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# Sinclair Stirrings

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“... your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.” 2 Corinthians 9:2

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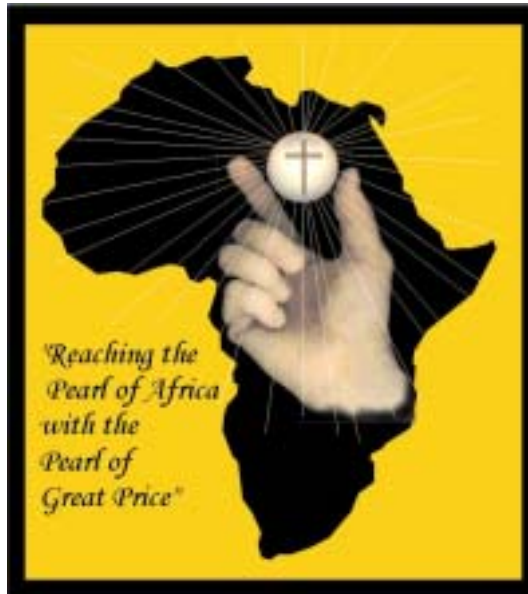
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## **Uganda 2003 Vision Trip**

The first two weeks in June, our family went to Uganda for a vision trip. We enjoyed the hospitality of our team members, Curtis and Chris DuBose in Kampala. The purposes of this trip were...

- to get an idea of what life will be like in Uganda. (It was the first time in the country for Pam, Tim, and Celeste.)
- to get to know both our missionary and Ugandan colleagues in ministry.
- to develop a clearer vision for the ministry to which God has called us in Uganda.

We are pleased to report that all three purposes were fulfilled. We're more excited than ever about what God has in store for us in Uganda. Read on to learn about some of our experiences.



## **Westminster Theological College**

Emma, the college dean, took us out to the future campus site, a beautiful piece of property overlooking Lake Victoria. The college presently shares with Zana Presbyterian Church, where Emma serves as pastor. We worshiped and Bruce preached there our first Sunday in Uganda.



**Bruce & Pam with Emma at Westminster Theological College**

## **Pam & Celeste Visit a Ugandan Orphanage**

Scared, alone, and completely abandoned at a crowded, smelly, market in downtown Kampala, a two-year-old girl waited in vain for a loved one to come and take her home. After many hours a compassionate business owner finally dropped her by the police station. There she waited two long days for her rescuer who never appeared. Convinced that her family had forsaken her, the police passed her to an orphanage. Three days later, Celeste, and I (Pam) found her sick and alone in a dark, drab

**Half of Uganda's 24 million people are under age 15. Of these, one in six is an orphan.**

room. No one had time to deal with sick children. Even the healthy children received minimal care.

As I held her feverish body, I wondered if she would survive. To me she represented the nearly two million Ugandan children who are orphaned.

**“... look after orphans ... in their distress” (James 1:27)**

God has not forgotten these children. He is the “Father of the fatherless.” The still, small voice that drew me to an orphanage would someday take me back to proclaim His love to the children.

ED: Sadly, the child recently died.

## New Church Organized in Mutungo

On Saturday morning, June 14, I (Bruce) got a ride over to the Zana church. A group of us was going by bus to the village of Mutungo to celebrate the organization of a new church.

As we bounced along the narrow, dirt road to the village, a brass band met us and escorted us to the church. Though the building consisted of only posts and a roof, the Spirit was present in the meeting.

After lots of special music, a greeting from the local government official, and a sermon, the official proceedings began. We installed Pastor Sam, who then led in the ordination of an elder and two deacons. Especially moving was the testimony of one of the deacons who had participated in a stoning of Pastor Sam two years earlier. How the grace of God is changing lives!

Dinner was served after the ceremony – stewed beef, matoke (steamed mashed bananas), rice, sweet potatoes – a Ugandan feast. The first ten or twelve people in line got forks; the rest ate with their fingers. Any one of those with forks would have happily given me his when he was finished, but I decided to try it the African way.



Bruce joins with the Ugandan pastors in installing Pastor Sam.

### You Prayed. God Answered.

The itineration is going well, though the pace will have to pick up to meet our summer 2004 departure goal. Christ Community Church (Pensacola) has helped by offering Bruce part-time employment.



### Prayer Bullets

- For the new graduates of Westminster Theological College as they move to their fields of service.
- For God to raise up churches and individuals to contribute to our financial support so that we can leave for the field next summer.
- For wisdom in managing our time – especially for Bruce as he serves in the church and itinerates.
- That this period of itineration would be more than mere “fund-raising” but would afford us some genuine opportunities to minister to individuals, families, and churches.
- For our son, Tim, as he completes his senior year of high school and makes plans to attend college.

**THANKS FOR PRAYING!**



*We'd Enjoy Hearing From You...*

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