



The Shepherd's Tale



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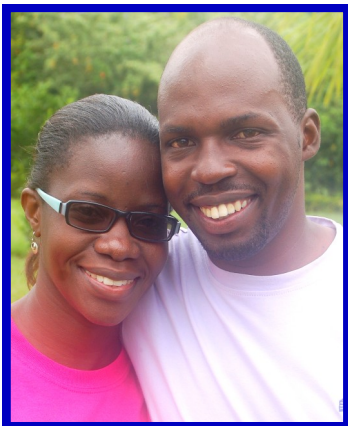
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Dreams Grow into Strong Visions for New SHIM Members

Strong families are the fabric of a strong church, a strong community, and eventually strong islands.

This is the firm belief of Ronnie and Stella Kakaire, who officially joined the SHIM family in late 2013, as "vision-bearers."

With extensive individual backgrounds in ministry and family focuses, the Kakaires "joined forces" and visions - in their Aug. 10, 2013 wedding.



Stella & Ronnie Kakaire

A short time later, they "felt drawn" to the island ministry and God confirmed the call through specific dreams about the islands.

Having first visited the Buvuma area in 2004, the Kakaires continued to develop friendships with SHIM and community members. But the relationships became more solidified as SHIM diligently sought God for ministry partners to continue and expand the island ministry.



Prossy, Patricia and Richard Kasanka

Partnering with SHIM to "strengthen families on the islands," fit well with their already active work to disciple, teach and train families on the mainland through Family Altar Ministry, an outreach Stella began as a single woman in April 2007.

Learning from and working alongside of Okoro and Olive, aka Papa and Mama O, the Kakaires promote the key idea of families embracing Christ practically — "giving Him a special place" by living the Christian disciplines at home.

"Family issues cut across religions and backgrounds," say the Kakaires, as they describe their "Family Missions," three-day stays with various families, arranged by the local church, in a selected community. As they live, work, pray, and serve alongside the families, they model Christ-focused relationships, and encourage godly roles and ministry through the home.

"If families get it, we have helped to strengthen the church," they note.

"We serve God, not because of the many needs. We serve God as an expression of our love for Him,"
comment the Kakaires.

SHIM is grateful to God for calling Ronnie and Stella to more fully express **His** love to the families and individuals of the islands.

"We heard a voice—God was telling us to go," say Richard and Prossy Kasanka as they speak of God's confirmation of their recent move to SHIM and to Lingira Island.

Like the Kakaires, God also first spoke through a dream concerning serving on the island. Though desiring to be active in ministry somewhere outside of Jinja, they had concerns about the safety and provision for their family.

"Then we prayed and in the course of praying, Robert (Wafula— long-time friend and acting SHIM president) talked to Richard" - about serving as SHIM's base manager.

"We heard a voice—God was telling us to go and saying, 'I will provide.' God showed us the right ministry...God really showed us we should be here."

The transition to the island seemed natural for the Kasankas, who were already quite involved in ministry through their church and other avenues.

Richard, who has training in electronics and Biblical studies, was and still seeks to be active in a film ministry—showing Biblical films in areas around Uganda. His vision for the islands now also includes encouraging widows. He personally knows the challenges they face as his father died a number of years ago— leaving a wife and 11 young children.

Prossy "yearns" to be with needy children. And in addition to taking in their 14-year-old niece, Patricia, she provides for a young boy, 3 1/2, abandoned by his family on the mainland. Since their April move to the island, Prossy has actively taught the island children in Scripture and song.

When not busy overseeing the SHIM base, the family is also involved in the weekly Katonga prayer meeting, delighting in the fellowship of the local believers.

Above all, Richard believes:

"He saved us in order to serve Him... to help other people know Him."

Smith Family Speaking Schedule

Date:	Location:	City:
7-13	Mayger-Downing Comm. Church	Clatskanie, OR
7-20	OPEN	Rainier, OR
7-20	Woodland FCC (pm)	Woodland, WA
7-27	OPEN	
8-3	First Christian Church	The Dalles, OR
8-17	OPEN	
8-24	Deer Island Church	Deer Island, OR
9 13-17	City Church Missions Conference	Madison, WI
9-21	North-Country Church	Yacolt, WA
9-28	Westport Comm. Church	Westport, OR
10 11-15		Idaho
10-19	Dufur Christian Church	Dufur, OR
10-26	Crossroads CC	Summerville, SC
11-2	West Heights Baptist	Pontotoc, MS
11-16	OPEN	
11-23	Ocean Park CC	Ocean Park, WA
11-30	Mayger-Downing Comm. Church	Clatskanie, OR

SHIM is working for the *transformation* of hearts and lives of the islanders, *through* the power of God's love and His Spirit, in the Buvuma Island chain on Lake Victoria in southern Uganda. SHIM is under **Global Outreach Int'l.**

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A Day Like None Other!

"I have not seen a day like this on Namiti," commented many joyous observers, as they witnessed the beautiful wedding ceremony and reception of Geoffrey and Immaculate Oryagi held March 8 on Namiti Island.

Seeking to set a godly example for their children as well as the surrounding community, Geoffrey and Immaculate sanctified their 25+-year marriage in a special ceremony held before many family and friends. Though having been "culturally" united many years ago, the couple saw the day's observance as important, especially in a community where cohabitation and polygamy are often the norm.

Reaffirming their commitment to one another and to their God, the couple exchanged wedding vows and rings, promising to remain faithful until death parts



them.

Oryagi is SHIM's expert boat pilot and water project engineer, as well as an overseer of the Namiti base and clinic. Immaculate, a long-time Sunday School teacher and island church leader, recently began leading a church on the neighboring island of Laboro. She also serves as a Community Health Worker, assisting in the clinic's mobile immunization in the area.

CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOMS

America's Independence Day (July 4th) has just been celebrated, and though some SHIM's members are more often "out" of our home country, than in it, we still unwaveringly celebrate and recognize this great day of hard-fought freedom.

We are so thankful for the many liberties we enjoy in our "home" and "host" countries.

We are able to freely spend time investing in God's Kingdom here because others, like you, make sacrifices. Among those is the amazing staff of the Global Outreach home office. Because they assist us with everything from receiving and dispersing funds, managing our mailing lists, printing and sending our newsletters, and coordinating our in-

surance, we on the field can spend more time fulfilling our callings in Uganda. And because Global **does not** remove a penny from our donations, we can invest more of your money into God's work here.

Honestly, it would be very difficult for us to be here, without the GO home office staff there. They are vital members of our team!

Each year, a one-time offering is collected for the Global home office, and we encourage you to participate. Gifts can be sent to the address on the left, with a note for the "home office."

Thank you in advance for supporting those who help to maintain our freedoms here!