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Bus from Kampala to Hoima, minibus from Hoima to Wasenko, overloaded canoe across the confluence of Lake Albert and Victoria/ Albert Nile. Pickup truck to Nebbi...then finally a bus going to Arua. All this to avoid the LRA Rebels then active in the whole Karuma/Pakwach area, that a direct bus would need to travel through. I was travelling to work in partnership with the Diocese of West Nile training the Youth Workers at Mvepi Sudanese refugee settlement. At the same time doing training for youthworkers in Arua town. Sadly the insecurity and expense of travel made it difficult to continue the work and we shifted our focus and energy elsewhere....

Eugene, Present Day

...Until last week. I met a Reverend while at a function who comes from Arua town. Rev. Othieno got into conversation with me, Curious as to why I was asking one of the youth in the town where he goes to church and what church feels like for him. The good reverend then told me of the work he and his team are doing in Arua town (trying to make church relevant to young people of today) After a few minutes of talking, I passed my email address over and asked him to drop me an email so we can continue the conversation. I honestly did not expect him to send one. To my surprise he did and now we are planning an area visit. Then maybe a couple of clinics before the actual training begins. This feels like the a sequel to the movie " Visits To Arua". We pray God reveals to us the exact needs of this area and enables us to meet them all appropriately. This is on top of considering possible work in South Sudan...



Left-to-right: A group of youthworkers in Arua after a training. Winnie & Eugene on the traditional Visit to Winnie's parents. Youthworkers ride back home after a workshop in Arua

Prayer Requests

1- We love to give out bibles. The way we do it is to hand them to key youthworkers or young people who are leading others. This way, even if a group does not have its own private copies at least a few can teach and share from the ones we are able to donate. Our stock is now really low. Please consider making a special donation to allow us to buy more. Each copy costs us about 7 pounds to buy here in Uganda.

2- Winnie and I (Eugene) are about to get married (24th April). The first half of this is done (traditional visit to girls' family) and the actual vows will be said on the 24th of April at Kampala Baptist Church. We would love for you to pray with us as we go through the preparations and support us as we look for the finances.