



YOUTHWORX EAST AFRICA NEWSLETTER(Dec 2010)

2010 has been an interesting year for me and my ministry with YEA.

This year our son Ryan made 1 year and its been a joy watching him grow. I seem to have spent most of the year watching over him, getting worried about every single health related complication he has, taking him round to Uncle Ian's house next door so he can pull down a few things from his bedroom etc etc etc He has obviously been a highlight in our family life.

Lynette and I have also had to deal with sick mothers and grand parents this year as well. But mostly we have had a good year, regardless of the inevitable day to day challenges.

I set out at the beginning of this year as a part of the YEA leadership that's I will focus on making YEA more professional in terms of how we work, where we work, who we work with and who is on board the various YEA stakeholder teams. The achievements will be many and the things we haven't managed to achieve are still overwhelming too.

What I am excited about is the YEA Strategic planning process that we are currently going through till mid next year. I am excited about the various dreams from all stakeholders involved, the new dimensions to our ministry being discussed, the clear VISION and goals for the next 5 years, the things that will look impossible to do without GOD, the faith we will need to have to go further in the territory GOD has set out for us, the various people that will come on board etc

Our prayer request as a family is that God will continue to protect and provide for us in the New Year and use our lives in touching countless young people through the ministry of YEA.

Collin

By Prosper K.



The year 2010 started with a bang. We had lots of work going on in the western parts of Uganda, especially in Masindi and Hoima. New contacts were also established by Ian when he visited Zimbabwe in March and later re-enforced by my visit in July. New work also popped up in Kenya. Despite all the new grounds to cultivate, the old fields in Uganda, Kenya and Burundi still need just as much attention to keep growing and yielding fruit.

This leaves us with the age old dilemma of where the resources, both human and material, are coming from to keep the work going. We are a small organization with a lot on our plate. We are in the process of recruiting a new group of volunteers. We have approached a few capable persons while others have personally expressed their interest in the work. So next time you hear of strange names like Shadiq, Isaac and Alex (not Mumale), they have probably been recently invited to the table.

Our finances have continued to show Gods provision. Thanks to the very committed partners in the UK and new partners like Elise. With new work coming up we must continue to look for new direction to meet the need.

Psalms 127:1-2 comes in to encourage us in the same line. It affirms to us that to those that God loves, all labour and sweat, day and night comes to fulfillment as He grants good things to them that He loves. As laborers in God's mighty Garden/Kingdom we are encouraged with the comfort of knowing that our toil is not in Vain. The fruits that we witness daily are a constant reminder to us that our efforts are well guided by His mighty hand to bring fulfillment and meaning in a young person's life.

"... Ask the Lord of the Harvest that He may send more Laborers."

"... Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)



Prayer points

- Good health as it has been a hindrance to my work of late and other team members.
- On the general note, continued resource flow into the organization to keep the work efficiently and effectively going on.
- Our partnerships in the up-country areas of Uganda and across the East African region should hold the same idea and conviction as the YEA team.

"Generally speaking, this year has been one of the most challenging ones' I have had in my short span that is called life: school wise and work wise, but it has also been one of those through which I have grown tremendously as an individual; I have learnt more on the concept of family and how important it is in our lives but most importantly never, ever and forever think about despairing!

Joshua 1:9 says (Yeah, I do read my bible!)

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

And right from the start of that particular chapter, the Lord is encouraging Joshua and re-affirming his availability to Joshua and the fact that He (the Lord) is always going to be around, come rain or shine! Isn't that that inspiring? To know that the King of the Universe has got my back covered, like my own personal Secret Service detail! or James Bond. So even when things were looking blick, that's the chapter that always got me back on my feet! This season, I hope we are all reminded of how great our God is and how he is not limited by anything!

- My personal prayer requests: For my school, I have exams coming up on the 3rd of Jan, so pray for me that I have completed my tuition dues by then and that I am ready for them as well, to ace them!
- I would like to thank God for YEA, all the work that He is enabling us to do as well as the personal support that YEA is providing for me.
- For my grand mother, who has HBP, and the last attack left her blind in one eye.
- Thank God for the Waltons in Manchester, and how much help they have been throughout my school, may God richly bless them

Be blessed y'all"

Eugene K

Well Collin, Prosper and Eugene have written quite a lot so I will limit myself to one paragraph. You normally read too much from me anyway.

I was considering Jesus' life. Maybe my thoughts were brought on by writing my first nativity play (from the perspective of the animals!!) and the thought running through my mind was about the simplicity and the humble style in which the King of Kings chose to live. I write "chose" as I am sure he could have lived any way. Born in a stable, never owned his own home, traveled light and shared simple food with his friends.

As we talk of development and progress in ministry we need to be sure we are not looking to the material but to the work in hand. The materials are just that. The tools and things we need to achieve the mission we have before us. The true progress is in the hearts and minds of young people as they experience transformation.

Please pray this season that we continue to be radical in our faith, passionate about our mission and live in joyful simplicity.

Happy Christmas and God bless you all. Ian.

(Or was that 2 paragraphs?)

