

Partnership visit to Methodist Church Uganda

Aim: Partnership visit to Uganda to meet church leaders and worship with them

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Women's Fellowship Thanksgiving Service, Methodist Church Uganda, Jinja

I had the privilege to fellowship with Methodists at Jinja in Uganda. It so happen it was the Women's Fellowship thanksgiving service. As always, the service was vibrant with lots of activities. When it comes to worshipping God, children, youths and adults all pulled out the stops – praising and dancing for the great things the Lord had done. It was wonderful not only to rejoice together as a church but to also listen to the brilliant testimonies about what the Lord did for them.

Testimonies

1. A mother thanked God for providing her son with a scholarship to study law in Uganda. Her son was wayward but recently became more responsible and studious. It was a big weight off her shoulders
2. Another woman testified that her husband returned home following prayers and support from the Women Fellowship. She insisted that he took a HIV test and he tested negative. They are now back together and he now performs his duties as a husband and father
3. A mother narrated how she supported her son through petty trade, mostly selling bananas. The Lord had been good to her and answered her prayers. She got a permanent stall at the market to expand her business and her son became the head boy at school. She was full of joy!



4. Another young mother shared how she and her husband prayed for a son in addition to their two daughters and the Lord granted them their request. She recently had a baby boy and brought thanksgiving gift in appreciation for what the Lord did

5. A sister shared about her sister that got married in 2014 recently safely delivered a baby boy
6. A widow was offered promotion at work despite working for a tough boss. She raised two boys from when they were toddlers and now one of them recently graduated with a Diploma

7. Bishop Murinki, the appointed Bishop elect of MC Uganda also shared his personal testimonies during the service to confirm that God blesses both men and women. He mentioned that he had two sons twelve years apart. The second son was a pleasant surprise though a blue baby with holes in his heart. A Kenyan paediatrician diagnosed a fused heart in Nairobi and advised he took the baby to Italy or India however 1.5 million Kenya Shillings was needed for the operation. Bishop Murinki and his wife started fundraising by selling whatever they could plus gifts from relatives and friends. They could only raise 200,000 Kenya Shillings. They then decided to have faith in God to save their son. Shortly after, they were contacted by some Italian doctors visiting Kenya and had offered free surgery for the son. However when the baby arrived, the surgery was stalled because he was under-weight ; 7kg



instead of 10kg. Eventually eleven Italian doctors performed the surgery after receiving the parental consent. The baby was at the Intensive Care Unit for two weeks. Now he is over eleven years of age, very strong and smart. That is what God can do if you dare to believe Him. He can do great things and help in any situation.



Sermon

Following this, the minister shared from Psalms 73 verse 1 and Psalm 103 verse 3-5. It is good to give thanks to God for His goodness, providence, protection and healing. God has a purpose for each and every one of us despite the difficulties and hardship we face. Thereafter church members brought gifts to the altar in appreciating for His faithfulness in their lives.

Thank you

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