

ATA is Effective

Recently Joshua Ssemanda, our Uganda representative, sent me a letter with five testimonies from former ATA students telling how ATA changed their ministries for the better. Below are stories from a pastor and his wife telling how ATA helped them.



The gentleman above, Ssali James, was a student in one of our centers. He is an associate pastor in his church and the vice-chairperson of their village as well. He says learning the Bible with ATA has improved his ministry of preaching and his leadership at the church. Apart from effective preaching at their church, he is also discipling men of all ages. He says there is a tremendous change in his life and ministry as a result of his study with ATA. He learned to prepare his sermons well after learning the course of preaching and interpretation. So he thanks God for ATA and for the teacher who sacrificed to teach him.

The lady you see on the right is Pastor Ssali's wife, Irene. She also had classes with ATA. She is now using the knowledge she gained from the class to disciple other women and Sunday school children at their church. She has learned to prepare her teachings well. Irene says that she is training other Sunday school teachers to learn the Bible so that they can teach the children at their church the Bible as well. These servants of God are so grateful to God who brought Elder Bob and his wife Mary Lee to Africa and gave them the vision of starting ATA for the African church. They are so grateful for all the leaders of ATA. And they encourage others to join ATA classes so that they may learn the Word of God.



This is a photo of Pavan Ron, our ITI director, teaching at one of our new classes. I have lightened this photo but you can still see that it is quite dark in this church. We have over 68 classes open in southeast India with more continuing to be opened by our four coordinators.

Please pray for our work in India as our ITI materials continue to be translated into several languages. Pray that our efforts to train church

leaders to preach and teach the truths of the Bible would help many come to Christ. It is a largely unreported fact that the church in India suffers from much persecution. Please pray for our brothers and sisters.

Pavan, the man standing on the left, requests prayers for the very soon expected delivery of his first child.

Our website, www.africansteachingafricans.com has added some new teachings. We have added what we call advanced ATA teaching. We want to encourage our classes to continue studying together after they complete our certificate program. We have added a new page containing the first of, hopefully, many subjects which will keep the class studying together indefinitely. We have also added notes for the basic course in Kiswahili language.

Following are photos from Bweyale refugee camp, a place we introduced you to in our last newsletter. The first photo shows Pastor James leading a group of children in singing a familiar hymn 'How Great Thou Art'. If you wish to hear them singing in the Nuer language, let me know and I will send a short tvideo to you. The pastor serves two churches; one church has 700 attending each Sunday. 500 fit inside and 200 stand outside the building. He is taking care of 43 children, 37 of whom are orphans, three widows, his own wife and also his blind mother. The pastor's house fell down during the recent rainy season so he rented a house for everybody, but he couldn't pay the rent. We paid it to keep a roof over everybody's head. We thank God that one of our supporters has volunteered to buy the house for the family.



Below is a photo of a house some orphans are living in. They get very wet when it rains; the water runs in the door and they are sleeping on the ground. We would like to build a house for the orphans on this property. If you are interested in helping these orphans please let us know.



Above on the left is a photo of the leg of one of the suffering children in the camp. Next is a photo of a thousand dollars worth of drugs and bandages MaryLee bought to help treat these children. We need many more of these supplies to help treat these and other children. Let us know if you can help.

Uganda continues to be a place of challenges for everyday living. We live on a peninsula close to Entebbe Highway which is the only road connecting Entebbe Airport and the capital city of Kampala about thirty miles away. Many thousands of people live along the highway and we

depend on the highway to travel almost anyplace. Two weeks ago the highway was completely closed to all traffic for over two days. This was so that visiting VIP's could travel the highway without any inconvenience from common people. The Vip's were coming to Uganda to witness the president's inauguration as he begins his thirtieth year as president. It was certainly hard on common people.

We are planning a short trip to America later this year, mostly to see doctors and to visit some supporters we were unable to see last year. If you are in South Carolina and would like to see us, please let us know.

As we close this newsletter, remember that we love hearing from you. Let us know how to pray for you.

Bob and MaryLee

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Water has to be carried over five kilometers. It is a good way to develop neck muscles. The children at the orphanage really appreciated receiving these crate to keep their clothes in.

