

Dear friends and family, greetings from the Kolping Society Internet Cafe in Hoima, Uganda.

My journey continues to be remarkable for opportunities and open doors. Since arriving in Hoima last week I have been blessed to sing encouragement and hope in two churches and twice in the local prison to some two hundred prisoners. In these cases I have been a part of the ENCOUNTER UGANDA Evangelism Team, led by Rick Kushon.

I have also worked closely with our Well-Drilling Team, which has begun its first "percussion method" project behind the local clinic, which needs its own, safe water supply. Graham Hodgetts, an inventor who designs flight simulators for a living, designed most of the equipment and had as much fabricated locally as possible. We are training, Herbert and Malice (yes, that's his given, Christian name), two very able young Ugandan businessmen, to run what will become a company drilling wells wherever they find need for water around the Dioceses of Bunyoro-Kitara and Masindi. The percussion method, though it is time-consuming and labor intensive, is far more economically feasible than bringing in heavy drilling equipment, reducing the cost of drilling a deep well from \$10,000 to \$1,000. It also provides young unskilled men with job opportunities.

I have been invited to present Freedom in Christ discipleship materials to 52 pastors and their wives in Masindi, north of Hoima, next Thursday morning at a clergy conference there.

Most of these pastors are from IDP (internally displaced persons) camps. They deal all the time with traumatized, fearful and angry people, whose spiritual lives are often stunted, in spite of real faith, by the constant assaults and insecurity caused by physical hardships and unresolved conflicts. I will only have an hour or hour and half with these precious people. Please pray I will be able to set the stage for a return trip in the months ahead to where we can do an actual, in-depth Freedom in Christ Conference.

Finally, I'll be visiting a Vocational Technical School in a remote village south of Hoima next week. The Hodgetts have already extended an invitation to Brenda and me to consider directing this school. The present directors are an American couple their seventies, who have asked to be relieved after three years of good service.

Obviously, God is placing a wide open door before us. Pray for us as we consider his call. Write to me if you sense God calling you, as you read this!

God has been answering so many prayers. We've seen healing, salvation, new hope and much joy as we have done the work given us - one woman even emailed me to let me know she had passed her Law Exams after prayer in a group I was part of.

So, again, Brenda and I thank you for your prayers and support throughout this venture. We continue to see God's hand and "feel His pleasure" if I can borrow Eric Liddel's phrase.

In His love and service, blessing to you all,

Bob