



*“Continue in prayer, and watch in it with thanksgiving (Col. 4:2)*

### Updates of January - October 2023

Dear Brethren,



Mathias, Burundi

With joy and grace from God, I am sending to you the updates of the work that God enabled us to realize during the period of January up to October 2023.

We give our thanks to the Lord Jesus and God the Father in all the works we were able to do in sometimes difficult circumstances.

#### 1. Counseling teaching in Bujumbura city

In Bujumbura city, we have conducted counseling teachings once a week on every Wednesday. The counseling teachings are advancing well, and people are much interested. Some gave us their testimonies of how God is daily helping them through the Christian counseling courses. The course is helping the people after they faced a lot of trouble due to the Covid-19 disaster here. Many lost their jobs while the cost of daily living increased as flood affected large areas of our country. With the practical Christian counseling lessons in mind, we visited the homes, and many gave their time to be encouraged through Bible reading and prayers. Some gave their testimonies of how they were helped through those counseling courses they followed in the classroom of the Adullam cave Burundi office in Bujumbura city.



#### 2. Reaching people in rural areas



How good is it to see people coming to Jesus and receive Him as the Savior of their life. But we all are called to go and preach the good news of our Lord Jesus. After knowing Him we are called to make Him known to others to make them Jesus' disciples.

That's why we have decided to go out and make Jesus known to many people in the villages in the hills and mountains and in rural areas, difficult to reach by driving or riding and where people are living at a far distance of the churches.

People from those areas are underprivileged because of lack of good roads and other accesses.

From those areas we taught counseling and other lessons about healing of hurt and heart while also planting new churches so that people can get a place of worship.

The churches are not built according to the government's requirements, but we did our best and we pray that God will provide more qualified materials to build better churches.



We hope and pray that Government shall not close them because the buildings were not built according to the Government requirements. However, we thank God that many unbelievers repented and came to Jesus Christ, confessed their sins and asked for baptism.

### 3. Counseling teaching in Refugees camps

We keep helping people in refugees' camps through counseling teachings and other community works. We work in 3 camps, such as the Musasa refugees camp, Gasogwe Refugees camp and Bwagiriza refugees' camp. We are so thankful that God is helping us to reach people who had no hope of being reached with Gods Word and hope for eternal live through the work of the Lord Jesus on the cross.



We pray that God will keep providing to us whatever we need so that, we can keep reaching and teaching more people in these refugees camps where people are in need of word of God and encouragement as they are living in miserable situations with many wounds in their hearts because of what happened in their life during the war which pushed them to live their homes and be displaced in locations where they never wished to be, and wait to get daily food and drinks which cannot even be enough for daily needs.

### 4. Giving Bibles in the local Kirundi language



We thank God that the counseling courses are showing positive impact in lives of those refugees and pray that God will provide all needs to keep organizing the seminars in those refugees' camps.

After counseling courses in rural areas and in secondary schools ,we saw a need of Bible in local language “ Kirundi” we provided more than 500 Bibles till the stock was finished while others were still waiting.

Many of them cannot afford the cost of a complete Old and New Testament Bible because of the situation of life they are in, living in poverty. Therefore, we pray that if it is according to the will of God, some people can help in providing funds for buying more Bibles here in Burundi in the local language Kirundi.

### 5. Couple's seminars



After seminars of counseling from places we visited, we received many request of ladies for counseling seminars particularly for couples. We asked some ladies why they are requested that special seminar and we discovered that many ladies are living in a very hard situation in their marriage with their husbands. They wished counseling to get some help in bringing the broken peace back in their marriage and how to act to their husband in a Biblical way.



Therefore, we held a seminar of 3 days where everyone came with his wife and husband. During the counseling seminar we tried to find out what happened in different families by forming groups of discussion so that everyone can express herself by speaking out what was in her or his heart.

After that we did our best to share some counseling lessons which are helpful in marriage relationship and much more what Bible say about marriage. All participants were glad, men and women were so happy to have that great time of participating. And that was the day that many ladies requested me another special opportunity of counseling teaching for women.

Therefore, we are praying that God will provide a well educated and Christian woman counselor who can help in this case of counseling women and also we pray for the provision needed to make these kind of seminars to take place, asking our Dutch international Adullam director for advice.

## **6. Counseling seminars in army and police departments.**



We have conducted seminars in the army and police, departments. Many soldiers and police men called us and sent us WhatsApp messages in which they express how they are helped in their daily life, especially in their families. We are thankful to God that we got permission from the high rank officers of the camps to allow us to hold those seminars. But, unfortunately, at this moment we are not able to continue those helpful counseling seminars because of lack of funds. We pray that God will open a door for continuation of seminars for Army and Police as those seminars are needed and important.

## **7. Food program and children care for orphans.**

Due the war and other unrest with many more political demonstrations have caused many children to be found in the streets and other many more are orphans because their parents are taken by those situations and also widows are very many.



School materials

During our counseling seminars, we meet many orphans in locations where we visited for counseling. We find ourselves not able to help all those children. But we do what we can. We took 11 orphans in our home so that we can stay with them and help them in items of food, schooling and also for accommodation.

Now, according to the situation that our family is facing financially due to the care of our baby of 5 months who was born with unconfirmed handicap of “Down syndrome”, we spend a lot of money on his treatment every month.

Therefore, it becomes hard to be at the top of all those needs to continue the care for the eleven orphans in our home. Please, pray for Gods providing and wisdom how to go on in the situation we face.

We are praying that God will open a door for support for those orphans to keep the help they needed till they can be at the level of helping themselves when they are grown up.

## 8. Adullam House of offices and counseling conference rooms,



The Adullam place is helping our church to operate its activities and also it helps the host people who come from far when we have a meeting or conference. We have some rooms which can accommodate more than 50 people as sleeping rooms. But we have problems about beds and mattresses. We pray that God will provide so that we can be able to Host people.

That will be also helpful as we wish to start a Bible school where people can come and be accommodated for some period of time during their Bible studies.

## 9. Mathias' family in trials of sickness



Maria Esperance, "Mathias's wife, was operated without having any program because the baby in the womb was not breathing normally. The surgery was done successfully but the baby was kept in the "incubator" for helping him in breathing. Spending many days in the neonatology room and the mum in maternity room, the baby was diagnosed with a disease call "down brain" or trisomy 21. The heart of baby had also a small whole in it. That made the baby to stay longer in the hospital for treatment.

After many days, the baby was released to be taken at home and my wife was also well as the wound of the surgery was a little bit healed. A very big hospital bill was requested. For now, our baby is improving but we keep praying for his health as he seems to the develop that disease of Down brain more seriously.

## 10. The sewing machines project in the Pygmies area.



We are thankful to God for this helpful project of sewing machines teaching that we introduced in the Pygmee area in rural place of hills where many people are interested to attend the teachings.



Many Pygmee women also came to learn about how to work with the sewing machines so that they will start their own business of sewing clothes and gain income to help their families. Each machine is used by 3 people in practice studies. We pray for more sewing machines as many come to ask for favor of being accepted to follow the training of sewing machine.



## 11. Agriculture and Farming project

I have a farming project that I do for being able to help my family and my work. Every early morning, I go to the farm and feed the animals. As the life cost went up day by day, many of my counseling students come to me and ask assistance of how they can be helped so that they can make a start to do the same projects to generate food for their families. But it is impossible because of lack of land to cultivate.

On my side I looked for a place to pay a rent for a year to start that project, which means that it is impossible to help others now. The other issue is that if someone give me his land for this year, next year he can take it while I spent the whole year putting animal's manures and fertilizers. I pray that God will provide our own land for such projects of farming.



### Thanks and appreciation from Mathias in Burundi:

1. We thank God in all what was done
2. We thank the sponsors of the Adullam foundation Holland for support and advice.
3. We thank all who contributed to all the different projects in Burundi and Rwanda.

### September greetings from youth worker Holiness Kibumba from Jinja Uganda



*"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily be- set us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

Greetings to all Kingdom laborers in different forms and places, Praise be the name of the Lord! We are thankful for another month ending with our eyes focused on him and keeping hands on the plow.

I am thankful for God for the journey mercies for when I travelled to USA for a conference and have enjoyed my stay now awaiting return to Uganda to further continue the discipleship work.

Every platform is an opportunity to learn and am thankful to God for the new lessons and insights gained. I can surely say, I return home a better and equipped leader.

However, on a very positive note, I am extremely grateful to the leadership on ground that has successfully been able to execute the monthly tasks before to the dot and impacted many lives in the process. Many positive reports coming up in the subsequent pages.

The passion and drive exhibited selfless by all members involved is something we don't take for granted starting right from the team in the USA praying and facilitating to the local team on ground being the feet on ground carrying the message of hope to all corners of society. We are only growing stronger and with the Holy Spirit as our Enabler, the harvest indeed shall be great. Thank you Lord Jesus and Your inspire family!

## Bible classes by Zoom and life Ministry



The story of the Bible continues with studying the books from 1 and 2 Kings to the book of Esther. Here we see a detail of kings and their reigns, both Godly and evil and also get to draw valuable lessons in the contextual studies all pointing to the Messianic King post the times of exile.

The El-Shammah and Teen Boost classes on Wednesday pick up from the Thursday leaders' group and are digging deeper in the study about Anointing. Character studies under these series have revealed to me deeper truth and contexts I never new before for example understanding the kingly anointing and lives of Saul versus David.

With these revelation moments with leaders from different backgrounds, we can be assured that the future church and fellowships are in good hands because we have a knowledge base to tap into and also resources to utilized for further self studies.

## School outreach in the Glory land College

As we grow, we celebrate the milestones , appreciate the prayers and set eyes on new goals in making disciples for Him. Thank you for laboring with the laborers, may you equally be partakers in the Harvest. We appreciate the time, prayers, and all help offered for this great cause. To God be the glory, amen.



## Activities of Robert Kakai around Moisbridge in Kenya



Adullam foundation Kenya continues to teach counseling course in the churches. Currently centers are Bungoma, Busia, Kitale, Webuye, Eldoret, Kakamega where students follow the first counseling course.

We visited schools to share the Gospel, at the same distributing City Bibles, e.g., in the Nangili Academy. We were able to give away Bibles that will change the character and promote spiritual growth.

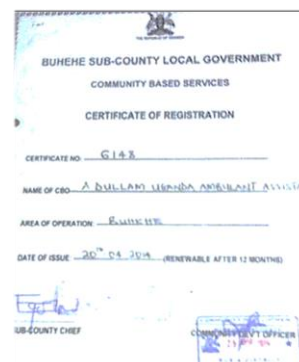
The Kenya counseling course transforms the Church spiritually. In November we mobilized young adults from the community to share and teach the Adullam Bible study course flyer nr. 83 about the ten commandments (Exodus 20). During and after the lecture we distributed the Swahili City Bibles wherein they can read and share the Gospel with songs and joyfully praying with one another.



Apart from the Adullam counseling course seminars, we engage in agribusiness, where we grow beans, maize and bananas, which support our livelihood and Gods work through selling the harvest. In other land we invest in planting maize but on small scale. This have been useful to even support some vulnerable families in the community.

## A request from the sick Gilbert in Uganda

Greetings Uncle Kees and mamma Margreet. I was sick because of my stomach during the graduation ceremony here. The students were happy with the course they followed. I thank you for the course of counseling you started in Africa, it has helped our pastors, elders and the community. Our prayers is that you keep coming or one of your helpers to help us to continue the ministry you started. I have now officially registered as *"The Church of Adullam Ministry Uganda for Ambulant Assistance."* There are now six churches in Uganda with that name registered.



## **We are thanking for:**

The work what is done in Burundi, Uganda and Kenya  
The recovering of Maria, the wife of Mathias and their baby in Burundi.  
The support for the continuation of the work in Africa.  
The City Bible distributing among young people.

## **Prayer requests:**

1. We pray for the planned women conference in Burundi and Uganda and a Christian woman counselor.
2. We pray for support for orphans and the young people and students in Burundi, Uganda and Kenya
3. We pray for more complete Burundi and Uganda Bibles for the poor people in the rural areas.
4. We pray for more sewing machines in Burundi because the students, women and men, are many.
5. We pray for the healing of Gilbert Ojiambo in the Busia district Uganda.

## **Thanksgiving from the Adullam International director in the Netherlands**



I am thankful that, now international travellings is not an option due to my age (81), I am still able to do the work as an International Adullam coördinator and advisor for all the activities in Africa and India and also in the Netherlands. I work together with local evangelists and also - on request - serving the Lord Jesus in churches in the Netherlands, preaching God's Word and I am still able to hold regular Zoom prayer meetings and powerpoint counseling seminars on Friday's in the afternoon with Bible studies for YWAM leaders and Christian students in Bangladesh.

We are grateful for all the readers of our Adullam newsletters and give thanks for your prayers and spontaneous financiaal help in crisis issues among the international Adullam workers. May the Lord Jesus bless you all. Pray for those who have made known their needs and activities due to this Adullam newsletter.

On behalf of the Dutch Adullam board and Project Coördinator.

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