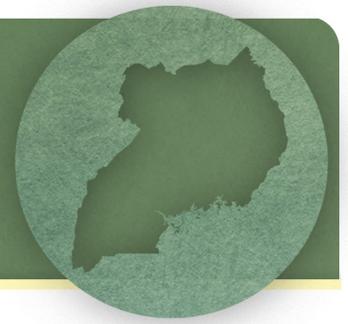




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Job 22:5 (KJV)

Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?

“From Greenland’s icy mountains,
 From India’s coral strand,
 Where Afric’s sunny fountains
 Roll down their golden sand;
 From many an ancient river,
 From many a palmy plain,
 They call us to deliver
 Their land from error’s chain.”

Afric’s sunny fountains:

Our time in Uganda has been tremendously profitable, as usual, the Lord has been good. Yet, it’s difficult for me to grasp how open and receptive Ugandans are to the gospel. It seems at nearly every service someone makes a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. As I try and examine how this can be, I have settled on two observations (though these are not exclusive) complicit in creating this rich atmosphere for salvation.



First, Ugandans still understand the Bible is indeed, as it is in truth, the Word of God. Therefore, futile arguments against the divine nature and perfection of God’s Word rarely, if ever, take place. Other confusions regarding what the Bible teaches exist, but Ugandans generally believe the Bible is God’s Word. This great start allows us to get right to the gospel found therein.

Second, Ugandans are willing to believe the Bible regarding their sinful condition. They have not yet achieved the levels of arrogance that come with education so-called. The idea morality is subjective and therefore subject to man’s fickle opinions is not foundational to their thinking. When Ugandans hear what the Bible says about man’s sinful condition, they

come under conviction of the Holy Ghost, thus placing them far ahead, spiritually speaking, in the conversation that leads to salvation. Essentially, they believe God regarding their great wickedness and their infinite iniquity.

What though the spicy breezes:

“Can we, whose souls are lighted, With wisdom from on high; Can we to men benighted, The lamp of life deny?” Our time in Uganda has been tremendously profitable, the Lord is allowing us to see and accomplish so much. Brother Keith keeps a rigorous but exciting schedule. We have traveled from remote village to remote village preaching the gospel and training men in the ministry. They have such hungry and receptive spirits. It’s a joy to spend time with large groups of men that love the Lord. We arrived in Uganda on January 11, 2020, and we leave for Japan February 11, 2020. Please pray for us as we close out our time here and make final preparations for our permanent move in June 2020.



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