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The picture above shows a group of 35 brothers, who attended a three-day training class designed to find gospel preachers to head up evening Bible schools in the western portion of Uganda. Being committed to the India work since 1986; I had hardly thought of going to Africa; but last November, brother Paul Coffman of Mt. Pleasant, Texas phoned and told me about his work in the country of Uganda in Africa. On hearing of the great need I told him that I would go with him. As noted my aim in going was to find well trained brothers: gospel preachers, to work at training others in evening Bible schools, which have been so very successful in India.

That is, Bible schools based on the principle of Two Timothy Two Two: where Paul by the Spirit wrote to the young man Timothy saying, *"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."* My thinking was that it would take about a month to find a good number of such men.

On February 12th Paul and I met in Washington, D.C., flew across the Atlantic to Brussels, Belgium, which lies north of France in Europe. From there we flew south across the Mediterranean Sea, then across the Sahara Desert and down into east Africa. (go to back page).

The plane landed on 14th of February in Entebbe, Uganda, where we spent the night. The next day we went by car to the west side of the country, which borders on the Congo. Our destination was the town of Kasese. Where we arranged a room for about \$11.00 a night.

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For the next three days, morning and afternoon, I taught about the church of our Lord, being the original church and the Kingdom of Christ and God (Ephesians 5:5), and of the urgency of maintaining the pattern of sound words (2 Timothy 1:13). Thirty-seven brothers attended. On the third day I gave a test to try to ascertain the soundness of these brothers. I was truly pleased with their answers; for these brothers knocked the ball out of the park on the true or false questions. The major reason for the soundness of them is due to the fact that most had been trained in the East African Bible Training School, which was started some years before by the

Fairfield church in Moulton, AL. Not only so, but the town congregation in Moulton is also a helper in the school along with other congregations.

Of the 35 seen in the picture twenty-three were selected to become teachers in the evening schools. Classes are expected to begin the first week of April. If each of these teachers averages having only ten students each, that will mean 230 men will be studying to preach the gospel of the kingdom as Philip did in Samaria (Acts 8:12). These schools as I noted will be like the evening schools in India which are now operating in six states in that country. By the grace of God we have fulltime schools in two other states and they are effective, but cost much more than the evening schools. The support we supply for the evening schools, in which classes meet twelve night a month, is sufficient for and evening meal and bus fare. For example the support for one of the 23 teachers will be only \$18.00 a month.

My judgment concerning the potential growth of the church in Uganda is like that of a farmer standing in a field lush with beautiful strawberries, that are ripe for the harvest. The opportunities for soul winning reminds me of the story of a grandson from the city visiting his grandparents on the farm, and asking his grandfather, "grandpa what time do you go to work," and his grandfather replied, "grandson, I don't go to work, I just get up and it's all around me." So it is with the gospel in Uganda. If you have an interest in supporting one of these preachers (teachers) with \$18.00 a month please let us know. Our first payment of funds to them will be sent to them around 30th of March. By the way these brothers are farmers, with only a little land on which the make a living for their families.

May the God of all comfort and grace bless you today and always for your love for Him and His kingdom.

Jim E. Wallen

INSIDE PAGE

BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE



The people of Uganda are very poor in material wealth, but they are rich in openness and friendliness. I know little about the whole of Africa, but as indicated on the other page my judgment is that Uganda is ripe for the gospel. The people are open to the teaching of the Bible. Even the government is respectful of those who are teaching the Bible; but unfortunately

Adventists, "Jehovah's Witnesses" and other man made churches are making inroads among the people. Our foot print is very small.

As we drove to the place for class each day we would see great numbers of school children going to or from school in their uniforms; they were a beautiful sight and would wave to us or crowd up to the car when we stopped. The little girls seen above, who were on their way from school, illustrate the millions of Africa children, who stand in need of teachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ in its purity and simplicity. They illustrate the enormous opportunities for Christian women to build up the kingdom of Christ. As Matthew tells us, "Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:13-14). On this subject of teaching gospel He said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37).

MANY WILL REMEMBER



In Assam, India on December 26, 2014, one tribe in India attacked another and many fled their homes and went into refugee camps; where they were very short on food, yet through the generosity of so many of you, who are our fellow laborers we were able to take rice, beans, sugar, salt, cooking oil and so forth into the refugee camps. One of the comments by the military guard at the gate, when our brother showed him the list of things our brothers were bringing, was, "Other people bring old clothes, but you bring food." See the picture. You will be pleased to know that today we have two couples who attended the Northeast Bible Institute, in Mirza, Assam, who are working together among those people. These young people are Barnabus and Angela and Wanong and Sonia. Both couples were married

this past December, although Barnabas has been working there since 2015.



A joyous fact about this work, is when Barnabas, who at the time was a bachelor, began working among those refugees, after they had returned to their own villages, came across a widowed woman, who had seven children. The youngest of whom was only about six months old; and the lady said to Barnabas, you can have my children, because I cannot care for them. Thus, from that time with your help we took on this widow and her children. She is presently living in a house, which we rented for her. Four of the children are pictured above in their school uniforms. The two older children are working and the youngest stays at home with her mother. The four were attending a government school until this past January, but children of a widow are not well received by many, thus we now have them in a private school, where they are received as patrons and find the school appreciative of their presence. Not only so, but Angela and Sonia are teaching the children Bible in the afternoons after school and coaching them in English.

MERCY'S GIRLS



In the picture above you see, standing, two of the most valuable women in God's kingdom on earth today. They are Mercy Wilson, in the blueish green sari, who is the principal of the women's Bible School in South India and Backia Selvi, who is not only a Bible teacher in the school but is a tailor master and teaches the girls tailoring. The girls seen in the picture are the senior girls (it is a two-year program) of the Tamil Nadu Bible Institute while they were participating in the annual contest for writing Bible verses. Here are the names and the number of verses written by these young women: 1) Sewetha, 3,050; 2) Leediyal 2,750; 3) Daisy 2,700; 4) Kanagavalli 2,201; 5) Saranya, 2,018; 6) Kaviya, 1,770; 7) Shalini, 1,651; 8) Shilpa, 1,190; 9) Maragatham, 1,142;

10) Baby, 1,121; 11) Kalavathi, 1,116; 12) Girija, 1,032; 13) Malar, 1.023; 14) Aishwarya, 1,014; 15) Janani 1,010; 16) Rajeswari, 1,007; 17. Dhat Chayini, 1,005; 18) Ramya, 1,001; 19) Aarthi 950; 20) Vanishree, 895; 21) Ramya K., 838; 22) Gowri, 727; 23) Soundarya, 705; 24) Jeeva, 700; 25) Jamuna, 460; 26) Santhiyia, 372. A tip in reading the names: a "th" in a name is pronounced as "tee".