The Huckabee Family Missionaries to Uganda, Africa

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. II Timothy 2:2

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Happy New Year (and Merry Christmas)!

I hope everybody enjoyed their holidays and got to spend them with family. We spent Christmas Day with some of our expat / missionary friends here in Mbarara, as is the way. We had a great Christmas.

2024 was an interesting year.

We were able to finish several Outstanding Projects. Our Kabazana church building is rebuilt, and they have beautiful, functional facilities now. We did some much needed repairs and upgrades at Ngarama. All three churches now have water tanks and baptistries, so the days of having to bring people to Sangano to baptize are finished. We finished up our long outstanding library project. All the books are out at the camp now, on their beautiful new shelves. We have the biggest library in that whole region. Our Sangano church building remains the only one in need of substantial repairs, expansion, and improvements. Please check out the Outstanding Projects page for details.

2024 was a year of pruning. God pruned His churches. There is no other explanation. Multiple families had to be removed due to extreme sin and refusal to repent or be restored. We experienced a shakeup in leadership, due again to extreme sin, and the Big Man mentality that seems to seep in when anybody gets a position of authority here. I had to close a church, due to their total abandonment of Biblical doctrine. Sin is a real thing. It can't be ignored. It can't be removed. Every time.

Some people have remained faithful from the church we closed. They are attending another of our churches until certain conflicts remaining from that upset are resolved. Their faithfulness has been both a blessing and an encouragement. It is now harder for them to attend, and they are sticking with it. If God directs, and provides the land and the money for buildings, we may yet start another church with these people as the foundation.

I anticipate much growth in the coming year. We are going to be doing a lot more training, especially among our deacons and their wives. I am going to teach more specifically how to preach and how to teach. We've done it before, but we're going to focus the intensity.

In 2024, my best man, Zizi, emigrated to America with his family. They are in Kentucky, weathering the massive snowstorm you guys just received. It's a little shock and awe for people who have lived at the Equator their whole life and never saw snow before. I found what appears to be a good Independent Baptist Church in Lexington where they will be attending. Pray for Zizi and his family as they adjust and go through culture shock.

My new liaison, for lack of a better word, Willy is doing a great job. He speaks Congolese Swahili as his native language, and fluent Kinyarwanda. We are going to be starting Swahili lessons with him soon. He was a school teacher in Congo and Rwanda, and is well qualified to teach us language. I intend to be preaching in Swahili before the end of the year. Pray for us as we try to combat the effects of the Tower of Babel incident.

Pray for the Independent Baptist Churches of Sangano, Kabazana and Ngarama. We have much to do in 2025, and are very excited for all that God is planning to accomplish, and our part to play in His plans.

God bless you!

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