



Youthworx East Africa Prayer Update

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First of all a very Happy New Year to you all. I trust you all had a great Christmas and are enjoying the European winter. It is now especially dry, hot and dusty. As always we are having extremes. Too much mud or too much dust!!

This month will just be a quick up date to let you know what is going on and to help you pray intelligently for the work.

Currently Prosper and Eugene are in Hoima District carrying out a series of training workshops. The training in Masindi District has already happened and the Youth Convention in Masindi has taken place. I think they will both be writing reports from all this work in time for the February Newsletter. As a result of these trainings, Prosper has identified a handful of key young leaders who he wants to bring down to Kampala for further training. Please pray for the logistics of this.

Collin will be going up to Fort Portal this week to speak at a Youth Conference there. This will be a short up and down trip as we do have a lot of work to keep on top of in Kampala.

Last week Collin and I both spoke at "Supercamp" organized by Viva Network. This was good fun with 100 child ambassadors (potential leaders) from 10 different projects in greater Kampala, all part of the Viva family. Our teaching was based around a hiking trip and a visit to the Entebbe Wildlife Center.

Now that we are into the new year we are keen to see the development of the new camp site move from discussion to action. Please pray that all the necessary practical and relational links and partnerships come together so that this project can take off as soon as possible.

We also want to finish off our Strategic Planning process soon. There is not much left to do now, but we have been struggling to find time when all the team are available to conclude.

I am leaving for Zimbabwe on 29th January till 16th February. The main purpose will be to teach at the annual Youth Leaders retreat for the Baptist Union of Zimbabwe. The request is for me to talk about how to face the challenges of 21st century youth in a church ministry setting. My first reaction is "How long is a piece of string?" I now need to put time aside and decide what are the most important issues and topics to cover as I am quite sure I will not have time for everything.

I will also be aiming to meet with youth workers from different denominations in Harare and spend a few days with Brett and Odette Cooper (ex Opengate) down in Masvingo.

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Please pray as Collin gets set to process his visa to make another visit over to see you all in UK. We hope he will be able to come for about 4 weeks arriving a few days before Easter. He will not be able to visit everyone in such a short time so it would be great if as many of you as possible are able to connect with him while he is in Bognor Regis. Nearer the time we will let you all know the plans and the route he will be taking so you can link in and say hello where it suits you best.

Sorry this letter is so short and lacking meat. I am a bit pressed for time this month and have been having the usual African connectivity challenges. For any of you who still think these are excuses rather than challenges.....Please ask anyone who has been here for a while!!!

God bless and I look forward to letting you know the Zimbabwe adventures in due course. Next month, as I will be away you will be in the journalistic hands of Prosper and Eugene.

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