



Waffle and Dr. Val's Newsletter



Unto Us a CHURCH is Born!

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Val with her mentor
Janelle.

Special Praises for this Month:

1. Val's viper bite healed in record time!
2. Waffle has made good progress on recording Bible stories onto SD cards to put in villagers' phones.
3. God provided emergency money for new tires, when 2 of them delaminated on the Mountain!

It Was Just a Practice Run...

God is so Amazing! We were only just trying to learn how to do church planting; practicing the conversations for sharing our life stories, then, God in His awesome power, decided to birth a church into our laps!!

As people who follow Jesus, we enjoy being with Believers, surrounding ourselves with like-minded people to encourage and inspire us. This can be good and bad,, Our ministry has grown and impacted many communities over the years, but we wanted to see a deeper, transformational, spiritual impact in the lives of the villagers and ourselves. Two years ago, we made an intentional shift to spend more time with those who are yet not in the family of Christ. We began connecting with a ministry called E3, and sought mentors that could help to strategically nurture our spiritual skills and give us insights into how to more thoughtfully share our faith journeys and mentor others to build a community of faith.

While Waffle went to Peru for hands-on E3 training, I (Val) went to Texas. We both found great value and insight in building intentional relationships, and sharing "life-on-life". In Texas, I had a God-ordained encounter with John and Janelle Williams, E3 missionaries for Uganda.

They encouraged me so much: we made plans for them to mentor us and to meet up in Uganda. Little did we know, I would fall off of my horse and be unable to connect for a whole year.

Eventually, we were able to get more training with them, going out to villages to practice sharing our spiritual journeys with others: proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Our second training with them was in Moroto and I went to the back-side of Mt. Moroto to practice the new things I was learning. Amazingly, villagers began to join us as we walked, by the dozens! Within 2 weeks, we had enough members to start a small church under a tree, with over 75 members baptized! This is in the village of Nakiloro.

Challenges are there. Nakiloro is infamous as a raiding hub: cattle raiders used to rampage through stealing cattle and smuggling AK-47s. The place was deserted for many years, as people were driven from their homes by armed, plundering warriors. This has been a place of hostility and carnage. Even now, armed raiding has begun again; people are afraid.

We see our work here as drawing others to discover their true Purpose and Direction, helping them move from Brokenness to Wholeness. Now we have a growing congregation of ~30 adults meeting regularly under a large, branching acacia tree. Several came out of violent raiding backgrounds, and chose to embrace peace and learn to love and mentor others. Our big challenges here come from those who are

persecuting the new believers. They are ridiculed at the market place and insulted as they go down the paths. Our place of worship has been desecrated with globs of feces scattered around under the tree. About 1/3 of the new believers have been discouraged by the persecution and rarely attend our fellowships. We need prayer for their perseverance.



Another Church!

Within a month, members from the Nakiloro church wanted to go up the steep, montane escarpment to share their new spiritual journeys with the neighbouring villagers, in Kakingol... then God did it again... people longing for a connection with God joined us! Soon, we had a second new church! They have over 30 members, and growing! Now, we have these two groups of New Believers, babes in Christ, to nurture, train and empower! God is so crazy-good! We thought we were just rehearsing how to plant churches, and God decided that He was going drop us right into the deep end!

Other challenges are there. Kakingol is famous for witchcraft. Some of the most

powerful witchcraft of the area comes from these villages. Hidden in the forests are shrines for sacrificing animals. Pools of water are said to contain evil spirits that can grab people and pull them in. Witchdoctors are then called to bring back the person who has fallen in, dead or alive... People are terrified to pass near those areas. This has been a place of dread and malevolence. One of our members had gone to the witchdoctor with her co-wife, who had become very quiet and withdrawn. The witchdoctor called on several spirits to come into the lady to "help" her. The spirits did nothing to help the co-wife to begin speaking, but instead, caused the other co-wife, who is now our member at church, to become blind! Within days of the ceremony, this lady could only see



things as clouds. We have been praying for her and she has agreed to turn away from witchcraft and to turn to Jesus.

Risks in the Spiritual Battle

It's so exciting! We are so happy to be taking New Ground now. Our spiritual work is helping them to Break off their Chains. As we Centre ourselves on the Source of Life and Lean into Him, we can point them to a New Hope in Christ. At times, it feels like we are advancing to the Spiritual Brink and looking over the edge! It's



definitely a battle ground. The head witchdoctor of the area showed up at a recent church service. She acted as if she wanted to beg for food, but you could see another intent in her eyes as she scrutinized each person in our circular Gathering of Faith. She has the power to call evil spirits into someone's life, and she has the power to poison people with witchcraft. Few of the new believers looked her in the eye. I went up to her to talk. She began begging for food, which we did not have, so I offered her "The Bread of Life", our Lord Jesus, She quick-

ly declined, saying that she has other gods that give her life. I enquired of why she needed to beg for food, if she had powerful gods that gave her life! She glared at me and mumbled something that we could not understand. We invited her to come back another time and see us, and discuss more. We said goodbye, then a snake tired to bite me on the way down the mountain...

Yes, we are Taking Risks, but we want to be Flexible in God's hands, so that He can use us in each opportunity that He puts in front of us. Thanks for Joining us on this Spiritual Adventure!

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Prayer Points and Upcoming Events:

Construction Team: Building CLIDE latrine, fence and Lomilo shop Dec. 30- Jan. 29

Veterinary Mission Team: Spay/Neuter clinic and Training Community Animal Health Workers Jan. 8-20

Missionary Intern: Lydia Anderson from Baker City shall minister with us Jan.-Feb.