

# Mission Trip 2014

## 25th Jul to 02nd Aug

*Trip with a difference.*

*Thank you for all your support*

### Introduction

The mission to Rwanda this year was as a group, I joined Dele, Dele's mum (72yrs old) and Pastor Kolade (a.k.a Chief—dele's friend). I met up with the team in Doha and we travelled together to Kigali. We were met at Kigali airport by Ben and Arphrodias and his wife and assistant pastor, (all have become friends over the years). Anyway we were driven to the guest house we were booked to stay, nice but small, following some complaint we had and adjustment from the staff, we rested and went for dinner at a nice restaurant. This trip was really to follow-up on some of the projects we had been supporting and also to follow up on people we have been sponsoring. There wasn't really any major program planned. As part of this trip we went to Uganda again to visit some of the projects we were involved in following our last visit 3yrs ago. This newsletter is different; I decided to write this in a diary format. I hope and wish you enjoy reading as I take you on my journey, starting from Day 3.

#### Day 3 – Sunday 27th

We church service at the Restoration church, Dele preached in the first and second service. For the second service I decided to go to Minevam church and pay them a visit. This is the first time I will be going back following Pastor Peter's death about 3yrs ago. I have to confess I struggled with going back because on my trip, 3yrs ago, I preached and prayed publicly for Pastor Peter that he will not die and a couple of months later he did. This affected me for a while but now I have more understanding. So after 3yrs, I now have the boldness to go back to the church and was able to greet the church and I received a wonderful welcome. They asked me to come back and minister next time which was nice.

In the afternoon we all went to Trumpet church for a service and Pastor Kolade preached on "God has a purpose for you". Afterwards we went food shopping.

Day 4—Monday was a public holiday in Rwanda, this was my opportunity to catch up with a few things. I had meetings with trustees from CAP charity as I am a trustee myself in UK. The meeting was to find out the progress so far, I had a good positive feedback and hopefully the Rwandan branch should be up and running soon. We also met up with a friend from Muhango district Jean Paul and his family. It was so refreshing to see how his wife has gotten better and is looking so happy and strong and really excited and they were ever so thankful for the support we have been giving him since we met them 15yrs ago.



Dele preaching at Restoration church

### Still in Kampala

#### Trip to Uganda

Day 5: We set out for Kampala Uganda, the journey was long, we set out late so the journey seemed like forever 10hrs (What??) I got the short straw, so I had to sit at the back of the 4x4 car we hired and this is really cool if the roads are smooth but not all the roads were tarred far from it. There were a lot of road works especially on the Ugandan side of the border.

The highlight of the outbound trip however was the street food. I have to say the goat meat and grilled chicken were sooo tasty (emm). I forgot my attempt to be a vegetarian

We got to Kampala in the evening about 10pm, our poor host had been waiting for us from 6pm, they were so worried. Anyway it was nice to meet Honorable Idah and Martin. I met Hon Idah 3yrs ago on my last trip and since then we have stayed in touch. She runs the "Family rescue project" on behalf of Ben and Melody. All we could do was have dinner and were taken to our apartment.

Day 6: We woke up early today as we had planned a very busy day. We managed to get out of the hotel by about 9am, although we planned to leave earlier but you could not predict how the day was going to go being Africa. Our driver was held back because some guy decided to park behind him and boxed the car in so he could not get out and could not find who it was!! Finally we made our way into the wonderful Kampala traffic which was like a car park. Finally, we got to our first visit which was an Orphanage a small one run by Honourable. It has 35 kids, it was more of a Nursery school than Orphanage. I sponsored the school for their Christmas party and she wanted to show me the children. The school is made up of kids between ages of 4 and 8yrs. The objective of the school is to allow poor children or children who their parents cannot afford educating them to attend school. It is also to school foster children so they don't feel left out. Its aim is not to keep them in the school overnight at least not yet, the aim is to keep them in family life but help their parents by giving them education.

The experience was great as we drove to the school the children were expecting us and were so excited they kept shouting and welcomed us. As we drove in they ran to us, one particular boy just jumped into my arms for comfort and love it was so fulfilling. We spent an hour with the kids, loving every minute of it. We took pictures and prayed with them.



Jean Paul's wife who was poorly for a very long time and God healed her. Looks really good

#### Charities/Ministries to support:

- **Solace Ministries UK:** Solace representative in UK. Child Sponsorship program in Rwanda, [www.solaceministriesuk.com](http://www.solaceministriesuk.com)
- **Good News Ministries:** [goodnewsguesthouse@yahoo.fr](mailto:goodnewsguesthouse@yahoo.fr)
- **Friends Trust International:** Child Sponsorship program and projects in Kenya and Nigeria and Ghana ([www.friendstrust.org.uk](http://www.friendstrust.org.uk))
- **Children's Ark Project:** Building Montessori school in Kigali <http://www.childrensarkproject.org>
- Trumpet Church Kigali

## They still need your help

- **Good news Ministry.** Good news is doing really well, impacting more lives but all these comes at a cost. So let me identify their needs:  
*They need salary for at least one of their staff, Janet she joined last year to assist with the growing work. Janet comes with lots of experience. She took a leap of faith by leaving her job with Hope International, another big charity, to join Good News. She left her full comfortable salary because of the conviction she had to help widows, being a widow herself. She wanted the holistic approach to recovery rather than just aid. She took half a salary cut and the honest truth is the half salary is not even guaranteed. So if anyone feels the compassion and would like to contribute to paying her salary at least till things improve please let me know. Her salary is equivalent of £400 /month.*
- **Trumpet Church:** They need help to sponsor 2 more children, one primary school is £40/term and One University student which is £300/year.
- **Uganda : African Rescue** need to support family cost is :
- **Restoration Church** need to support young mothers as this seems to be a growing problem in their community.



The picture far right is me with the children and the close picture is the whole team taking pictures outside the Nursery



The picture above is us waiting at the border between Kigali and Kampala

**Day 6:** Leaving the Orphanage we drove to visit the African Rescue project. This charity is run by Ben and Melody a couple that invited us to Uganda three years ago. We met them in Rwanda on one of our trips but they moved out of Rwanda to Kigali and the mission is to support families to get back on their feet. So charity is sponsoring a family as oppose to a child with the aim to keep the unit together. Dele sponsoring a family with 3 boys and a girl. Their father died and they were abandoned by their mother. They were so happy to see us. They consider Dele as their father and they are so proud of him. As we drove into this village with bad road access we saw not just the 3 boys but the other members of the community sponsored with by the charity. They were so pleased to see us it was really encouraging. We introduced ourselves and vice versa and we left Dele with the boys to bond and we went to another house further down the road for lunch. Whilst waiting for Dele and the boys to come round I got talking to one of the sponsored women. She said she became a beneficiary because she was ill, her husband abandoned her and she could no longer work because of her illness (she has kidney problems). She seemed so sad and I just had to pray with her for healing both internal and external and she was so grateful.

We had lunch as a group which was really nice; the boys were presented with a cow as part of the money raised to help them generate income. The boys also saved some of their pocket money and bought a goat which they were proud to show us; that is another income generating tool. These boys are so impressive.

Finally we left the village went to visit Sis Agnes's son Joseph, in a University in Kampala. He was happy to see us from there we went to the Prayer mountain in Kampala and spent a couple of hours praying for the nation and went back to the hotel.



Picture above shows Chief and Sis Agnes listening to Dele giving a speech

The picture far below shows the boys Dele are sponsoring in Kampala with their cow and goat doing a presentation. They are so clever, these boys. The top picture shows the community supported by African Rescue when we went to visit the boys at the village





**Day 7:** We woke up early again and this time to return back to Kigali, we set out early this time. The highlight of the trip back was not the food this time but it was the visit to the “equator line”. It was amazing, I was so pleased. There was a line down the road showing the equator. There was an experiment conducted at the time that confirmed it is the equator because it has zero magnetic pull. On the Southern Hemisphere there was water poured in a bowl and released, the magnetic pull was clockwise, Ten steps past the equator the same experiment was conducted and the water was released anti-clockwise. At the equator the experiment was conducted again but there was no magnetic pull and the water just went flowing straight through. It was fun.

We got back to Kigali about 7pm and you could feel this peace in Kigali because it's smaller and well organized. Not to say Kampala was not nice but it had a lot going to it.

**Day 8:** My last full day in Kigali, I was now exhausted but can't stop still have to catch up with other people I had not met, this included Pastor Deo of Restoration Church to discuss the need for the church and progress today. Met up with Rose etc and by the time I got back to the apartment it was 9pm. Wow, it now time to relax and prepare for my trip tomorrow.



Picture above shows one of the school girl being sponsored by my colleague at work ever so grateful. The picture on the right is me with Fred and me another one of my friends is also sponsoring Fred and they both doing well and very grateful. Thank you guys, God truly bless you.



The picture on the right shows the equator line and further below is the symbol showing equator and in the picture is Dele, his mum and Sis Agnes one of our long time associate and now very close friend who accompanied us to Kampala.



## Children's Ark Project (CAP)

I hardly mentioned CAP in past newsletters but this time the work is shaping up and I need to mention what's happening. CAP is planning to develop a Montessori school in Kigali. This project has been going on for a while, the charity was set up in 2004 in UK and I am one of the Trustees. We have the land, got the architects and ready to build. There are 5 of us in the charity in UK and its been tough going but we are almost there now. We need money \$100,000 to build the first phase, we have raised \$40,000 through Art sales, concert, sponsorship, charity walks etc. So if you want to be part of this please visit the following web address: <http://www.childrensarkproject.org/home.html>

We decided that the best way forward was to make the Rwandese own this charity so on this trip I met with two members who have been helping and have been liaising with over the years to discuss prospect of way forward as agreed in UK. To our joy they are so excited about the prospect of forming CAP in Rwanda and running it for themselves and CAP in UK will support them. Wow another breakthrough, thank you Lord.

Until next time thank you so much and God bless. Keep Prayers coming and also contribution if you so desire according to the needs mentioned. My email is [jogunbekun@yahoo.com](mailto:jogunbekun@yahoo.com).

Thanks to Kemi and Winnie, your gifts of cloths really went a long way, they were all so grateful . God Bless you. Also to my dearest uncle for the medical insurance, its going a long way. To Bose for Fred's sponsorship.