

# African Christian Fellowship (ACF), East Region 2014 Summer Missions Report Benin Republic and Uganda

## 1. Benin Republic Missions' Report- July 19-25, 2014

### **Introduction and History:**

From July 19 to July 25, 2014, 19 members of ACF Mission team visited the Republic of Benin in West Africa for a short-term mission trip. The Republic of Benin, formerly known as Dahomey (until 1975) stretched between the Niger River in the northeast and the Bight of Benin in the south. It is bordered by Togo to the west, by Nigeria to the east and by Burkina Faso and Niger to the north.

Over fifty languages are spoken in Benin Republic. Of those, French is the official language, and all the indigenous languages are considered national languages. Benin has Africa's highest percentage of followers of traditional religions and is the least evangelized non-Muslim country in Africa south of the Sahara. Only a handful of peoples have a Christian majority. We painfully realized that more people follow traditional ethnic religions in Benin than in any other African nation. Voodoo has its origins in the ethnic religion of the Beninese and many are tied up in fear and superstition. Surprisingly, most Christians in Benin continue to hold Vodun beliefs and some have even incorporated into Christianity the pantheon of Vodun. The town of Ouidah on the central coast is the spiritual center of Beninese vodun. This has created a lot of spiritual darkness over the land of Benin. About a million people live in Benin's cities and Christians have grown from a few hundred to over 35% of the population. There is still a need for Christians to reach out to the many unreached people groups within the Republic of Benin.



### **July 19, 2014**

Early in the morning of July 19, 2014, the ACF Mission team made up of brethren from USA, Britain, and Nigeria, took a bus trip from Lagos to Benin Republic. While traveling through the different towns the team engaged in a prayer drive. Our goal was to intentionally intercede for God's favor and grace for the people of Benin Republic and to pray for an open heaven over the whole land. Team members took turns to pray at strategic locations, major towns and regions. We encountered some difficulty at the border between Nigeria and Benin Republic. The experience at the border revealed to us the need for ACF Mission to prepare ahead of time all the necessary paper work and notification that will make such border crossing less difficult and less expensive in the future. When we finally got to Porto-Novu, our final destination in Benin Republic, we were met with our local brethren who welcomed us joyfully. The team spent the rest of the evening to pray, prepare



and familiarize ourselves with each other and with the program for the week. After dinner, everyone retired to their rooms.

### **July 20, 2014. Church Services, Prayer Walk & Visitation.**

On Sunday, the team visited and worshiped with the new church in Vakon village planted through the effort of ACF Mission in collaboration with Agape Ministries outreach in Benin Republic. The pastor for the new church is Pastor Clement Todessakin, one of the graduates of sister Emilia Ogigirigi's school of mission in Benin Republic. We were very glad to see a great move of God in such remote village. The new church is growing in number and in their zeal for God. We encouraged them to stand strong in their faith and to work hard in evangelizing their village and other neighboring villages.



At the end of the church service in Vakon village, the team visited and ministered at an orphanage in Sakete village. We were very happy to see the transformation taking place in the lives of the boys and girls that were being cared for at the orphanage. The family in charge of the orphanage was very encouraged with our visit and the support that ACF Mission gave to them. They showed us the

opportunities and challenges they are battling with. Before we left the orphanage, we concluded that with time and some strategic investment; the orphanage will be a great place where the next generations of young people in Benin Republic, who would have been without hope or future, will be nurtured to become future leaders and productive citizens of their country. Many of our team members were personally impacted by our visit to the orphanage and by what they witnessed in that place. This is one of the benefits of personally going to short-term mission trip which can never be experienced if one just read or receive the report from others.



We concluded our Sunday outing by visiting a shrine in Ketu as part of our prayer walk. We noticed that the shrine has become a tourist center. People visit the shrine for different reasons. The men who take care of the shrine will tell visitors the history and importance of the idol worship that takes place in there. During our visit, we were privileged to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to those men at the shrine. Almost all of them responded when we gave them an opportunity to give their lives to Jesus Christ. They clearly saw the difference from the



hope that Christ offers those who put their trust in Him and the fear that the idol they have been worshiping at the shrine subjects them to. The biggest concern that we felt after ministering at the shrine is finding out how these people will be followed up in order for them to grow in Christ. We encouraged some of our local brethren to arrange for a follow up meeting with the men at the shrine.



## Pastor's Seminar, Youth / Children Outreach and Crusade

On Monday and Tuesday of the week we were in Benin Republic, we had two days of Pastor's Conference, Youth / Children outreaches from 9 am to 4 pm. Then in the evening of the same days, we held evangelistic crusade at a remote village called GBAKANDJI.

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of ACF Mission's program for these two days, we focused our ministration around a central theme for each group. For the Pastor's seminar, the theme was "Shepherds after God's own heart". For the Youths, we focused on the theme titled "A Chosen Generation"; and for the children ministration our focus was on a themed titled "A New Generation of Africans". Several Pastors, Missionaries, Youth/Children workers, Teachers and Doctors handled different topics for the two days of ministration. The overall attendance for the two days was more than 500 including women and children. To

God's glory, ACF Mission was able to provide food for all the attendants for the two days. Before the end of the second day, we held a review session and listened to the impact of the program to those who attended the pastors, youths and children sessions. We were very pleased to receive many positive feedbacks from all that spoke. Many pastors and women requested that for the next time, ACF Mission should plan for more than two days of such program. Many of the local pastors in Benin Republic are not well equipped for the ministry they are called into, and many church members need deeper and complete knowledge of God's will for them in the face of idol and Voodoo worship that is prevalence in Benin Republic.

We witnessed the power of God during the two days of evangelistic crusade in GBAKANDJI village in many ways. In answer to prayers, God held the rain that threatened to disrupt the crusade for several times. With God's help, many people from the surrounding villages attended the crusade. Despite so many obvious spiritual obstacles, at the end of the second day, many people responded to the call to

accept the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior. To God's glory, they all agreed and attended a

scheduled discipleship class that ACF Mission organized for them on our last day in Benin Republic, Friday, July 25, 2014. At that meeting, more than 75 new believers, (Men, women, and children) attended the new convert class. We spent more time with them and had one and one meeting with some of them. We gave them bibles and discipleship materials and encouraged them to meet regularly from that day on. A local Assembly of God minister, Pastor Gai Nicaise,

(Nicholls), agreed to help organize the new converts into a new church. He will provide all the needed spiritual oversight as they trust God to raise another person who will shepherd them.



## **Medical Outreach**

With God's help, ACF Mission held two days of medical outreach program at the same village where we had evangelistic crusade. Many people with different health needs came from the surrounding villages. Our doctors, nurses, pharmacies, and ministers attended to all that came. We also took time to organize the attendants into a session where they were thought basic health educations. Some of the topics covered are: Personal Hygiene, First Aid, Immunization, Illness prevention, Sexuality, HIV/Aids awareness, other Medical treatment concern including the proper way to take the medications they will receive during the medical mission. For the two days of the medial mission, each person or family that saw the doctors also met with some of the pastors and counsellors for prayer and spiritual counselling before they went to receive their medications and went home. As a result of this, many more people gave their lives to our Lord Jesus to follow Him. All of them were also invited to attend the discipleship program with those who respond to the alter call during the crusade.



## **July 25, 2014**

Friday was our last day in Benin Republic for the ACF Mission 2014 mission trip. On this day, we spent quality time with the new converts. We share more about God's call for them and they all promised to continue in their decision for the Lord. At the end, we gave them some materials and took several pictures with them. It was so refreshing to see their joy and hope in their new found faith. After our meeting with the new converts, the ACF Mission team meet and shared on how God moved powerfully through us and in us during our outreach in Benin Republic this year. After that, different brethren went to their respective destinations.



## **Prayer Points:**

Pray for ACF Mission to have the resources, manpower and wisdom to solidify the ministry outreach in Benin Republic.

Give God praise for His favor in keeping many of the pastors and missionaries working in this difficult country.

Pray for these spiritual leaders hearts, that they will be true followers of Christ and that they will lead their congregation into deeper spiritual wisdom and understanding so that they can live lives that will honor the Lord

Pray that the light of Christ will shine through the darkness that has enslaved the people of Benin Republic, hiding from them the Gospel of Jesus.

Pray for favor for Benin's economy, which remains underdeveloped and dependent on subsistence agriculture, cotton production, and regional trade. Pray that the Lord will guide the steps of economic leaders of this country who are making efforts to try to attract more foreign investment, place more emphasis on tourism, facilitate the development of new food processing systems and agricultural products, and encourage new information and communication technology.

We saw lots of young people who responded to the invitation to follow Christ. We also know that there are student groups meeting at different places around the country, therefore pray that the young people in Benin Republic will continue to grow in their passion for God.

## **2. Uganda 2014 Summer Missions' Trip Report**

### **Introduction:**

The missions' trip to Uganda this year took place between July 24 and August 9 and included 26 people from the United States, one nurse from Nigeria and 13 young adults from Kampala, Uganda. Those from the United States included 13 youths and young adults and this is the largest since we started going on mission trip to Uganda. We were privileged to have two members of ACF National board in the team including the National Chairman, Bro. Chinedu Ukwuani. We also had in the team two adult non-members of ACF from the United States. They are from the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene and the Seaton Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Like in the previous years, we visited the two ACF program sites in Kumi district in the northeastern part of Uganda and Fort Portal in the western part of the country. The program schedule was similar in both sites. We travelled to Kumi district the first week starting from Sunday July 27. The journey took about 6 hours because of the improved road condition compared to the 9 hours we spent for the same trip last year. We had our Pastors training program in Malera village while all other programs took place at Armutur village. The team drove about 45 minutes from the hotel to Malera village and 1.5 hours to Armutur village. We returned to Kampala on Friday August 1st after the program in Kumi and travelled to Fort Portal on Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the second week of the missions' trip. The journey to Fort Portal took 5 hours and we held our programs at ACF clinic in Kigarama and Kabata village.

The missions' trip was a transforming experience for the youths, young adults and everyone in the team. We experienced instant answers to prayers. One of the young adults had serious cramps on her leg during the 6 hours trip to Kumi. She could not walk and was unable to join the team on the first and second day to the field. The medical people in the team feared that she had a blood clot on her leg and discussed about taking her to the hospital. A member of the team reminded everyone that God can answer prayer and that we should first pray and trust

God for her healing. During the first night in Kumi the team offered a powerful prayer for her and after resting her leg the second day, she was miraculously and completely healed. She worked with the team the rest of the trip without any problem.

The scriptural theme for the team members this year was "Christ Ambassadors". The scriptural passages we shared during our team morning and evening devotions were very powerful, and many of the young adults and other team members were broken, convicted, and cried under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many of the youths and young adults had to share the word of God during the devotions and it was a transforming discipleship experience for them as it was the first time for some of them to do it. One of them testified how that experience helped her to start a family devotion with her family members after she returned to the United States.

## **KUMI PROGRAM**

By Friday evening of July 25, several brethren from African Christian Fellowship, (ACF) USA began to arrive Kampala, Uganda. Others arrived the next day, Saturday, July 26, 2014. Notable among the arrivals were our mission's Director, Dr. Festus Ukwuani, Sisters Kim and Romina who concluded a week long mission work in Republic of Benin, in West Africa and joined the Uganda team for another two weeks of missionary work. We were joined by other brethren from ACF Uganda and a sister from Nigeria.



Bro. Hyacinth Ezeka, ACF East Region, Deputy Mission's Director had arrived earlier in Uganda and arranged a meeting with Honorable Hellen Apolot, a Member of Parliament and Minister of State for Teso Affairs in the office of the Prime Minister. The meeting was intended to apprise the honorable minister and other officials of the work of ACF in Uganda, particularly the new Grade 3 ACF Hospital/Health Center in the Kumi District of Uganda, answer any question about ACF, and invite the honorable minister to the ground breaking ceremony of the Health Center.



On Sunday, July 27, the entire team of missionaries from ACF East Region, ACF Kampala, and others who joined us from both USA and Nigeria travelled by bus to Kumi, in the eastern part of Uganda. We had an amazing time of fellowship in a six hours drive to Kumi. We prayed, sang, and ate roasted matoke (plantain) and chicken on the way. Yes, hawkers on the road tried to sell all sorts of goods to us.

## **ACF KAMENYA HEALTH CENTER GROUND BREAKING:**

Kamenya is a village in Nyero Sub County, under Kumi District of Uganda with a population of about 1,800 people. The health center is centrally located and it is surrounded by several villages from Nyero sub county, Mukongoro Sub County, Ngora Sub County and Kanyumu Sub County. It is also surrounded by about eighty primary schools with estimated average population of 500 children each and one secondary school estimated at 300 students in scattered villages throughout Kumi District who may benefit from the health center/hospital.

Nyero Sub County like others in Kumi district has faced a number of challenges since the 1986 time of insurgency. People lack adequate medical facility. They travel long distance while trying to find treatment and even those near a couple of government or private grade 2 health facilities find it expensive and difficult to get treatment as drugs are often rarely found at those health centers. Pregnant women, the very old, and children from poor families suffer immensely to get medical help.

It was therefore a great relief and joyful occasion on the ground breaking ceremony of the ACF Kamenya Health Center. The atmosphere at the ground breaking was that of celebration with music, dancing, shouting with joy, and celebrating the goodness of God for bringing a health center to their community through ACF.



The ground breaking also attracted several government officials including Honorable Hellen Appolot, a Member of Parliament and the Minister of State for Teso Affairs, in the Office of the Ugandan Prime Minister; Resident District Commissioner (RDC) of the District, the sub county, and the village.



We did not only break the ground at the site, construction work started immediately.

## **Pastors/Church Leaders' Training in Malera Village**

We had a Pastors/Church leaders training program on July 27 and 28, at Malera Village of Kumi District. The theme for the training this year was "Shepherds after God's own heart". The team members presented the following topics under this theme:

1. The heart of God for mankind
2. The sheperdhood of Christ
3. The role of a shepherd
4. Characteristics of shepherd
5. The command of Jesus to Peter

There was an interactive session following the team presentations. There was also a break out session for women and men and the topic for that session was "Being an Ideal Christian husband and wife".

The Pastors'/Church leaders' training was well attended with about 80 people in attendance after the poor attendance on the first day. The people expressed a deep hunger for the word of God through the questions they asked during the program. The interactive session revealed the challenges the pastors and the church leaders experience in their homes and ministry. Several of the pastors and church leaders did not have bibles in their local language. The ACF team distributed some English and local language bibles to them but the bibles we had were not sufficient to go around all that needed them.

## **Youths and Young Adults Program in Malera Village**

The youths and young adults program was carried out on the same day with the Pastors/Church leaders training. There was not enough room in the mud church building where we had the Pastors training for the youths and young adults program. We therefore had to hold the program under a tree. The theme for the youths and young adult program this year was "A Chosen Generation" and the topics discussed included the following

1. A chosen Generation
2. A Holy Nation
3. A royal Priesthood
4. A Peculiar People

Like the first year, the sessions were filled with lively discussions by the young people who attended the program. It was obvious from the session that there was hunger for God from the young people and the need for them to know God.

## **Children's Program in Malera Village**

The children's program was held the same time as the Pastors and youths programs. Again, there was not enough room in the mud building where we had the Pastors/Church leaders training and as such the children's program was held in another mud house with thatched roof. The theme for the children's program was "A new generation of Africans" and the topics discussed with the children include

1. The fatherhood of God
2. What does the word salvation mean
3. How do I communicate with my Heavenly Father

There was no program for the children the first day. The attendance on the second day was good with several children giving their lives to Christ.

## **Evangelical Outreach and open Air Crusade- Armutur village**

Armutur village is about 1.5 hours drive from Kumi town. We drove through the bush and several villages, sometimes closing the windows of our van to avoid tree branches, bush brushes, etc from getting anyone of our team members. There was practically no church that we saw as we drove through the villages. Armutur is a village on cross roads of Karamajong cattle raiders and where the rebels launched attacks on villages and government troops during the rebellion of 1987 in Uganda. We were told that Armuture village and our crusade location in particular had several unmarked graves, buried charms used by rebels for protection, and several demonic activities during the civil war. The community is poor and lacks social amenities. The population has a great need for the gospel as the community is spiritually backward. We had a supernatural intervention of God on the weather. This is very significant because this period is the rainy season in Uganda. As soon as we arrived for the crusades, the sky immediately turned gloomy and dark. It started to rain but by faith, we trusted God for divine intervention and started to pray that God will cease the rain so that we could hold the crusade. Miraculously, as we prayed, the rain ceased and our crusade went on.

As usual, the crowd on the first day was small, but on the second day, the whole place was filled with people. The praise and worship was very powerful and the atmosphere was filled with the

presence of God. After the end of the message, many people including children and old people came to give their lives to Christ.

### **Medical Outreach and Spiritual Counseling- Armutur village**

The medical outreach was at the same location of our crusades in Armutur village. The medical outreach and Spiritual counseling took place at the same time. The medical outreach was set up in such a manner that the villagers had several points where they could hear the gospel preached. The first point of contact is where the crowd gathers to get numbers/cards for their vital signs. At this first point of contact, a short prayer and salvation message is preached. After receiving numbers, the patients' vital signs are taken and they go see the doctors. After the patients are done with seeing the doctors, they will go through the counseling unit during which they are presented the gospel and prayed for individually before they go and collect their medicine at the pharmacy unit. During the counseling and when the people were getting their numbers, more than 60 patients gave their lives to Christ.

The medical outreach in Amutur village was very successful and we provided medical services to about 650 people including children and adults during the two days of the medical outreach.

### **Bathing of Children:**

The same time the medical mission was going on, the youth/young adults from the USA joined by the ACF Kampala young adults under the leadership of Sister Jessica gave children at Amutur village baths, cut their hairs, gave them clothes, shoes, towels, soaps, tooth paste, tooth brushes etc.



Overall, about 150 children were given a bath. This aspect of our outreach was tremendously successful as our young adults worked so hard to show the love of Jesus to the precious children in this part of Uganda. To God be the glory!

### **New Converts Meeting- Armutur village**

Our new converts meetings have been very productive as it has helped us to consolidate the message they heard during our mission programs. After the new converts meeting, we schedule a meeting day and time for 10 follow up bible study series for the new converts. The new convert class was held on Friday morning of August 1, 2014, the last day of our mission program in Armutur village. About 80 new converts turned up for the meeting and the new convert's follow up class has been going on since we left Uganda in August, 2014.

Since we came back from Uganda, reports from the field indicate that the new convert's class has grown to 109 people. The classes are going on well with the new converts desiring to know God more. The new converts are asking for chalk black board, bibles and meeting tents. About 18 of the 109 people in the class received bibles but of the remaining 91 converts, five do not know how to read, three would like English bibles, and the rest would like Ateso bible version. One of the pastors who attended our Pastor's training asked for ACF discipleship class started in his church, and 63 disciples currently attend that class. We need your prayers in this area.

## **ACF Motorcycle in Kumi**

Each year that ACF has missions' program in rural villages in Uganda with no living churches, there is critical need for improved transportation to follow-up with new converts. Each new convert group is put through a series of bible studies. Our representative in Kumi District, Mr. Okwei Peter Charles this year was given a motorcycle by ACF East Region to travel around the villages to conduct bible studies and follow-up with new converts/disciples. We truly thank God for the grace to provide Mr. Okwei Peter Charles with a means of transportation for the work of the ministry.



## **FORT PORTAL PROGRAM- UGANDA**

### **Official Opening of ACF Medical Clinic in Kigarama**

The official opening of the grade 3 ACF clinic in Kigarama, Kabarole district was conducted on August 4<sup>th</sup> during the first day of our missions' trip in the Fort Portal area. The clinic was completed and equipped in 2013 and started operation on November 4, 2013. The opening ceremony was glamorous and was attended by many government dignitaries including the Honorable member of Parliament, Hon. Stephen Kagwera and the special guest of honor, Resident District Commissioner (RDC) for Kabarole district, Mr Stephen Asiimwe who represents the President of Uganda in the district. The District Health Officer and other local government officials and representative of other private organizations were in attendance. ACF USA was also well represented with the presence of our National Chairman, ACF East Regional officials and Chapter Presidents. A local band and Kigarama Talent High School were brought to perform and sing during the opening.

The official opening was a land mark in ACF Mission work as this was the first medical clinic built and operated by ACF USA in Africa. The mood at the ceremony was that of joy and happiness and the special guest who spoke appreciated ACF USA for helping to build a clinic for the poor community. The District Health Commissioner informed us the government is already discussing about making the clinic a center for the provision of specialized care because of the solid nature of the structure and the extra health services ACF plan to offer at the clinic.

### **Pastors and Church Leaders Seminar/Training**

The program was conducted during the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August at Kabata village in Fort Portal. The theme for the training this year was "Shepherds after God's own heart". The team members presented the following topics under this theme

1. The heart of God for mankind
2. The sheperdhood of Christ
3. The role of a shepherd
4. Characteristics of shepherd
5. The command of Jesus to Peter

There was also a break out session for women and men and the topic for that session was "Being an Ideal Christian husband and wife"

The Pastors' /Church leaders' training was well attended on the second day with more than 60 people in attendance after the poor attendance on the first day. The people expressed a deep

hunger for the word of God through the questions they asked during the program. The discussions with the men and women during the breakout session on the second day revealed the challenges the pastors and the church leaders experience in their homes and ministry.

## **Youths and Young Adults Program**

The youths and young adult program was carried out on the same day and at the same venue with the Pastors and church leaders training. This is the second year we had a pre-planned program for youths and young adults during our missions, trip. The theme for the youths and young adult program this year was "A Chosen Generation" and the topics discussed included the following

1. A chosen Generation
2. A Holy Nation
3. A royal Priesthood
4. A Peculiar People

Like the first year, the sessions were filled with lively discussions by the young people who attended the program. The youths did not attend the program the first day as they were not properly inform they were supposed to be part of the program. However, on the second day, the attendance was phenomenal as about 60 youths turned out for the program. Majority of the youths in the class were already born again and the discussion served more as a discipleship class reinforcing the need for them to know God has called them to be holy and live as people that are peculiar in God's eyes.

## **Children's Program**

The children's program was held the same time and venue for the Pastors and youths programs. The theme for the children's program was the same with last year's program "A new generation of Africans" and the topics discussed with the children include

1. The fatherhood of God
2. What does the word salvation mean
3. How do I communicate with my Heavenly Father

The attendance was also poor the first day, but many children attended on the second day. Our young adults coordinated and thought the children class with a few adults support. We had more than 40 children who attended the program the second day and based on the testimonies by the teachers, the program was a huge success with many of the children giving their lives to Christ.

## **Evangelical Outreach and open Air Crusade**

We had evangelical outreach during the evenings of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 at Kabata village after the Pastors training, youths, and children's programs. Kabata village is made up of farming communities in a country side about 50 minutes drive from Fort Portal town. The community is poor and lacks social amenities. The population has a great need for the gospel as the community is spiritually backward. We had favor with God concerning the weather as it did not rain for the two days we had the crusade. This is very significant because this period is the rainy season in Uganda and we needed good weather to carry out our program as most of our programs happen outside.

Like in the past years, the crowd on the first day was not large, but on the second day, the whole place was filled with people. The young adults from the USA and Kampala team joined together in a powerful praise and worship time before the speaker came up to the stage to deliver the word of God. The praise and worship was very powerful and the atmosphere was filled with the presence of God. After the end of the message, many people including children and old people came to give their lives to Christ.

## **Meeting with Graduates and Students of ACF Child Sponsorship Program**

We held the program on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> during the second day of the program. The program was held concurrently with the Pastor training, youths and children's program and the team members were split into two to cover all the programs. The theme this year for the meeting with the graduates and students is the same with the theme for missions' team members "Christ Ambassadors."

We discussed the following topics with the children under this theme

1. Are you born again-What it means to be a Christian
2. Forsake not the assembly of one another- Forming ACF small groups in school/Graduate fellowship
3. Representing Christ in your academics
4. Being an example in your community and society

We assigned some of our young adults to discuss the topics to help the graduates and the students relate well with the issues discussed and enforce better interaction during the discussion. The program this year was used to re-enforce the importance of giving their lives to Christ, establish a group fellowship and represent Christ in their communities. Many of them lack a good place of fellowship when in school and after graduation and end up backsliding from their faith. We encouraged those who are together in a school to form an accountability group where they can pray and share the word of God. We encouraged the graduates to form a fellowship last year and we followed up with them this year to make sure the fellowship is doing well. They recommitted themselves to strengthening the fellowship.

## **Medical Outreach and Spiritual Counseling**

The medical outreach this year was also held at Kabata village on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the third and fourth days of our mission trip. This was a significant development as we have held our medical outreaches in the past at our medical clinic site before it was completed and opened for operation. With the medical clinic now operational and providing services to the community in Kigarama, it was time for us to move to other communities in much need for medical services.

The medical outreach and Spiritual counseling take place at the same time. After the patients are done with seeing the doctors, they will go through the counselling unit during which they are presented the gospel and prayed for before they go and collect their medicine at the pharmacy unit. During the counselling, more than 30 patients gave their lives to Christ.

The medical outreach in Kabata village was very successful and we provided medical services to about 552 people including children and adults during the two days of the medical outreach. We did not witness any rain fall on the first day but the rain threatened to disrupt our activity the second day. After an initial slight rain that caused all the people outside to take shelter inside

the building for a period of about 15 minutes, we did not get any more rain until the end of the medical outreach. About one hour towards the end of the medical outreach, the cloud became dark again but the Lord held the rain as the team members began to pray and it did not rain until we completed our program and left the site.

## **New Converts Meeting**

We started holding new converts meeting at the end of our mission outreach in 2012. This has been very productive as it has helped us to consolidate the message they heard during our mission programs. After the new converts meeting, we schedule a meeting day and time for the rest of the 10 follow up bible study series for the new converts. The new convert class was held on Friday morning of August 8, 2014, the last day of our mission program in Kabata village. About 40 new converts turned up for the meeting and the new convert's follow up class has been going on since we left Uganda in August, 2014. Because of the heavy rainy season in Kabata village many people have gone to their farms and the turnout for the weekly follow up class ranges between 28 and 35 people. The follow up bible study is designed so that each new convert will complete every class they missed.

The missions' trip this year would not have been possible without your prayer and financial support and the team members remain grateful for all your sacrifices to make the trip possible. Continue to pray for the new converts and our sponsored children, the success of the medical clinic in Kigarama, and the growth of the gospel in Uganda.

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