



Kingdom Wok Ministries Int.

September 2016 Newsletter

I have a thousand stories and each one tells about some great thing that God has done in our ventures overseas. They are stories in the sense that they tell what actually happened; they are not made-up tales. Sometimes I get a bit gun-shy about sharing. I ask myself, "Are people tired of hearing about such things?" "Do they think I could actually make this stuff up?" "What is the point anyway?" So.....this time I have questions for you: What story might you tell for the Lord if He gave you \$10,000 to use for evangelism? How would you steward the funds to maximize their use in bringing people to the saving grace of Jesus Christ? Chew on those questions for a bit, because this was a reality for KMI in 2016! Mind if I explain?



I was lying on my bunk at Sipi Resort in Uganda, (I use the word "Resort" quite loosely, as it is a bamboo structure with a concrete floor and gaps in the doors and elsewhere that allow bats, rats, and other critters into the room.) when I received a phone call from a friend---Pam's cousin---in Boise, Idaho. He is on the board of a foundation that supports evangelistic events with ministries such as ours. KMI works in the bush, so we go about evangelism at a very grassroots level, and KMI is not a good fit for this foundation. None-the-less, the foundation owner asked his Board members to each select a minis-

try that is "kind of on the edge of what they usually support," and so we were invited to apply for a \$5,000 grant. When I got home, I typed up an honest list of what KMI does, telling how we use our funding, and sent it in. Shortly thereafter I was contacted by the foundation to let me know that we had been funded, not for \$5,000, but for \$10,000! Of course I was ecstatic, but now what?

I worked with our pastor in Uganda, and together we developed a four-pronged approach. Please understand: this was NOT an approach on how to spend \$10,000. God forbid! This was an approach on how to maximize the use of the funding to bring people to Christ, AND, to keep them connected with the local churches and Bodies of Christ for growth into maturity. Here was our approach:

1) We would sponsor a yearlong training and fellowship for all the local pastors of the K & K area; there are over two dozen of them. We hired a university professor from the big city who was willing to come to our guys for one week-end per month and provide solid Biblical teaching.

Our pastors became close friends and allies.

2) KMI would hold a pastor's conference for the 12 lead pastors, to further their knowledge in church leadership, being men of God, and understanding the creation that God gave us. The men met for five solid days with American teachers, and a deeper bond was formed.

3) We decided that the K & K church would plant a new church in Atari, a village some 7-8 kilometers distant. Three lay pastors were trained up, and the church started in the home of one of the leaders. The church grew from the man and his family to 25 souls over the year. Amen!

(continued on page 2)

4) We decided to hold a weeklong festival. The festival would consist of seminar type teaching sessions for anyone who wanted to attend, praise, worship, and dance sessions daily, and the gospel message was preached.

I purposely scheduled the festival at a time when I was out of the country. I could have made it happen while I was there, but I wanted it to be THEIRS, not ours. The leadership from all the churches worked together in a great way, and the festival week was a major success. The

Ugandans decided to hold the event at Atari, to lend support for the new church plant. Their wisdom is impressive. The result of the event is that there are now thirty (30) new brothers and sisters in Christ who were not there in 2015! We thank God

for the work He has done in bringing these new believers into the fold. As I write this letter, those 30 are being shepherded by the local pastors and elders in the various churches they attend. Our lead pastor, Chemonges Mike, is overseeing the follow-up closely; I am very proud of him.



What I have just told you in 1½ pages took weeks to plan and pull off. In terms of money---if that is your thing---the financial cost was \$333 per soul saved. Of course we cannot put a price on life or on the souls that people possess, but it is interesting to see the impact of such a financial investment. The great part is that many of the items purchased to hold the event---P.A. system, chairs, stage, and generator, will be used immediately for church services at K & K, and the smaller system that K & K has outgrown will go to the Atari church plant. Some even better news is that other funding has come in from a source different than the foundation. The new funding will purchase land for the Atari church plant to build a church, and once they get the main structure up, there will be enough funds to put a metal roof on their building.

I am not a great storyteller, but I love sharing what God has done. He moved the hearts of people in the US to take a chance on KMI, and through prayer, listening to the heart of Christ, and the willingness to work hard in His service, we now have 30 newly saved people.....and my heart tells me there will be more!

Serving Him,

D.C.