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We just got back from eight days out in some of the most southern islands (3-4 hours south of Lingira island). It was super! We loved it! Two of the islands, Jaguzi [pronounced: jug uzi (like the gun)] and Namiti (namee'tee) were in the midst of a six month discipleship training course being run by Pastor Samson- one of the Ugandan pastors we work with. There were about 80 adults between just those two classes (not counting the pile of children). The one at Jaguzi was especially exciting as it is the first time ever that they've had such a thing, and pastors from maybe five other churches around are attending. Praise the Lord!

So much excellent teaching from my father in law (Karina's parents are here with us right now for another two weeks), who has been a pastor for many years. I did an overview of Genesis in both the islands who have signed up for regular discipleship classes, and spoke on some discipleship topics in the other islands. I especially enjoyed teaching the practical truths of Matthew 5. Also some fantastic practical teaching for married couples from Okoro and Olive (Papa O & Mama O), an older Ugandan couple who works with us. So practical, so very needed, and really exciting as they challenged their own culture's practices and thoughts on family, esp. how to treat their spouses, as compared to the picture God paints in Scripture. They were extremely well received, and people seemed to really hear them. We have high hopes that this new and practical teaching will be revolutionary in the islands. Please continue to pray for them and this whole discipleship ministry.

Right after we got back Karina and I had to run to Jinja on the mainland to do some business stuff, and I am so thankful we did as I came down with either the Flue or Malaria. Either way, I'm getting better now, praise the Lord. Karina is now feeling a bit under the weather. Hopefully this thing will not continue. We are so grateful, however, that God kept us healthy until that week of intense ministry was completed! Also this gives us a chance to just rest here at the office that Mama Alice was able to rent for Shepherd's Heart, where there is power and running water and a real toilet!

We'd like to ask you to pray for Lingira Living Hope Secondary School. Satan is trying to destroy the school from within. Please pray that LLHSS will glorify Jesus in moral and financial integrity. Pray that God would bring good from the situations which were intended to bring us evil. Pray for us as leaders to have wisdom and skill in discerning and confronting issues. Finally, let us continue to intercede for the students to really know God.

Better go, thanks for remembering us and praying for us. We are so grateful for your encouragement and your prayers!

Andy & Keeky