

LIFE UPDATES

Jan. to Dec. 2021

Rejoice with us

When God helped the Children of Israel to defeat the Philistines at a time when all hope was gone, Samuel set a stone and named it Ebenezer, saying "thus far the Lord has helped us" (1 Samuel 7:14). The year 2021 has been our year of Jubilee! It was a time for us to reflect on where the Lord has brought us from, where we are now, and where He is taking us.

What a joy it has been for the staff, associates,

disciples and ministry partners to come together and celebrate the Lord's faithfulness in the past 50 years of LIFE impact. And as we geared towards the pivotal celebration of 23rd October 2021, we enhanced our ministry in the field as an offering of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

Here, we share with you some of the exciting works that God has done in and through us from January to December 2021.



Archbishop Dr. Stephen Kaziimba Mugalu cutting a cake with guests and LIFE Ministry Uganda staff at the Golden Jubilee celebration on October 23



A borehole that was drilled by LMU in Namalemba, Bugweri, in November

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Mr. Micheal Segwaya addressing couples at St. Francis Chapel Makerere



BUILDING GODLY MARRIAGES IN UGANDA

here has been a great increase in challenges that affect families and marriages in the contemporary world. The increased rate of fights in homes, unfaithfulness among couples, child negligence and abuse, separation and divorce threatens the core existence of family. Homes are meant to be a sanctuary of safety, encouragement, nurturing and support. Family is the fabric that holds society together; therefore, the strength of any nation lies in its families. For that reason, we are committed to helping Ugandans find biblical help for marriages and families, restore hope for couples and transform lives through the Family Life strategy.

Dr. and Mrs. Semyalo are among the many associates and staff who are actively involved in reaching out to the married couples. They share with us their testimony of what the Lord is doing through them.

ENABLING COUPLES TO IMPACT SOCIETIES THROUGH THEIR MARRIAGES

Ronald and I met and started dating in 2000. Although we had both accepted Jesus Christ as our

Lord and Saviour when we were teenagers, we had fallen off the radar. Hence, when we met, Jesus Christ was not at the forefront. However, I decided to re-commit my life to Christ and start a new journey with God in 2002 when I lost my mother.

Ronald was

also

willing to come along with me on this journey. From that point on and through our marriage since 2005, we have always done ministry work together.

In October 2019, we were privileged to attend the Ignite Uganda conference that took place at Imperial Resort Beach, Entebbe. Among many things, we were charged to reflect and align ourselves to the image of God at our workplaces and also give our LIFE (Leadership, Influence, Finances and Expertise) towards the fulfilment of the Great Commission. Although we were already involved and contributing as ministry partners, we knew that God was calling us to do more by sharing our faith and discipling others as a lifestyle. We have attended several trainings and been equipped with skills of evangelism and discipleship. These trainings have enabled us to be more effective in reaching out to others and helping them get grounded in their faith.

I am currently part of Mothers' Union and Christian Women Fellowship at my local church. My desire is to help the women grow deeper in their relationship with God and impact the lives of those around them for Christ. In April 2021, we were appointed as the leaders for the Marrieds' fellowship at St. Francis Chapel Makerere. The fellowship is comprised of 32 groups that are made up of 5 to 7 couples. Usually, we encourage groups that grow beyond that number to "birth" another group because our aspiration is to keep the number as small as possible for effectiveness. Our goal is to see our members learn from one another, grow in the ways of Christ

and also be able to impact the environment and communities through their marriages.

We are amazed at how far we have come!

We have been involved in leadership in church and served God in different capacities. The Lord has continued to show himself strong and to amaze us, proof that once you are available, He will equip and use you.

Ronald and Viola Semyalo



MINISTRY REPORT

Although this year had its share of challenges that affected field ministry, especially the lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are grateful for the abundant fruit that we have yielded for the Lord. Through the Student strategies, Leader strategies,

Digital Strategies,
Global Church
Movement, and the
Jesus Film project,
millions of people
have been exposed to
the Gospel, hundreds
of thousands won
to Christ, hundreds
built in their faith and
trained and sent out to
go and do likewise.

LMU MINISTRY RESULTS JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

Measurement	Results
Total exposures	24,908,232
New believers	1,219,066
Ministry of the Holy Spirit	1,184
Completed basic follow up	363
Trained for evangelism and discipleship	881
Engaged Disciples	3,806
Multiplying Disciples	48

TEREKA MU GGULU (STORE IN HEAVEN) FUNDRAISING DRIVE



On 31st July, 2021, we launched the "Tereka mu Ggulu" (Store in Heaven) fundraising drive (Matthew 6:19-21). Our goal is to raise 100,000 people, each contributing Shs. 50,000 (Fifty thousand shillings). These funds shall be used to run the field ministry activities and operational/administrative functions of the organisation.

Even though times have been tough since the coronavirus pandemic struck, many people are still committed to giving! So far, 231 have given as of 17th November 2021. We are thankful to God for the excitement with which the saints are building God's Kingdom. We continue trusting the Lord for more people who have a heart for the Great Commission to give towards this drive.

To give towards this drive, please register by clicking this link: https://bit.ly/TerekaMuGgulu

IT'S TIME TO RESTORE THE FAMILY

At LIFE Ministry, we believe that the family unit is in dire need for hope and restoration. The family is the core unit of any nation; a place of aspiration, inspiration, support, nurturing, training, shaping, security and growth. However, the family is under attack, both from within and without. Its foundations have been shaken and it is disintegrating. It has lost its dignity, with increasing extra-marital affairs that many perpetrators often attempt to justify. But there is hope!

With an understanding of this critical need, we have set out to reach families with the news of hope, regardless of their condition and religion. Our activities in 2022 will bear a major component of rebuilding the family across Uganda, both physically and virtually.

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MINISTRY CALENDAR JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2022

JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Leader Strategies Planning Retreat- 21st to 23rd	College Ready Trainings (Kyambogo University, Makerere University, and Makerere University Business School (MUBS)	Vision Casting Conference for Church Leaders in Kween	LIFE Objective Seminar	Indigitous Conference 13 th – 15 th	Eastern Region: Jesus Film Kumam launch- 18th
Training for Church leaders in Pallisa- 25 th - 30 th	Vision casting meeting for Chaplains- 25 th	South Western Region: Walking with Jesus- Runyankole Launch- 26 th	South Western Region: Jesus Film Rufumbira Launch- 2 nd	West Nile: Jesus Film Ma'di Okollo launch 28 th	Eastern Region: Jesus Film Thur Launch- 25 th
Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer	Students Strategies: Fundraising Drive/Open day- 19 th	South Western Region: Jesus Film Project Training- 7th- 11th	Leaders' Orientation for Digital Strategies	West Nile: Jesus Film Ma'di North Launch- 21st	Eastern Region: Jesus Film Project Training- 31st May -4 th June
Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer	South-Western Region: Vision Casting and Training Sheema (4 th to 6 th), Ibanda (7 th)	Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer	Digital Missionaries training (DS)	West Nile: Jesus Film Project Training, 2nd -6th	Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer
Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer	Northern Region: Walking with Jesus Acholi Launch- 26 th	Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer	Jesus Film Project Television broadcasts (during Easter season) 10 th to 23 rd	Church Planting Mission in Mid- Western Uganda	Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer
Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer	Northern Region: Jesus Film Project Training 7 th -12th	Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer	Central Region: Walking with Jesus Luganda launch- 23rd	Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer	Ongoing Win, Build, Send, and Prayer
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PROJECTED MINISTRY STATISTICS JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2022

FIELD STRATEGY	EXPOSURE	WIN	BUILD	SEND
Students Strategies	2,115	846	423	43
Leader Strategies	3,590	205	81	18
Jesus Film Project	18,000,000	1,800,000	340	85
Digital Strategies	12,360	124	30	15
Global Church Strategies	17,540	3,508	350	35
Total	18,035,605	1,804,683	1,224	196

God Bless you abundantly!

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