

Elburg, 18 July 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last month, the two-day annual meetings of brothers with administrative responsibilities in Rwanda and Uganda took place. These discussions are important because the annual accounts must be submitted to the relevant authorities in full and on time.

I am grateful that despite great fatigue I was able to attend these talks and also a three-day Bible conference in Kigali, Rwanda. On the outward flight, I made a stopover in Nairobi to attend the small meeting in this city over the weekend of 14 - 16 June. Brothers Mtavi Charles and Onyango Richard from Mombasa had also come to collect 250 hymnbooks in Swahili that I had brought with me. They had also planned a program of visits for Nairobi, Tala and Busia.



Nairobi

< The brothers and sisters, who meet in Nairobi, live in the [Kibera](#) and [Mathare](#) slums. I had wanted to visit them there, but the brothers advised against it because of common looting and murder, especially by gang members. The brothers and sisters in these slums need a lot of prayer. They work very hard to make ends meet and barely have travel money for the meetings.

We are therefore grateful for the practical support we can give them.

The brothers from Mombasa do manage to make home visits in these slums, and also distribute Christian literature in the neighbourhoods and in schools. These brothers easily establish contacts with slum dwellers, both in Mombasa and Nairobi, like brother Richard Onyango in the Mathare slum. ↑



Rwanda

The annual meetings of brothers with administrative responsibilities went well. All annual accounts were gone through together, accounting information was shared, and questions were answered. I am grateful every time for the brotherly manner in which these discussions proceed in harmony.



Annual discussions



Bible conference in Kigali



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A three-day Bible conference in Kigali dealt with the first letter to Timothy. Beforehand, brother Mukama Gerard had translated F.B. Hole's commentary on this letter into Kinyarwanda. Added to each chapter were questions worded

in such a way that the answers had to be looked up in the Bible. FBH's commentary was also an aid to answering the questions. Every day, the brothers and sisters had a group discussion on these questions.



Groupwise



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Six brothers from northeast Congo were able to attend the Bible conference in Kigali, namely two brothers from Goma / Minova, and four brothers from Mputu / Butembo. We are very grateful that the Lord preserved them on the journey there and back through an area of constant rebel attacks. They particularly enjoyed practical fellowship with the other brothers and sisters during the conference. During the breaks, I had many opportunities to relate with them. Our conversations led to mutual encouragement in our faithful Lord.

I have not been able to visit the area in which Goma and Minova are located for some time due to ongoing shelling. In the newsletter [240322 Report of visits in Uganda and Northeast Congo](#) [*click on the virus-free link*], you were able to read that after three years, another visit in Mputu / Mambasa was possible. The brothers from Goma / Minova would like to attend conferences in their home area or in Mputu again. Please pray that the Lord will make this possible.



The dangerous crossing of Lake Kivu (from Minova to Goma)



Conversations with brothers Gilbert (Goma) and Héritier (Minova)



Conversations with the brothers from Mputu and Butembo



Brothers Kimimbi (Butembo) and Gilbert (Goma)

Uganda

The annual meeting in the town of Mukono, of the brothers who have administrative responsibilities in Uganda, proceeded in the same brotherly and harmonious manner as in Rwanda. By the Lord's grace, these meetings of brothers of different cultures and languages in their own countries proceed in such a way that each time we can conclude a meeting with joint thanks to Him who has made us co-workers with each other. Not only in **Uganda** and **Rwanda**, but also in **Northeast Congo**, **Kenya** and **South Africa**.

At the end of the discussion on administrative issues in Mukono, we exchanged thoughts on spiritual work in Uganda. In recent years, we have often discussed many aspects of this work, some of which were **reiterated and highlighted** this time:

- The Lord calls His workers, in their own homeland, in their own country and, if He wants, elsewhere too.
- Over the past few years, many new meetings have sprung up in Uganda. We stressed that there is a great need for teaching on basic Biblical topics (normal Christian life in their circumstances) in local assemblies as well as repetition of teaching on 1 Cor. 10 and 11. It takes a lot of wisdom and dependence on the Lord to (learn) *the true needs in a particular country*.

I reminded the brothers in Uganda of a piece of advice brother Siegfried Nick and I received from brothers Jakob Graf, Hand Gschwind and Harm Wilts before our departure for Cameroon on 9 January 1975: "Visit the **existing** groups and wait yet to make new contacts".

- PCLAS (Promotion of Christian Literature and Aid Services) has only administrative duties and manages movable and immovable property. PCLAS or any member of it has no authority in local assemblies.
- **Prayer subject:** Please pray for the brethren who devote much of their time for the Lord's work in their own country. Are there young brothers and sisters and couples, active for the Lord in their own country? Are you prayerfully wondering if the Lord wants to use you in Uganda too?

Then read please www.allthenations.info/get-involved/ and www.facebook.com/MissionActionGroupAfrica/.

You might also be interested in the booklet : [How to get involved. 2024.pdf](#) (*click on the virus-free link*).

Through this newsletter, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your prayers and practical support for the work in East and South Africa.

With warm brotherly greetings in our faithful Lord

Hilvert Wijnholds

I attach some more pictures



Sister Kayiganwa Godelive is at the Bible Centre in Kigali on a daily basis. She has many contacts with children and young people. Together with sister Kamagaju Winnifred, she is responsible for the work with sponsored children



The Bible conferences in Rwanda have been held at the Bible Centre in Nyamata since last year. On the first floor is sleeping accommodations for the sisters and the ground floor is large enough for the conference



In Nyamata, there is also enough space for the sisters to prepare meals themselves. The brothers bring sufficient firewood and food in advance. Accommodation and other expenses have been reduced considerably as a result.



The Bible centre in Kigali with Christian literature in Kinyarwanda, English and French



Mounted on either side of the Nyamata Bible Centre is this sign, illuminated at night by a solar-powered lamp.