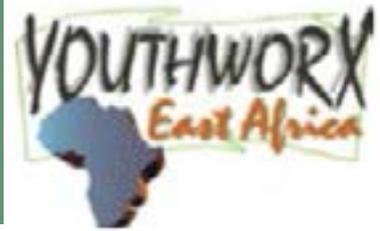


YOUTHWORX EAST AFRICA NEWSLETTER



Today's random quote

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream C.S Lewis.

Ian

So what do YEA team do in their down time? Answer: Climb extinct volcanoes at 9000 feet and scramble through narrow gorges bursting with hot springs.

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Collin

News from me is about the recent Bible camps we have had in December. It was great to see young leaders in Kisoro delving into God's word and excited about learning more about how God's word can become real for them in their every day lives. Including how they lead other young people in their communities. I went with a box of bibles (20 bibles) to give away to young leaders that do not own one and 35 more did not get one. In total 55 young people came to the Bible conference but did not own a bible.

The 20 that received one from YEA said it was the first ever Bible they have ever owned.

Owning a bible is a luxury here in rural Uganda and yet young people need God's word for life and direction.

We appeal to friends and supporters to help us purchase more bibles for the young leaders we train and support here. A good ESV leadership Bible costs 5 pounds at the going pound rate.



Eugene

The election fever is much more felt upcountry than it is in Kampala. Joseph (One of the youth leaders I hold trainings with) told me that his phone has never rang so much. He says an unprecedented number of aspirants are calling him, offering him money to mention their names to his youth group. Right now, young people of voting age seem to be very visible. I wonder how long that will last though. At this particular conference- and because of the upcoming elections- I was asked to talk about a) qualities of a good leader and b) How to identify the said good leader.

The qualities were an easy one as we've been doing training on that particular subject for a long time. However, the identification process was where the challenge lay. I divided the group of about 200 young people into groups of 10. I asked them to each write down who among the ten ought to be the group leader and why. I did this so I could find out the basis that these young people used to decide who would be worthy of leading them.

Sadly, the quality that was most pointed out was whether the individual could give them some money or not. After this experiment, we had a long discussion on the values we ought to trumpet as Christians and how to live up to these with the help of Christ Jesus.

I might be going back to Amuria, just before the elections to address this subject further.