

Youthworx East Africa Prayer Update. September 2010.



Almost 2000 years ago a young man who had trained as a carpenter met with a few youth who were working as fishermen along the lake shore. They were not well educated, in fact they were pretty ordinary. The carpenter invited them to stop the work they were doing and join him in his pursuit of changing minds, lives and hearts.

Over the next 3 years he taught them all he knew, challenged them to use what they had learnt among the hungry, confused masses of people, then he handed over the responsibility to continue his work to them.

In this time they lived together, laughed and cried together, made mistakes, argued, then sat around the supper table and sorted out their differences. They discovered the complexities of dealing daily with messed up insecure lives and how to bring about transformation.

Over the centuries, this humble start with most unlikely people, has gone on to totally transform countless millions of individual lives, has been responsible for dynamic change in society, has revolutionised education, healthcare and moral code.

All this has happened one person at a time.

If you were to look for the central passion, purpose or value that drives Youthworx East Africa, then being part of the story above would be the answer.

This is discipleship.

We are trying to live this lifestyle as individuals on the team. We are trying to encourage others to understand and adopt this lifestyle. We are looking for the opportunity to train as many youth workers, youth pastors and older youth as possible these principles, with the emphasis on character, leadership and long term commitment.

Please pray for us to be able to do this effectively, humbly and faithfully, day by day, year by year.



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Specific Prayer points for September:

- Prosper is taking on responsibility for developing our up country and regional training partnerships. This work has expanded so much in the past few years that we feel this needs to be a full time role. Please pray for wisdom and energy for Prosper and the necessary resources to support him in this work.
- We are 2 months into our work with the youth of KIC. This is going well and we are beginning to get to know the group better. Please pray for the KIC youth and for us to make the right decisions about the programme there and how best to disciple them around complicated school schedules.
- We hope to repair the damage to the Campsite roof in the next month as the lake level has dropped enough to harvest the papyrus we need to do the work. Please pray that we can find a competent thatcher as the guy who worked on it before sadly passed away
- We are exploring potential premises to re-launch AMIGOS. No decisions made yet so please do pray for guidance on this.
- New work: Collin and Silver are writing a proposal for Compassion International to train their pastors and youth workers on a national level. Ian and Prosper will be making a visit to Mityana diocese, Church of Uganda (Anglican) to discuss a new partnership with them.
- We are feeling the pressure of running our ministry with the one vehicle since the bus accident some months ago. The Land Rover is now being over used and we are often needing to go in 2 directions at once. Please pray for guidance and provision for a 2nd vehicle.
- Ian will be on his retreat from 19th to 23rd September.
- The building work for the new office is progressing. Please pray for the resources for quick completion.

KIC youth at a youth nite..



Office being built...

Thanks for your ongoing support and interest and for the time you spend praying for us.

In October I want to unpack a typical training workshop, looking at the training we do, the methods we use, the environment and people we typically train.

God Bless

Ian