

Visit to Uganda

It has been over two years since Mission Board members were able to visit the work in Uganda, and so with a nervous sense of anticipation we set off on 5th January. The two Mission Board representatives, Rev McMillan and I, were joined on this trip by Glenn Hamilton, a third-year Whitefield student, who would cover the pulpit at Emmanuel Church for January.

It was good to be back in Uganda and to renew fellowship with Miss McAfee and the attendees at the church. We were encouraged by the developments in the work of the church, with some of the young men taking a leading role in



the services and especially in the regular open-air services. We were pleased to join them on the Friday evening and to see how many people in the little village came out to the roadside to listen to the singing and the Gospel message. It was also encouraging to see their readiness

to receive tracts and booklets in their own language of Luganda.

We had a blessed day on Sunday, with a prayer time before a very full morning service. Both Mission Board members brought some news and greetings, and then Glenn preached the Word. This service was extended by a prize-giving service for the pupils who had received excellent results in their examinations. We then enjoyed attending the afternoon Sunday School which was addressed by Rev McMillan and the evening Fellowship where I had the privilege of bringing a word of testimony.

Timing for the trip worked perfectly as the school doors reopened on the Monday, and we saw the attendance rise to around 420. Miss McAfee is to be commended for her planning and preparation to ensure the restart went smoothly.

We also saw and benefited from the work of Andrew Foster, with

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improvements to the school compound, the development of new school offices, and the redevelopment of the last of the three apartments on the site. We also visited some families who have benefitted from Aid Support and the farm planting programme, overseen by Hannah Foster.

During a busy week, we conducted the Annual Meeting of our NGO, met with

the local Education Officer, travelled to visit a church and school where Rev Park and Rev Brown held conferences a few years ago, visited the community boreholes, met the local Chairmen, and visited some of the pupils who have gone on to commence sponsored vocational courses. Rev McMillan also conducted a school Board of Management meeting, and we then met with all the school staff.

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As travel opens up a little, it is planned that David McAuley, another third-year Whitefield student, will cover the pulpit in February, and Rev Carscadden will travel to cover most of March. Please pray for them as they travel and also that the Lord will bless them and those who listen to the Word preached week by week.

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✉ **Alastair Hamilton,**
Mission Board Treasurer.

FPC Bible Training Institute

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Please remember the ongoing ministry of our FPC Bible Training Institute as it enters its second year. This training programme has been set up by the Mission Board to help train students around the world for God’s work. It is a two-year part-time course and is conducted remotely.

Three additional students have been added to the Institute, bringing our total to twenty-five. There are seventeen

students from Kenya, two from Uganda, two from Pakistan, two from the Philippines, one from Guinea and one from Tanzania.

Pray earnestly for these students around the world, and for our lecturing team, that the training will be used by God to prepare young men for the work of the Gospel in their respective countries. ■

✉ **Rev David Park,**
Administrator.

Tropical Storm Odette

Odette, a rare off-season tropical cyclone, struck the Philippines in mid-December. It was the fifteenth storm to hit the country in 2021 and was by far the most devastating. The intensity of the storm is observed in the 160mph winds which raged through 10,000 villages, affecting millions of people.

Among those who suffered damage to their homes, businesses, and church properties were families from the churches where we have fraternal relationships. These families are relatively poor and look to the Lord to provide materials to repair their little homes and farms, and for the supply of basic food in a time of scarcity.

We are in personal contact with Rev. Ebenezer Nombro who indicated: 'As our nation reels from incomprehensible destruction in the aftermath of Typhoon Odette, several Philippine ministries and NGO's are pleading for help and steadfast prayers.'

The town where he lives experienced the worst damage, and some families were forced to move into the church building. Sadly, the government proved to be ineffective and unresponsive to the needs of the people.

The Church set up a Disaster Committee to oversee any financial donations. Through Rev. Nombro, we were able to send some emergency aid funding towards this project. He has tried to help another Reformed Church whose Church Building was very badly damaged in the storm.

Rev. Nombro desires that 'the Lord will use the Super Storm to save His people in Surigao.' Will you join us in prayer for these struggling families? Pray that our great God who sees the afflictions of His dear people on earth will provide the necessary funding to repair their little homes and farms, supply their daily bread, and be pleased in His providential mercy to bring others to Christ in the midst of disasters. ■



✉ Above: Rev Ebenezer Nombro (left) with two colleagues
✉ Left: Damaged home belonging to a church member

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Challenges in Health



A lot of FPC Vision readers will be aware that I have experienced ill health for many years now. My health issues have always made it that little bit more challenging to serve the Lord in the ministry God has called me to. However, I sincerely thank and praise the Lord for His faithfulness and goodness that has enabled me to serve Him even through challenging personal circumstances. “The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.” Nahum 1:7.

At the end of November 2021, I was admitted to hospital and went through major surgery. I am thankful to the Lord for making it possible for me to have the operation. I am hoping and praying that the surgery will have long term benefits and it will mean I will have fewer kidney infections and health problems. I am still recovering from the operation and would value your prayers for the Lord to touch me and raise me up to a measure of health and strength in order that I might serve Him.

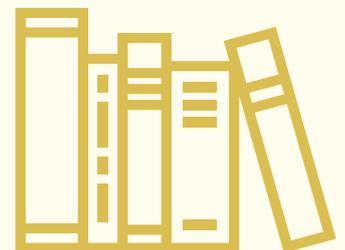
I personally want to thank everyone who has been praying for me, especially at this time. Linda and I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness. ■

✍ **Chris Killen,**
Home Missionary.

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