

# Kakamega Agricultural Show



In June 2015, we visited the Kakamega Agricultural Show intending to take a stand there the following year. That desire to have a witness in the area where we have a bookshop and a presence on the local radio station was not realised until May/June of 2019.

We knew that this venture was going to be more challenging than the Kitale Agricultural Show, as in Kitale we live less than a five-minute drive from the Showgrounds, whereas Kakamega Show Grounds is a two-and-a-half-hour journey away. We had to pack absolutely everything we needed as we were to stay in Kakamega at the apartment we rent there.

This year instead of hiring a tent, the Mission Board authorised the purchase

of a custom made tent. It is 12 ft x 12 ft, which is larger than what we had previously hired.

Inside the tent, we set up four tables. The first was used as a reception table with FPMSA information and agricultural leaflets. The next two were used for the free literature, one table English and one Swahili. The fourth table held a small selection of books from the Kakamega Beulah Literature Ministry.

We hired a pick-up to transport our agricultural exhibit, which attracts attention and leads to people being invited into our tent. Many people visited the tent, and we had some useful conversations, especially with pastors, who were keen to have free literature for evangelism.

We had approximately twenty men and young people to help distribute 22,000 pieces of literature over the three days. Pastors Patrice and Andrew, plus three men who travelled from Bikeke church, near Kitale, were on the stand with us. Two young ladies who have an interest in doing a book table ministry came from Nyaporo church to help. The others were the students from the local university who attend the Bible Study in the bookshop and the Kakamega Fellowship held in a room at the Kamadep Guesthouse.

We took this opportunity to advertise our bookshop in the Holden Mall, our LTBS ministry on the University Radio Station, plus our forthcoming programmes to be aired on Labao Radio which covers a much wider area.

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✉ **Rev M Patterson,**  
*Missionary in Kenya*



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## MISSIONARY VISION



✉ Pastor Joram, Rev David Park, Pastor Kamugisha Joel, Pastor Rwemcahamug Fred, Pastor Batuzabonon, Rev David Brown

# Leaders' Conference in Uganda with Pastor Joel

✉ **Below:** Rev David Park is pictured with some who attended the Pastor's conference in Lyantonde



After spending several days at Emmanuel Christian School in Uganda, the Rev David Park and I travelled to and conducted a Leaders' Conference at Springs of Life Ministries in Lyantonde and took part in their 25th Anniversary Service. The meetings were held outside, under several marquees, with a congregation of pastors from Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania. Most of the pastors had travelled by public transport to attend.

Our theme for the conference was, 'The Sermon on the Mount'. The schedule for the conference included sixteen messages over the three days; however, due to circumstances we only had time

for eleven messages. Sermon notes were available for the use of pastors in their local churches.

While the Lord gave help in all the meetings, the Friday evening children's meeting was particularly blessed when twenty-five children were counselled for salvation. Saturday concluded the conference with a 25th Anniversary service. On this occasion, the Rev Park received the Ugandan honour of being presented with a cow as a token of appreciation for all the assistance he gave to Pastor Joel's church and school. In keeping with this honour, Rev Park named the cow 'Susan' after his wife and encouraged the people to look after her for the foreseeable future.

Following the anniversary meeting, we attended a funeral service. Approximately 2800 guests gathered for a nine-hour long service of thanksgiving for the life of a brother in Christ. Having crossed cultural and language barriers, we thoroughly enjoyed fellowship with our Ugandan brothers and sisters in Christ. ■

✉ Rev D Brown



# God's visitation among the children of Uganda

There are times when God sends special visitations of His presence and power. A “set time” is what the Psalmist called it; days when the Lord draws near and does exploits. Such was our experience at Emmanuel Christian School, Uganda. It is almost too sacred to speak of the details.

The Hebron team visited the Emmanuel School in July to conduct a Vacation Bible School. As we shared the Gospel message with the children, there was conviction and concern, and conversion followed. Though we were amazed and somewhat confounded by the multiple conversions, we remembered that Jesus said: “Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.”

Always conscious that children can be easily impressed, there was no coercion or outward appeals. We left the matter with the young people, to come at any time if they wished to talk to us about spiritual matters.

On the second day of our VBS, eight children professed faith in Christ. After the next morning's assembly, a teacher said that she had been witnessing to her classes and that several children indicated that they wished to confess Christ as Saviour. I thought perhaps there would be seven or eight so we arranged to meet them in one of the classrooms at the beginning of our children's meeting. When we went to the room, there were 44 children present. We took time to explain the solemnity and seriousness of salvation and asked children to leave and return to the meeting if they were not serious about this matter. All remained and all called upon the name of the Lord.

Several more professed faith in the afternoon and each day there were additional conversions at Emmanuel. When Rev. David Brown and I travelled to conduct a Leaders' Conference for Pastor Joel, there were a further 25 confessions of Christ in that region.

Deborah, a young 13-year-old orphan from Emmanuel school,

was the 100th profession that we know. I had the privilege of pointing her to Christ. Such visitations of Divine power are usually few in one's lifetime. We were privileged to be spectators of such.

I remembered a little book, ‘The Children of the 1859 Revival’ which tells of similar happenings in a school in the town of Coleraine. God came down mightily and visited the young people and one conversion led to another until the grace of God transformed almost the whole school.

We have a mammoth duty now to pray for these children. Our missionaries and teachers have the grave responsibility of instructing and nurturing them in the things of God. Let us all intercede earnestly for these young ones who are not only the men and women of tomorrow but more importantly, the Church of tomorrow – leaders, teachers, evangelists, preachers, ministers and missionaries; if God be so pleased. ■

✍ Rev D Park

# Ugandan VBS

by team from  
Hebron Free  
Presbyterian  
Church



In July 2019, a group of 19 from Hebron Free Presbyterian Church travelled to Uganda to conduct a Vacation Bible School, with the children of Emmanuel Christian School, Nsaalu. They were privileged to minister God's Word and see the results of God's grace, as many children professed faith in Christ. On his return home Mr Samuel Johnston, (Hebron Youth Leader), noted, "Our young people have been truly blessed

to witness an extraordinary move of God. Some sat and listened while children were pointed to Christ. They cried tears of joy as they witnessed God saving precious souls. The encouragement to our own souls has been immeasurable. God has answered our prayers exceeding abundantly above all that we dared to ask." ■

✍ Samuel Johnston

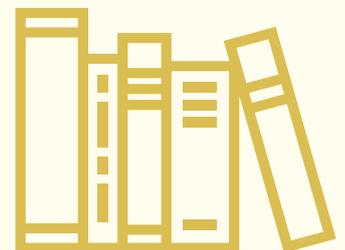


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