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Take a minute at the beginning of this year to read Psalm 121.



The photo above was taken during Christmas break while camping up high in the Rwenzori mountains on the Western border of Uganda with The Congo.

Why is this picture significant? 2010 was tough and stormy. I began to question my direction and position.

It was at the spot above, in the clear mountain air that I began to hear Gods voice for the coming year, to sense His direction and protection.

Elijah went in to a cave, (Men do that!) and it took Gods voice to get him back out and renew his calling and direction. I think you all know the story (1 Kings 19: 9 – 18). Gods voice was not in the wind or the earthquake or the fire. It was in a whisper. God has already been whispering this year, powerful words that cannot be ignored. He has pulled me out of my cave and I am ready for the year ahead.

We took a group of youth from KIC off sailing last week on Lake Victoria. I last went sailing 20 years ago and Collin first went sailing.....well.....last week on Lake Victoria. So we made an interesting crew. And we learnt a few lessons: Simple but deep ones!

- If the wind is not in the sail you are not going to go anywhere.
- If you don't keep your balance you find yourself upside down.
- When you pull the tiller the wrong way you go round in circles.

BUT.....When the wind is in the sail you soar across the water.



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- Please pray for us to complete and implement our Strategic Planning in the early part of this year.
- Pray for our team as they roll up their sleeves and get on with all our regular work.
- For the up coming conference in Kigaya near Hoima
- For Edgar and Winnie (Kenya) and Florent and Sheila (Burundi) as they start their married lives together. These guys are valuable partners and part of the YEA family.
- For peaceful Presidential elections in February.

We are sensing God directing us into work in Zimbabwe. Please pray for clarity in how this should happen and pray for our friend Paz (who has just spent Christmas with us in Uganda) as he discusses with us how to develop our first "out of East Africa" work.

We are also exploring new relational links in Karamoja in North Eastern Uganda. This very needy area is one of the only parts of the country we have not so far worked in.

Let me finish by taking the opportunity to wish you a very Happy and Prosperous 2011. We are all very grateful for your continued partnership with us in the work of bringing young people into a knowledge and understanding of who Christ really is and how He can impact and transform lives.

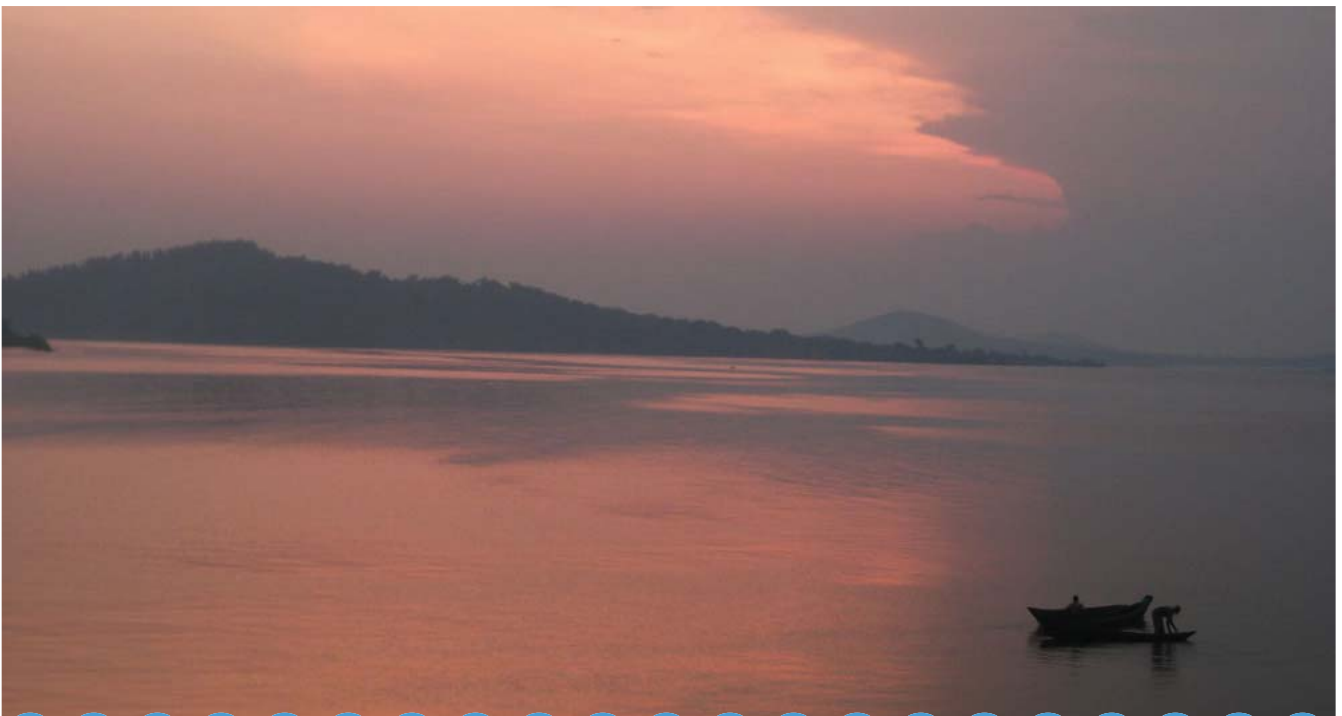
Please stand with us to see a generation of young Godly leaders in Africa.

I took this final picture at 6.15am as the sun began to rise over Lake Victoria. A new dawn for Uganda.

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