

Mission Trip 2019

19th to 27th July

Charities/Ministries to support:

Solace Ministries UK: Solace representative in UK. Child Sponsorship program in Rwanda, www.solaceministriesuk.com

Friends Trust International: Child Sponsorship program and projects in Kenya, Ghana and Nigeria

Good News International: Projects such as sewing, helping communities to rise up.

Introduction

Introduction: I made this year's mission trip by myself but I met up with Dele and Esther Oyekanmi also long-term missionaries to Rwanda and we did some work together but they also have their own individual projects I do. It was as usual a very rewarding time, it's been 18 years to Rwanda. I am in awe of the changes since then which is the faithfulness of God. This newsletter gives a day-2-day summary of what happened and some pictures at the end.

Day -2-Day Account

Day 1: I arrived in Kigali and one of my long-time friend Agnes who features a lot in this newsletter if you are consistent had a wedding ceremony for her daughter Linda. My first day was to attend the engagement ceremony which was Rwandese style and I had the pleasure of dressing up in a traditional outfit. Dele and Esther Oyekanmi also came down so we all went to support Agnes. It was a lovely ceremony very emotional for Agnes because she looked after Linda since her parents died in the genocide.

Day 2: Today is the English wedding so I went to get my hair done and whilst at the salon I managed to pray for the lady who did pedicure and manicure for me. The Lord gave me a word for her and she was really blessed. She called someone to translate and she also wanted prayers so that was rewarding. After the beautification we got ready and went for the wedding. It was military style as the groom was in the army. It was very nice; the church wedding was short but the reception was long OMG but in a beautiful picturesque location.

Day 3: Okay today the ceremonies are all over and we need to start the ministration. I preached at Trumpet church my friends church which he normally gives me the honor to preach when I go Kigali. There were not many people at the church. As a matter of fact, it was his family, the choir and about 3 other people. I wondered where the others were and we realized that there was some road

blockage so some decided not to attend. Initially I wondered if I should continue with my message but thank God I did as it was what was needed at the time for everyone. The lesson I learned is it doesn't matter if there is one or a thousand just deliver the message. The message based on when Jesus asked Simon that Satan has asked for him to be tempted but Jesus prayed for him that his faith will not fail. I had a chance to pray and prophesy to them to the church and everyone was truly blessed.

After the church service I met up with Dele and his family at a restaurant in town. Here Dele's charity hosted a meal for a group of youths his charity sponsors. They were about 30 students of all ages. It was really nice. A particular child Joshua (5yrs) caught our eyes because he was a really sweetie and crowd pleaser. Apparently, he was abandoned in the church because his mother thought he would not survive but they looked after him and he is now being fostered by a family in Rwanda. The charity is paying for his school fees. After the meal we went to the memorial center where the kids laid flowers.

Day 4: Today we (Dele's family including his two children 22 and 18) that arrived on Saturday for the wedding were on our way to Gisenyi. The drive was long about 3hrs, but it was really fun along the way. We arrived late about 9pm and the hotel was nice but quiet. Gisenyi is a holiday area because it has access to Lake Kivu and I have been told its beautiful- I do agree.

Day 5: Following a restful evening we had breakfast and headed to see what Gisenyi had to offer. We decided to take a boat ride across the river which was recommended however before we boarded the boat, we visited a hotel that looked nice from the outside and when we got in, we were pleasantly surprised. It was beautiful. Apparently, it is made up of Rwandese material nothing is imported, Furniture made from wood, it was very tastefully done. The owner's niece decided to show us round the facilities and also took us to another island also owned by the same lady. We got a chance to meet the owner and for a change it was nice to see a beautiful place highly sort after and all African. This place apparently is always fully booked by international guest, and it's not Marriott!!! We had lunch at her hotel and got a chance to visit a small Island she also owns but for events only. Definitely recommend this place. Afterwards we went to the hot spring which was an experience. I have seen hot springs in Japan but this one is amazing; the water was really hot about 85 degrees. At sections where it's less hot you can have a massage and deep your legs in hot sand which was so relaxing and then in hot mineral water all-natural springs. It was good experience.

After a wonderful day out, I had to go back to Kigali so I took a bus back to Kigali. This was my first ever long-distance bus ride 4hrs back to Kigali by myself!!! It was not as bad as I dreaded. Dele and family headed off to Cyan Gugu for a charity they support out in cyangugu close to the Congo border.

Day 6: Today I had youth camp with Good News International just like last year it was held at the joy center. We loaded the car and were all set to go by 9am. As usual when we arrived the kids were so excited screams everywhere. They rushed into the hall in excitement at what the day was going to hold. This year I had the adult grounds from 16 upwards and I shared the word from Genesis 3 "Adam where are you" to the young men and Prov 31 vs 1-7 and for the young women I shared prob 31 vs 10-end. Then I spoke about how they should work together as a team. They all seem excited, Natasha who interpreted for me last year and this year said she thought they were more engaged this year which I also agree. At the end of the session we gave them a snack and then reconvene to ask everyone for feedback on what they learnt from their various groups. Apparently, Natasha said she was shocked that our group remembered what we shared and were so eager to recapture it. Thank you, Jesus.

Afterwards I went back to the hotel to rest and then to get ready for the women's meeting at restoration church. I was grateful Natasha was happy to come with me and be my interpreter. There I spoke about overcoming

disappointment especially in the business arena. I used Judges 20 and Micah 3 to preach and prayed with everyone. There were about 30 women. It was such an encouraging evening it was a really blessing and am thankful to God for every event.

Day 7: Today was a very relaxing day which was nice. It was more a one-2-one ministry day. I had a prayer session with Good News team where I encouraged the team and gave prophetic words of encouragement from the Lord by the grace of God. After that I got to minister to about 2 other people also from Good News.

Today I met one of the ladies myself and Sis Ruth prayed with around 2012 she happened to be the mother of the accountant at GNI. I did not remember her but she was so happy to see me. She shared with me how her life has turned around since we prayed with her on one of our trips I the early years. She remembered the word and how since then God had turned her life round in an unimaginable way and how those prayers have and are being answered. Two of her children are married and was preparing for the third child's marriage. She has amazing grandchildren and she was so grateful to God and to us for coming and sharing the message of hope with them. Thank you, Jesus.

Another testimony was Fred who I found a sponsor for to pay for half his tuition to university, he is now doing so well got a Job with the government and now flying the world, wow God is so good amazing father.

Day 8: These was the last day of the mission, the day was very busy. In the morning I went with Dele to teach some pastors and leaders at a hotel we hired down town. The seminar was free for the Pastors but for us cost us £1000. The pastor's seminar was from 9-1.30pm with tea break, Dele spoke on leadership and I spoke on Kingdom economics. There was so much positive response from them, they were so eager to have us come back. In the afternoon from 2-8pm we had a business seminar; it was about John Maxwell leadership as Dele was John Maxwell certified. My session was on Customer relationship and different types of leadership. The afternoon seminar was not as well attended as we had expected but it was still useful. In the evening we went for diner with one of our Pastor friends and we didn't get back quite late considering I had to fly out early the next day.

Day 9: This was a really pleasant mission trip. It taught me that our efforts have not being in vain over the years and that no matter how long things may be God does come through. With that I was ready to get on my flight and head back to "sunny" UK.

Acknowledgement

Special thanks to friends and family that supported me prayers and cloths to donate. God richly bless you because it all goes a long way to help people out here. I thank my fellowship Agape Ministry for their prayers and support every single day I felt the strength of the prayers. Thank God for you all.

Accounts:

Accommodation and food: \$400

Transportation: £115 dollars for 3days

Flight: £1500

Seminar cost: £1000

Until next time thank you and God bless.

Keep Prayers coming, my email is
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Please if you are interested in coming on an adventure
and seeing God use you in ways you can never imagine
contact me and let's go!!

Below is a picture of me with some of the children in the church I minister in.



Photo Gallery

Picture of the kids at Youth Camp



This is the computer program one of my friend's Charities CAP provided for

Below is are the group we did business seminar with



Above is the lady we ministered to about 10yrs ago and she was so happy to see me and gave testimony how God has changed her life for the better.



Above are the Pastors we had some teaching sessions with