



Thomas' Travels



Uganda, France, & England

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KAMPALA, UGANDA -- 400 church leaders from ten African countries came together to launch "**Arise Africa**," a five-to-ten year project for the evangelisation of the continent. They came from **Ghana, Congo (DRC), Rwanda, Burundi, Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Sudan, and Somalia**. It was more than just a physical togetherness. There was intense worship and fellowship, with men and women crying out to God to have mercy on their countries.

We learned of the great need for evangelising in "regions beyond," like the coastal areas of northeast Kenya, where witchcraft and demons hold sway; of the need for healing and reconciliation throughout Kenya due to the awful turmoil of last year. A pastor from Congo asked for help in reaching the pygmies in parts of that country. In every place, Islam is growing and challenging the church.

There was also a cry for humanitarian help, and for training church leaders. A staff worker with World Vision, Mr. **Arthur Magezi**, called for evangelists to help bring about a spiritual transformation in the cities in Uganda. He said, "Many of these places are under a curse; they have been dedicated to Satan. We need preachers who can minister in power encounters with the forces of darkness, and not just in an intellectual presentation of the Gospel." Much networking took place, not just Westerners with Africans, but Africans with Africans. Along with the plenary sessions, there were also seminars on many aspects of evangelism.

I was one of the main speakers. Because 60% of the delegates arrived earlier than expected, we began at 10 AM rather than at 5 PM, so I was asked to take the first three hours of the conference. Later in the week I replaced a brother who was "under the weather," and also an NGA colleague who was not able to come.



At the close of the latter meeting, I felt led to pray for those who were sick and afflicted. The atmosphere was already spiritually charged through prayer and praise. The next day a pastor named Vincent testified that God had healed his eyes; another pastor told me privately that God had healed a swelling in his crotch; another one told me that he had been healed of a fever.

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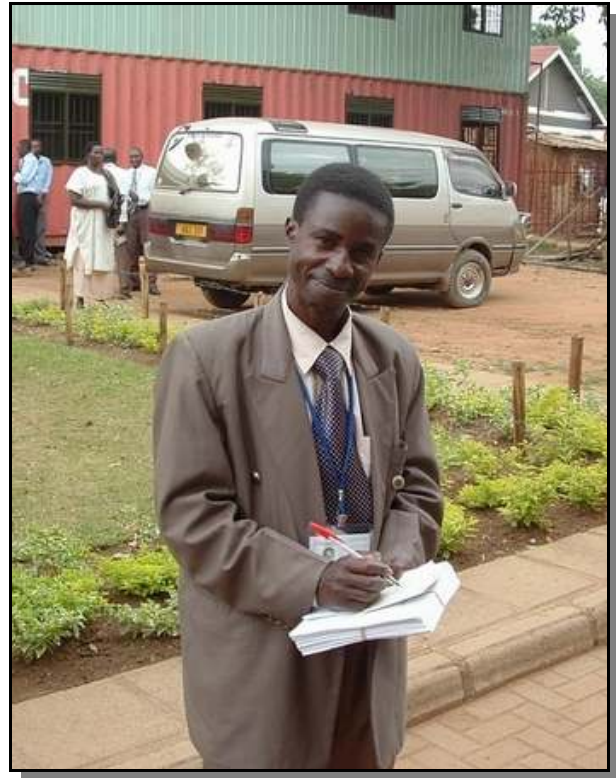
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Thank you for caring and
for sharing,

Bill Thomas



Mabel Nakazibwe



Pastor Vincent

Each of the Sunday services were attended by around 500 people. The last Sunday, I spoke in the second morning service in **Gaba Community Church**. What a wonderful time we had! Oh, how the people can sing! It reminded me of **Maranatha Bible Church** in **San Antonio, Texas**, where I will be next month. The Gaba Church has cause to praise. A while back, 24 year old **Mabel Nakazibwe** was healed through prayer and medicine after being in a wheelchair for *fifteen years*! I knew her in the days when she was paralysed. At the morning service, 20 people came forward for first time commitments. All of the NGA evangelists came away with so many invitations, enough for the next three years!

On the way home from Kampala, I stopped in **Paris** to attend a national pastors' gathering, where I did some planning for future ministry in France.

While this letter is on the way to you, I will be ministering in **Amiens** (North of Paris) and **London**. I will tell you about these events in my next letter.

My autobiography is finally ready (see photo)! I will be sending the books to my Association in California at the end of September. One will be sent on request to those contributing to my ministry a minimum of \$15 (this helps to cover the costs of printing and postage).

