

Set Free Update

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ENCOURAGER REPORT

I have noticed several things during my last four freedom appointments that have given me an opportunity to think about how people approach their relationship with the Lord, and how we as Christians can help those in spiritual need to become more spiritually effective in their own lives and gain ground back that has been given over to the enemy because of lack of knowledge. Many of those who come for help do not understand their role in their relationship with the Lord. They



have never been taught, or, they do not believe that they must take an active role in seeking to understand spiritual things, obtain spiritual knowledge, practice spiritual exercises and be aware that they have an active enemy whose “craft and power are great and armed with cruel hate”, and who seeks to undo and hurt them and their families. Many Christians have come to believe that if they are believers everything will automatically be “fine” in their lives spiritually. They don't understand what is happening when things go horribly wrong. In some cases, their first reaction is to blame the

Lord for their woes. Even when the truth is explained to them many are reluctant accept their role in this struggle. When told that there is a spiritual war going on and that they must put on the whole armor and stand firm in the Lord's strength they question 'why' they have to be disciplined and regular in their spiritual work. Is it any wonder they have had problems and need to be set free? In spite of this, the Lord's grace and mercy abound to us and in many cases there is a desire to overcome this problem. Those who have great needs or have seen a glimpse of the truth typically will respond to the words of truth in the steps to freedom. The spirit reveals to them the beginnings of the mysteries of faith. Then they begin to see results and are encouraged. When they are taught how to listen for the Lord's voice or leading and how to respond to it they are amazed at what is going on around them but they didn't know it. They often say, “Wow, this really works.” The realization that there is help and freedom for them in the Lord gives them hope, which leads them to feel joy and to see some light at the end of their tunnel. Not everyone has this type of encounter, however, everyone who comes gets exposed to the truth and the timing of the result is up to the Spirit. As Jesus said, the fields are ripe and there is a need for laborers. As we used to say long ago, let's “keep the faith brothers” (and sisters).

Bill Vogelzang

UGANDA

Just mention the word “Uganda” today and mental images comes to mind. Images of:



Starving Children
Hopeless Mothers
War Torn Communities
Radical Muslim Oppressors
Child Soldiers
Aid Orphans



The only hope for such a place as Uganda is the transforming message and gospel of Jesus Christ. Set Free Ministries plans to do just that....to bring the message of faith, hope and love to the people of Uganda that can be found in Jesus Christ alone.

Last September SFM trained hundreds of people who have in turn impacted thousands in Uganda. The message of being set free in Christ is celebrated wherever taught in Uganda. The people are starved for the truth that will set them free! Please help us fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ as quoted in Luke 4:18: **“...He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty for captives....”**

As we were saying goodbye to our friends in Uganda last September, they all said: “Please come back, we need more of your teaching.”

At the last SFM board meeting, the board authorized two people to travel to Uganda this coming September to continue our teaching. The plans are to do some in-depth teaching of pastors and train a small group of 3 to 4 pastors to become trainers of others. We want to have the local pastors become the teachers and trainers of the concepts of freedom ministry. We will also help them to formulate an independent board so that this freedom ministry can operate and the process “owned” by the local people.

We appeal to you for support of this effort with your prayers first and foremost, and secondly with your financial contribution.

We probably will be leaving September 4 and returning September 20. Plans are to have three days of ministry in Kampala and three days of ministry in Kibale, which is a district about a four hour driving distance West of Kampala.

We would like to have at least four people going, so if you would like to go along as an encourager or prayer partner, the estimated cost is \$2,700 per person, which includes air fare, lodging, food and ground transportation. Please let us know by the middle of June at the latest, so we can make the necessary arrangements. Our phone number is 616-726-5400 or you may contact us by e-mail at information@setfreeministries.com.

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