

(Bible School Students at Ibanda Graduation)

## NZ TEAM'S TRIP TO UGANDA

On the 2nd October 2017, a team from New Zealand - Joy Johnson, Karen Merriman and Anne Dixon travelled to Uganda to visit Step Out in Faith Primary Schools and Bible Schools.

One of the highlights of our trip to Uganda, was being able to attend the graduations of two of our Bible Schools, one at Ibanda and one at Kamwenge.

At Ibanda the graduation was held outside under tents, and what a celebration it was - with much singing, dancing and rejoicing. The students received a Bible School certificate for completing our one year curriculum, which is a very big achievement for the students. We were personally able to hand out the certificates to each student and give them their Bible and Derek Prince books.



We were given the opportunity to speak at the celebrations and I encouraged the students to continue to use the knowledge they had gained and be active in sharing the Gospel so others can come to know God.

I met many Pastors who had evangelistic teams in their churches, which went out each week sharing the Gospel in hospitals and villages. It was wonderful to see their passion in fulfilling the Lord's last order to the Church. I was able to give loud speakers to Pastors to help them in their outreaches and these were received with such great thankfulness.

The Bible Schools are being taught by trained teachers who major

on specific sections of our curriculum and travel to the different Bible Schools to teach. This way the students get to have a variety of teachers and are being taught the curriculum by teachers who are passionate and well skilled in what they teach.

Geoffrey Auma, who is the director for our East Africa work, is doing an amazing job in co-ordinating the Bible School work in both Uganda and Kenya.

He took good care of us as we travelled from province to province visiting the Bible Schools and the five Primary Schools we have built in the last two years.

It was a very humbling experience to see first hand the effect of what we are doing and the impact it is having on so many peoples lives. There have been 1400 Bible School students graduated this year. God's hand is on the work and is blessing it.

As we gave out the Bibles you provided and saw the joy in the faces of the students in their achievement of completing the Bible School, I knew none of this could have happened without your prayers and financial support.

So I want to thank you for standing with us and being a partner in taking the Gospel to all the world and in making disciples and baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so fulfilling the last command of Jesus.

We give Him all the Glory and Praise for what He is doing. Joy Johnson

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