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September: 98 Prison Events - 21,509 Professions of Faith!

### Dear TFEA/Freedom Team Partner,

So much is happening so fast in East Africa. We know that we are a very small part and God is allowing our ministry to be the catalyst that He is working through. The Government of Uganda has approved our ministry and given us a Certificate of Incorporation that now allows us to organize, structure, build and guide WAY House and Community Churches throughout Uganda. All of these WAY Churches are being led by prisoners who have been released and were a part of our Prison Cell Churches.

Now as we move to the most current aspect of our ministry with that being WAY Churches which some have begun with the physical construction. We are now marveling at the tremendous amount of people who are volunteering to be a part of building these churches and many who are wanting to give materials that will be used in the construction of these churches.

Thank you Partners for your continued prayers and financial support that God is using to impact the nation of Uganda for His grace and glory.

TFEA MONTHLY BUDGET Percentage of monthly budget received 80% Monthly Budget Sept. Donations Shortage \$12,770 \$10,269 \$2,501 \$12,000 \$11.000 \$10,000 \$7,000 \$6,000 \$5.000 \$4,000 \$1,000 -Received in August: \$13,529

Bless you, Tom, Carla, Joy, David, Steve, Ted, Hector, Evangelist Bryan, Loice & Staff Assistants Alex & Doreen, Evangelist Joshua, Evangelist Albert & Dorothy, & the Freedom Team

# Four September Highlights

- ◆ 199 Prison Cell Churches with 19,900 inmates meeting for an hour twice daily in 5 prisons.
- 14,538 prisoners got baptized in Kakiika, Nyabuhikye, Kiburara, Ntungamo and Rukungiri government prisons.
- ◆ 17 WAY House Churches averaging 1589 in weekly attendance with 446 salvations and 176 new believers baptized in the river.
- 3 WAY Community Churches averaging 140 in weekly attendance.

### Little boy with signs of autism is healed during prayer meeting at WAY Community Church #1

Unedited Testimony by Muganga Richard (Father of the boy and former inmate at Kiburara Prison)

While I was at WAY Community Church for Saturday afternoon service, a word was shared by leader Shaban and his sister reading from John 11 about Lazarus being raised from death, and that God wanted to heal all manner of diseases as we prayed, and all mental disorders, and things of the like. Scriptures were shared of how God has been doing this in Bible times. We were asked to stand on behalf of someone who needs this healing. I stood on behalf of my preschool son, who is two and a half years old and has shown clear signs of autism his whole life. He is still so young that he was not officially diagnosed, but me and his mom had already begun the process of having him tested and diagnosed to get him the Government support. He was unable to communicate clearly, he was unable to make eye contact, even if his face was only a couple of inches from mine. When I would ask him to look at my eyes, he could only look around the room, and there seemed to be a disconnect in his mind. so, I just stood and prayed for him by name, then I got back home late when he was asleep, and as I returned from work on the next day. To my surprise, he ran up to me, that day, looked directly into my eyes, and said "Dad", very clearly "Dad, I want to show you something...." This was the first time I ever heard him say that, or any understandable words, for that matter! From then, whenever he sees something, he looks at me and laughs, maintains eye contact with me and smiles. I have only been apart of this church for a month and look what God has done for me.

# East Africa - September Report: 98 Events - 21,509 Registered Professions of Faith!

Evangelists Bryan & Loice

Evangelist Bryan Report: 30 Events 5,187 Respondents 5,062 Registered First-time

Praise the Lord for the great harvest this month and all of 2022, what a great harvest!! Only God can do such wonders. September has been a very successful month both in the prison church, community and in the way house church, the number of baptisms is greatly increasing and the entire church is growing mightily both in membership (numbers) and spiritually.

TFEA has the fastest growing Prison Church ever in the history of Uganda Prisons service. We baptized 8,623 inmates in both Kakiika, Nyabuhikye and Kiburara prisons. We have a total number of 12,800 inmates in 128 cells (100 in each) attending church daily in the three prisons. Baptism has become part of our events because of the ever growing number of respondents. We desire for every respondent to be baptized. So, now we have made baptism part of every event. Another 5,100

inmates were baptized by our Team in the prison cell churches of Rukungiri and Ntungamo. We have 25 cell churches of 100 inmates in Rukungiri Prison and in Ntungamo Prison, all attending service twice daily. (Making a total of 5,000 inmates attending service twice daily in the Ntungamo and Rukungiri Government Prisons. Evangelists Bryan and Loice, TFEA East Africa

### Evangelist Joshua Report: 34 Events 9,238 Respondents 8,653 Registered First-time plus 8 Sunday Services



Praise the Lord for another fruitful month once again!! Greetings to our beloved partners in this work. I'm so thankful to God for His continued blessings throughout the month. Thousands of prisoners have continued to give their lives to God in all then prisons that we are currently visiting and that is our greatest joy that God has honored our ministry to be used in this way in our east African Region. Our Team has baptized 8,623 inmates in both Kakiika, Nyabuhikye and Kiburara prisons. Prion cell churches have increased weekly and we thank God for the provision of the self powered speakers in the prison cell churches. They are a blessing to the hundreds of prisoners who continue to receive Christ and are added to the prison cell churches.

God has continued to give us favor with the prison staff, especially the Kakiika Warden has helped us in connecting with all the prison administrators for the possibility of all the operations of the Prison Cell Churches and Prisoner of Pain....God's Grace events.

Please pray that ebola out break will not be severe and that God will stop it soon. We bless the name of the Lord for His saving grace and provision towards this ministry.

God's blessings to you all,

Evangelist Joshua & Team (TFEA Uganda)



**Evangelist Albert Report:** 34 Events 8,109 Respondents 7,794 Registered First-time

Greetings to you from my family and the team. Praise the Lord almighty who has enabled us to conduct all events successfully, We had 8,109 inmates coming to Christ in just our central events, what a miracle! And the Lord blessed us with good health, financial and spiritual support. We give God the glory for His protection on all of us and the entire East African teams.

We have continued to see thousands of inmates coming to Christ weekly at Luzira, Kigo and Masafu Prisons throughout the month of through the Prisoners of Pain...God's Grace documentary. We have had continuous successful events.

Thank you for the many prayers and support from the TFEA, The Freedom Team, our partners and prayer warriors. Your prayers and support make this possible. The Freedom Tracts that we have receive from Evangelist Bryan and Loyce are being given out to all the responding inmates coming to Christ through the Prisoners of Pain....God's Grace video documentary.

Please keep us in prayers as usual, especially for the Ebola outbreak, that God will stop the spread of the Ebola disease in Uganda. We shall continue to be faithful to the order of operation and the working that God has given us as TFEA and Freedom Team, because God has blessed it as the most effective for us.

Yours faithfully,

Evangelist Albert & Dorothy Team (TFEA Uganda)



## Hector Soto Report: 3 Events 71 Respondents 41 Registered First-time

Hector is doing well in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico and continues to go into the rehabilitation centers and share the love of Jesus Christ. Hector is 73 years old and been a part of our ministry team for 18 years now. Prior to the Covid pandemic when the Freedom Team would go to Mexico and conduct our Mexican Power Explosion Events Hector was our interpreter. Hector became very acquainted with our Mexico Team and everyone loves him.

# Please Consider Helping Our Fuel Fund

This year has been a very heavy load of additional fuel expenses with the rising fuel cost throughout the year. We originally set our 2022 Fuel Fund budget at \$10,000 and as of October 1st we have spent \$12,067 for gasoline and diesel fuel. We currently supply fuel for Africa's 3 vehicles, 1 motorcycle, 3 generators with combined running time of over 210 hours per month. We also supply fuel for 1 Mexico vehicle and 2 U.S. vehicles. **Thank you for your consideration of helping with this fuel expense.** 



# WAY Community Church Construction - African Style

**Evangelist Bryan reports regarding the WAY House Churches**: We covered all our monthly schedules successfully and all our evangelistic teams here in east Africa are healthy and strong.

We received a donation of land for the community church from the family of the former witch doctor, the old woman at Ambassador Shaban's home that was a former witch doctor and rain maker and gave her life to Christ because of Shaban's testimony. We were supposed to do construction at the big WAY Community Church land but due to heavy rains and afternoon services in WAY House Churches, the WAY Community Church #1 volunteers did some physical work to the construction of the church. We have 28 volunteers who have been able to voluntarily give one iron sheet each so we have 28 sheets covering the first part and more coming in from more volunteers. I have also sent pictures of the materials already collected and ready for work to begin at the big WAY Community Church land. Tomorrow we shall be collecting trees from all the volunteers to the site. Our God is amazing.

We have had many people continuing to gather in WAY House Churches and the sitting rooms are not enough to accommodate them, we have switched to using compounds of the house owners, many people have offered their houses to be used as church houses. This work is so much bigger than I have ever imagined. I believe the Lord is going to do a work so much greater than I have ever imagined.



















# Praise God For:

- \* The many people eagerly volunteering to help build physical structures for the growing churches.
- \* Providing the materials to do the building.
- \* Using our faithful TFEA Supporting Prayer Partners that make our ministry possible and fruitful!!!

# Prayer Requests for TFEA & The Freedom Team

- \* That God would continue to provide the needed funds for our 2022 Fuel Fund.
- \* That God lays it on the hearts of people to be involved and support the miraculous work He is doing.
- \* That the Ebola virus would be stopped quickly.
- \* That God keeps all of our Evangelistic Teams, Prison Leaders, and Church Leaders safe & healthy.

### **Unedited Testimony from Prisoners or former Prisoners in East Africa Prisons**

### Emmanuel – WAY House Church Member, Male, 39 years old (Former Kakiika Prison inmate).

Praise God, my name is Emmanuel, I have been out of prison 3 Months now, I met the Freedom Team in prison and I met my Savior Jesus that very day after watching the documentary of Prisoners of Pain...Gods Grace. Ever since I came to this church which started at Bro. Shaban's house, I have simply realized God is much more real to me. I am now more conversant with God's Word and the Person of the Holy Spirit more than ever before, I read my Bible at home and in all our gatherings, my job is to read the scriptures loudly in Runyankore for others to hear who may not have Bibles, I've also sensed deeper clarity about my identity in the light of Scriptures through the Freedom Tracts. In me, the hope of eternal life is continually magnified. I've tasted the affectionate love of the brethren in our fellowship from homes now to our church here, and I'm seeing fruits of Christ springing forth in my soul. Way house church Rwenjeru is a haven where milk and honey flows, righteousness, truth and true salvation is here.

### Enos – WAY House Church Member, Male, 42 years old (Former Kakiika Prison inmate)

Praise God so much , my name is Enos, former inmate at Kakiika Prison, I met the Freedom team during my time at Kakiika prison and when I was released the Lord miraculously added me to the Way House Church, I did not know that God had prepared this wonderful community outside of the prison, and my time at Way House Church Rwenjeru has been full of blessings, in fact, words would fail me to describe it all, Way House Church Rwenjeru is a family, a community, a village, where everyone is accountable to each other and we're led by our Pastor under Christ Jesus, and I am being led by the Spirit of God, I'm grateful to God and the Way House Church Rwenjeru.

### Robina – Ibuuga Maximum Security Prison, Female, age 45

The day Jesus Christ became real to me was the day I was at my weakest and lowest point in life, broken in spirit and darkness had overshadowed me in the maximum-security prison of Ibuga Kasese. After many years of praying sorrowfully, months ago, I was down on bended knees asking God to help me and to show me if indeed He was real. I lived a life conformed to this world, focused on material things.

I was married and all was well with me, I had it all materially and financially, a beautiful family and everything was at my leisure except Christ. I never stepped into a church ever. When, my husband and material things became my idol – at no time did I think about going to church because things were so easy to achieve materially, and all was well until the day when life itself was worth nothing and I ended up in prison for over a decade, I had built that bigger barn – now it was time to lose it all, while in prison, I lost my husband, my world was shattered right there, crumbled to pieces and there was no one around me for many years while in prison, not even my closest relatives. All on my own, devasted, having sleepless nights and no peace of mind, I almost committed suicide, saying to myself that there is no point in continuing to live life. I felt like I could never make it, I would never be healed, and who could help me and heal me like I needed right then? This is when I met the Freedom Team coming to our women's wing hall to show us a film, I thought this was like any other film just to inspire the weak hearted, but I was wrong!!! As I entered the hall a bit late the documentary had started showing I felt strange power presence and one of the preachers looked at me all the time as we watched, until I started weeping they came to me and handed me a paper where I wrote, "I want to get saved", they prayed for me before the documentary got finished and I received Christ as my Lord and Savior, I have had such peace since then than no words can explain, I have since been part of the cell church at women's wing at Kakiika, and looking forward to the day, I will be out of here. I thank God for the gift my Bible and the sweet fellowship that we have every day at our cell church.

# Kabungo – WAY House Church Member, Male, age 58 (a father of a former Nyabuhikye Prison inmate).

Praise the Lord Almighty, my son brought me here, he is pastoring this church, after he got saved from prison through the TFEA ministry, three months before his release, he told me about the prison church that he had been attending in prison whenever I visited him, he said it was a wonderful church that had changed his life and given him a Bible and when he finally returned home, they told him about the same people having started a church in our community of Rwenjeru and here we are together, now I love the church, its our family's hope and joy seeing our son being pastor here and serving God, I am so blessed, I see a place where people are so committed to God, great love and sincerity, I am challenged, if men can love God like this, I really want to be part of them, recently, I have thought about giving something to build this tent, whether my time, energy, skill, or whatever.

# Medard – WAY House Church Member, Male, age 61 (former Nyabuhikye Prison inmate)

My name is Medard, others nicknamed me Mzee meaning "old man", I got in touch with the Freedom Team while serving my 22 years sentence at Nyabuhikye prison, I had lost hope, given my old age, I knew well I would never leave jail alive, but I was ready for it, after watching the Prisoners of Pain documentary, I got saved with one reason that when I die I would go to a better place, I had no hope of leaving prison alive, At that point, I had got stuck, I had many questions in my heart. On that day I knew there was more to God than I ever knew. But thanks to God, who saved me and thanks to God that after my release I came here. I was part of the cell 67811 church at Nyabuhikye, and God brought me here, I am getting to know God more, and my fellowship with Him is getting stronger and stronger. I can't thank God enough for our community Way House Church and I thank God for brother Shaban's home for allowing us to gather here, and I thank you for my Runyankore New Testament.