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Dear Prayer Partners,

A 20th Century Saul Stephen and Ruth Ziraba's testimony

After their marriage Stephen and Ruth had a difficult relationship. Ruth had problems with demons. She came from a family that was demonized and she had been chosen to be the next witch Dr. in her family. She was tormented. She took a chance and went to a pastor for help. He prayed with her; she was born again and set free.

But Stephen was not happy that his wife had become a believer in Christ. When Ruth took their sick child to church for prayer he became very angry. He took another wife and sent Ruth back to live with her parents. The parents also became angry when they found out she was born again. Their demons stopped being effective when Ruth was around. Because Ruth refused to leave her faith in Christ the family began to beat her. She ran away to a church where she began to pray. The church and pastor took her in and she lived with them for four years. During that time, twice they tried to find someone for her to marry. Each time she told them she would first ask God what His will was. God told her to wait for Stephen. She began praying for him.

Stephen was under conviction. He found a pastor and asked him to come to his house. But the pastor knew Stephen was opposed to Christians and was afraid to visit him. He thought Stephen wanted to harm him. Again Stephen met the pastor and asked him to visit him at his home. This time the pastor went. When he entered the home, Stephen knelt on a mat in the middle of the floor, raised his hands in the air and told the pastor he was ready to give his life to Christ. The pastor was shocked but thankful. He prayed for Stephen and he was born again.

A few weeks later Ruth went to Stephen's village to visit a relative. When she arrived she was told Stephen was born again. She went to

church and found Stephen there. Because he had changed, Ruth decided to go back home with her husband. When they arrived home the 2nd wife left. (Eventually that 2nd wife was also saved and became a pastor.)

Today Ruth and Stephen are happily married with six children. They are both pastors of Bugeri Wesleyan Church. **They have planted two churches and have a vision of planting 5 more in 2017.** Stephen was one of the men ordained on August 27, 2016. This year Ruth plans to come to WBI to be trained. Praise God!

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Ugandan Literacy Project #WM06-1533 has been created to pay for the Lusamia Primer. This will help with primer construction, printing the primer and with the process of training tutors to teach Lusamia in local centers. If you would like to give toward this project please send your donation to Global Partners, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250-0434. Please use the above project number.

Prayer Requests:

1. *Pray for the Mbale District of the Wesleyan Church in Uganda. Most of the students who come to WBI faithfully are from this district. Other pastors from the district are close to finishing the academic requirements for ordination. Pray for them to finish and the district to grow.*
2. *Pray for Pastor Rotta, Rev. Sanya and Rev. Oyo as they help teach at WBI. Pray for them as they also begin an extension program through WBI.*

Praises:

1. *Praise God for helping Hannah find someone to watch Simo as she returned to work at Project Canaan in Swaziland.*
2. *Praise God for the core group of students who will complete the first level of courses (nine) at WBI next week.*
3. *Praise God for a work team from Penn-Jersey District who came in January to help put a roof on Busanda Wesleyan Church. The pastor is one of the students at WBI.*
4. *Praise God for Pastor Kasolo Gorzan who just completed the courses needed for ordination. He is the District Overseer of the Kamuli District of the Wesleyan Church of Uganda.*

Because of Christ,

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