be granted visas to visit the UK. A planned visit in November had to be cancelled as visas were not granted.
- Donna Macdonald and Torquil Macleod are planning to visit Uganda in July. Please pray that this visit may be a blessing to them and to WSM.

Flora Mackenzie

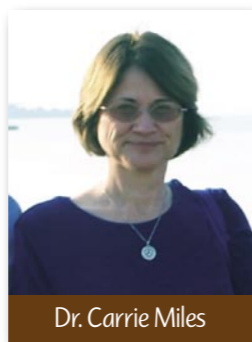
WSF Secretary

News from World Shine Ministries

Kyambogo University Mission

You may have been told about this to be taking place in the month of October and it was great for us to be a part of the event. We had our Founder Rev. Medad Birungi preaching in a number of crusades and many came to the Lord. Our sister Dr. Carrie Miles in the picture below was much involved in this mission both in sharing the word and financially.

She provided funds which made it possible for us to have



Dr. Carrie Miles

prayer breakfasts for men and women and was main speaker to the women's prayer breakfast. At these we had a number of lecturers and other university officials in attendance that could never have come to church and we shared with them and saw some get saved we really praise God.

Due to our participation in this mission the church in Kyambogo that our Founder now pastors have grown tremendously and we bless the Lord for our sister Professor Anne Mikkola who has raised support for cell ministry which this church has already embarked on. The training was carried out after the mission and the church leaders saw it as the best way to follow up new converts and also for further growth of the church.

The cell fund is a blessing not only to the University chapel but also other churches that are friends of WSM such as Word of Life Church in Kisasi where Professor Anne Mikkola conducted training and Kiwuliliza Church of Uganda. We therefore are very grateful to the Cell Network in Finland for their support and only pray that God will reward their efforts.



Kyambogo Mission Participants

St. Kakumba Annual Youth Camp

The camp gathers 300 youths for 4-5 days to be taught about God's word and other things in life and this has also greatly boosted the young people's ministry at WSM. Some of these young stars gifted in music are volunteering to have us start a ministry band so when we go for ministry we just move with them. WSM provided facilitators for the camp.

Women Ministry in partnership with teams from USA and Finland

The year began with the women ministry getting the blessing of a team from Christians with Biblical Equality led by Ms. Anne Mikkola and Ms. Patti Ricotta. Their aim is to equip all women at all levels of life about equality through the word of God and so had a three day conference in Kampala for this great cause.

The conference in Kampala had over 300 women and men too it was such an encouraging time that we experienced.

Challenges & up-coming events

Brethren do keep us in prayer about the following:

- Funds to start the school construction.
- Our committees to have committed members with ministry at heart.
- Our sponsored children to value their education and perform well.
- Our President and family settling in the parish they were posted to.
- Provision for running our office in all expenses.
- A visit to one of the places in the North (Gulu) to meet affected children by the war.
- Fruit to follow an abstinence conference in the Kyambogo University to a group of secondary going youths pastored by the Rev Medad Birungi on 8th April, 2006.

Financial Report

We give thanks to the Lord for his provision through all our partners that have supported us continuously and please convey our heartfelt thanks.

Ministry Support

Locally the Rev. Medad Birungi has continued to support us and we were able to off set some office expenses like our rent, servicing our vehicle, salaries and others.

Among the projects that benefitted from donations were:

- Auntie Elvi, Mikkola Nursery and Primary School so that they can construct classes for the children,
- Rubale foundation school was another supported to further vocational studies programs in the school,
- C.B.E Conferences were also held in Kabale, Rukungiri and Kampala.

Local Support Raising

- The Finance committee is planning a local fundraising towards the end of March '06, to
- Board and Finance Committee members also agreed

to raise each 10,000 per month to help off set office expenses. Pray that God will provide for them.

-The current Executive Director is also lobbying with mobile phone company MTN to sponsor us in our activities.

Bank Charges

-We met beneficiary partners to discuss the way to handle bank charges on money transferred from abroad. They agreed to give 5%, and also suggested to give as God enables them to the Ministry. Keep praying that a way can be found to reduce these charges.

SPECIAL REPORT: Anne Mikkola

It has been God's doing from the beginning. This time our Finnish-American-Ugandan team run two and one day seminars on biblical equality in Kampala, Kabale, and Gahini in Rwanda. It was the vision for teaching the Bible on God's original design for men and women that brought me to



Prof. Anne Mikkola

Uganda in the first place. I had been carrying this thing in me for 7 years— not seeing why, since there was NO market place in Finland, only bad soil and worse soil. When this unknown man from an unknown continent named Medad Birungi invited me over to Kabale to teach what God had put in my heart and I could not refuse. Against all human odds I landed on Sept. 11, 2002 at Entebbe airport not even knowing what this person looked like. It surely was a God thing. It was definitely not the kind of risk a 40 year old economics professor, who had never been in the southern hemisphere before, would take without God's intervention.

This time it was my 4th time in Uganda. Every single time my life back home has been changed after returning from Uganda. Something in me just changed, new boldness, new desires, new restlessness with the old. Over the years I shifted my research from exchange rates to women's status, from international finance to development economics. Medad and Connie reciprocated and came to teach biblical equality to Finland. My relatives and neighbour in the countryside heard the gospel. God is good. His world is one of mutuality, reciprocity. I was initially wondering why God would waste all this money on me flying to