

# Set Free Update

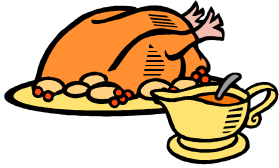
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## First Annual Benefit Dinner

Set Free Ministries is planning the first annual benefit dinner for Monday, December 5, 2005 at the "Rock" of First Reformed Church of Byron Center, 2456 - 84<sup>th</sup> St., Byron Center, Michigan. Punch bowl is at 6:30 p.m. and supper at 7:00 p.m. Come and join us for an evening of celebration, praise, testimonies, and a slide/video presentation of what God is doing, not only in Michigan, but also in Uganda. Personal invitations will be mailed out soon. The cost per person is \$25, but you will be able to sponsor a table of 8 for \$200. If you would be willing to volunteer some of your time to help out with planning, decorating, underwriting, or clean-up please call Elaine at 726-5400.



## "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS!"

As we reflect on the experiences and blessings that God allowed us to witness and participate in while in Uganda the words of this song comes to mind: "**Holy Bible, book divine, precious treasure, thou art mine; mine to tell me whence I came, mine to teach me who I am.**"

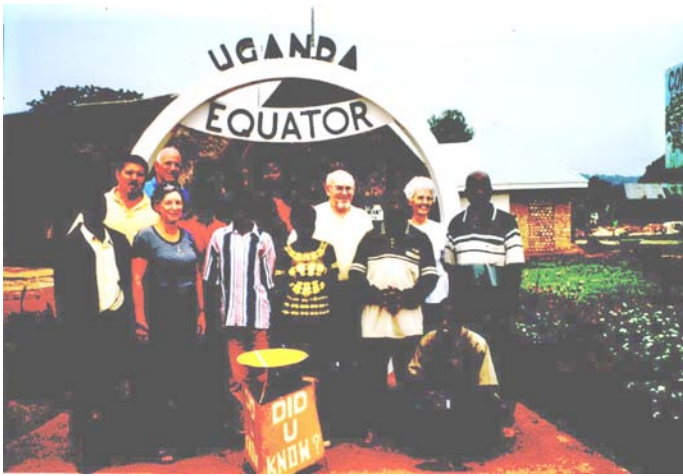


Some of you reading this may remember this song we learned as children. Our time in Uganda brought a whole new depth of meaning to these familiar words. Now, we appreciate the truth these words proclaim because we **lived** them! No longer are they merely facts we have been taught that we agree are true. We **experienced** this truth in our own lives and also witnessed it in the lives of our Ugandan brothers and sisters! Let us try to explain:

- When we asked in a group of 150 people, a number of whom were pastors, how many owned a **Bible**? Six people raised their hands!
- Many people who have accepted Jesus as their Savior have no way of knowing how to live in the safety and freedom of obeying God's laws because they have no **Bibles**.
- As we taught these dear brothers and sisters **Biblical** principles from **God's Word** they were pricked in their hearts, confessed their sins, and God was faithful and just and forgave their sins and cleansed them from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).
- Some came asking, "What must we do to be saved?" We had the humble privilege of sharing truth from the **Bible** and leading them to Jesus!
- Many were held in bondage because of the sins of their fathers. They learned from the **Bible** their authority as a child of God, repented, confessed their sins and were set free!
- One tormented by evil spirits was set free as we exercised our authority given by Jesus Christ to overcome all the power of the enemy. Once free she confessed her sin and accepted Jesus as her Savior. We REJOICE that her name is written in heaven! (**Luke 10:19&20**).

**What a vivid reminder that the WORD OF GOD is truly LIFE to us! What an immeasurable privilege and trust to have the BIBLE in our possession! May we thank God anew for making Himself known to us through the Bible! May we diligently search the SCRIPTURES so we walk with God in obedience and trust! May we be compelled to LET THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW those wonderful words of LIFE! Our prayer is that we who have such easy access to Bibles may know JESUS (the WORD made flesh) and experience HIS transforming power, and that we see the urgency of being a part of bringing the LIFE giving WORD to others. "MUKAMA YEBAZIBWE" ("PRAISE THE LORD")!!!**

Dean and Lois Bredeweg



The Set Free Ministries Team with Ugandans at the Equator



Raised Hands of Those Who Have No Bibles in Kampala, Uganda



Dean Vander Mey Watching the Burning of the Witchcraft Items



People Filling Out the Repentance Worksheets



Lois Bredeweg and the People Celebrating Forgiveness



Bill Vogelzang with the Children in Kampala

# Uganda Africa Report

On Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 a ministry team of 7 people from Set Free Ministries set out for the “Dark Continent” of Africa to bring the message that Jesus Christ has come to heal the broken hearted and set captives free! We were covered by the prayers of 100’s of friends and family who prepared the way spiritually and God did not disappoint.

Our destination was Uganda, Africa. For the past 3 decades some 7 evil dictators have ruled this land harshly and with the sword. The evil dictator Idi Amin was responsible for an estimated 500,000 murders while in power. The country also has been devastated by the aids virus with an infection rate of 35% just a few years back.

We had the wonderful privilege of bringing the truth in love to hundreds of people over a 10 day period through two SFM training conferences in the Capitol City of Kampala and also the Rakai region. We also participated for 3 evenings in a gospel crusade in the village of Rakai where many souls were saved.

These people of Uganda are hungry for the truth and sat for many hours as our SFM team taught them on the subjects of repentance, spiritual warfare and freedom ministries. These people understand the reality of spiritual warfare as there are witch doctors located in every town throughout the country.

With tears, many people expressed their thankfulness for us coming to teach and train them how to fight the good fight. Below are some quotes from those who attended the SFM training conference.

*“I have never met people like you in my life since I started preaching the gospel. Your love and care to me is so wonderful. I would like to inform you the church has increased in number and so many people are joining the church because of your seminar.”*  
(Pastor Emmanuel Kabambi)

*“My father was a drunk and left us abandoned in the slums to marry other women. I grew up with a bitter heart and wished my father dead....but thank God I became born again and joined the road to forgiveness when Set Free Ministries preached on forgiveness. I felt touched and blessed because that message was for me!”* (Christine Nabatanzi)

*“I want to thank God who brought you to Uganda, we have been so blessed.”* (Richard Maembe)

*“We are very grateful for all your spiritual and material contributions (Bibles) to development of Glory of Christ Church in Rakai”* (Pastor Geoffrey Mukia)

## Highlights of Uganda Trip

- Taught and trained 500-600 people in two cities at the SFM Conference.
- Taught and trained 45 pastors and evangelists who will be teaching their respective congregations that will impact 10,000 more people.
- Over 100 people were born again through the SFM conference and the gospel crusade rally.
- Many former witch doctors confessed their sins and the ancestors sins and were Set Free in Christ.

- A few Muslims became “born again” and other former Muslims were prayed for and trained in fighting the good fight.
- A 12 year old girl named Susie was set free by Jesus from many demons and gave her life to Jesus. Her mother noticed the wonderful change in her daughter and came the next day to church to burn the items of witchcraft in their home and then she too became born again! Praise God!
- We delivered 1,300 Bibles to those who have no Bibles.
- We have made friends with many local evangelists and missionaries who minister in Sudan, Congo, Rwanda and Kenya. They want more teaching material from SFM that may impact 1000’s more.
- What a joy it was to watch 100’s of Ugandans singing and dancing for joy after confessing sin and being healed!

We humbly thank out Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the wonderful privilege of bringing the truth in love to those he wanted to touch in Africa. They will never be the same. We will never be the same.

Serving Jesus,  
Dean Vander Mey  
Executive Director  
Set Free Ministries



The following report is from one of our Encouragers who ministers to people on a regular basis.

## **THIS IS MARTY’S STORY** (Not His Real Name).

I grew up in a busy family with brothers and sisters and no parental love. Dad was busy with his job to supply family needs along with spending many hours doing “church work.” My earliest memories of my mom were unpleasant. She never held me close or hugged me. She never indicated in any way that she loved me and often there were outbursts of anger toward me. I have hated her my whole life. I was shunned at school and began to believe I was nothing, worthless. At one point in my teen years I asked Satan for power to make me popular so I would be liked. I soon became “the man” and got what ever I wanted, nice car, girls, everything.

I married and had a family, but still felt I was not adequate in my job and relationships. Others seemed to put me down and say negative things about me and my work. A rental house we owned burned down one night and took the life of one of the occupants. As I watched the fire I heard the demons laughing. They called out to me – “give us your children”. I screamed back – “never” and it was quiet.



At my Freedom Appointment the encourager asked me to read the “33 Affirmations” aloud. As I read them I wept. I never knew these things. I never knew God loved me so much. I renounced the demons and claimed that ground for God. I forgave my mother to God and asked Him to bless her. I then said I could go right to her, hug her, give her a kiss and tell her I loved her. I am now free and at peace.

The process of healing still continues. Praise God.

John Klingenberg