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Church Planting And Evangelism In Uganda

Eastern Uganda

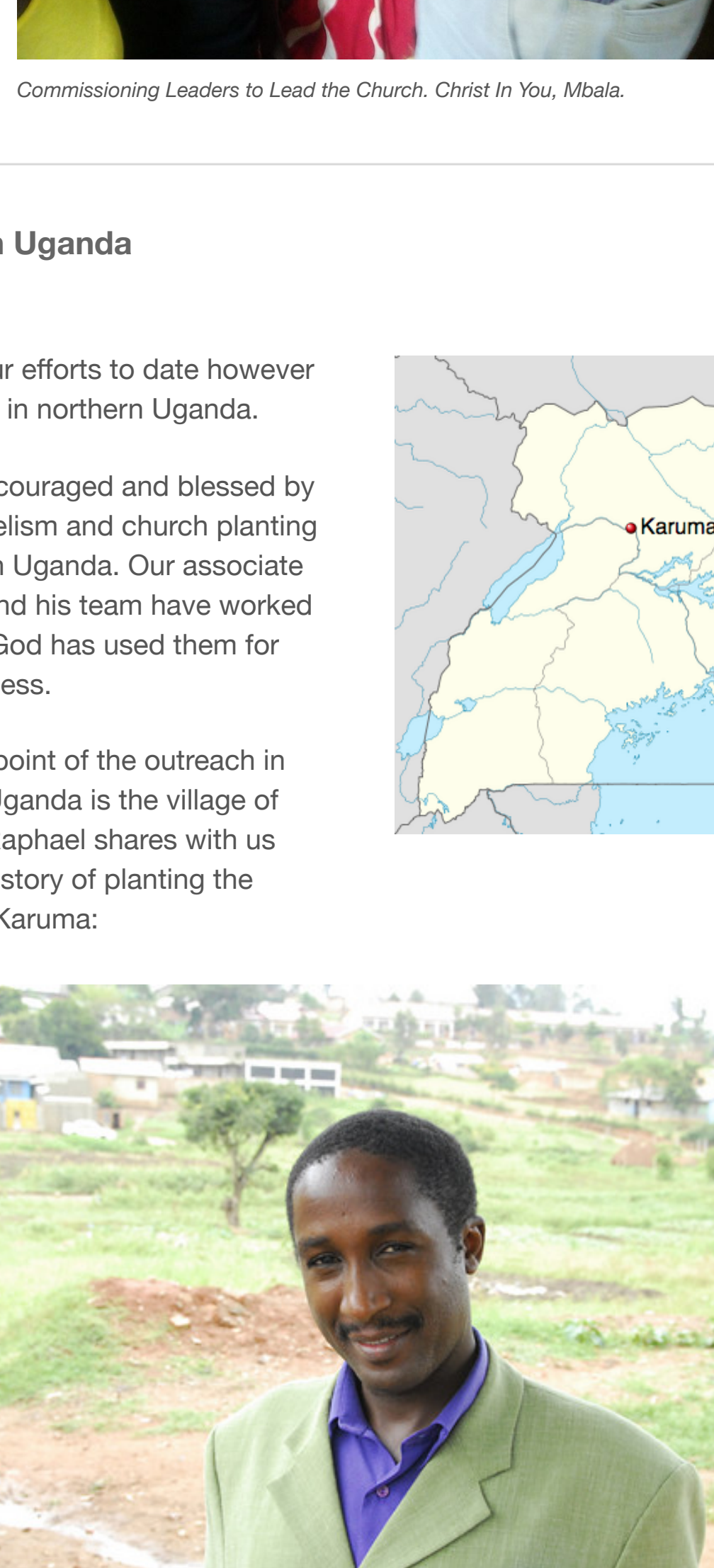
Just recently our efforts have been in the eastern part of the country.

A few minutes ago I received a text message and photos from Raphael:

We are in crusade in Mbale eastern Uganda where we are doing a crusade to support one of our churches there.



Raphael



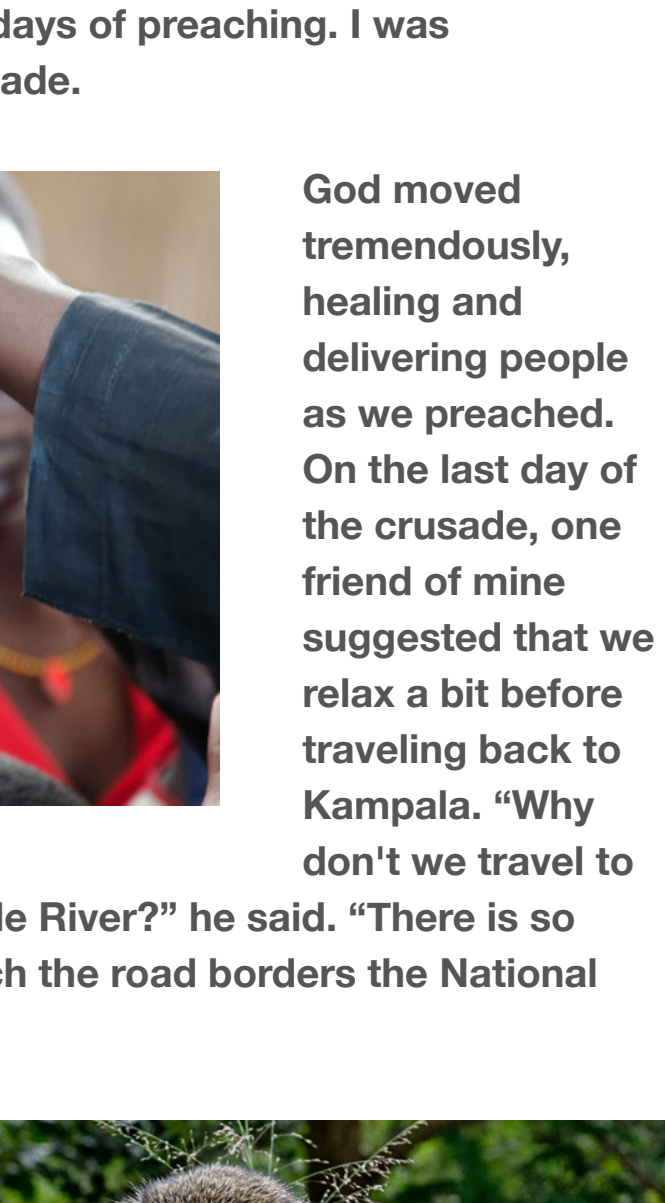
Commissioning Leaders to Lead the Church. Christ In You, Mbale.

Northern Uganda

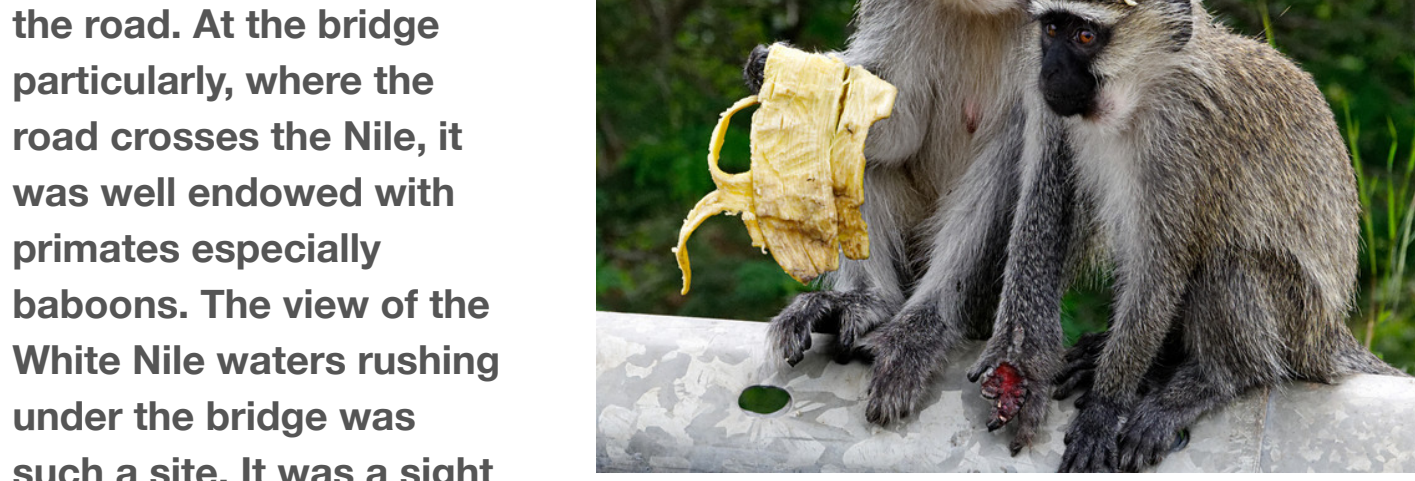
Karuma

Most of our efforts to date however have been in northern Uganda.

We are encouraged and blessed by the evangelism and church planting in northern Uganda. Our associate Raphael and his team have worked hard and God has used them for great success.



The focal point of the outreach in northern Uganda is the village of Karuma. Raphael shares with us here the history of planting the church in Karuma:



Raphael

One day about four years ago I was invited by a friend to preach a crusade in his hometown. I gathered a few of my friends and headed to a place called Katurikire in northern Uganda from the Lord's Resistance Army, also known as LRA. By God's grace peace was returning to the region. We had a huge gathering of about 5,000 people, many of whom gave their lives to the Lord in our four days of preaching. I was overwhelmed by the events of the crusade.

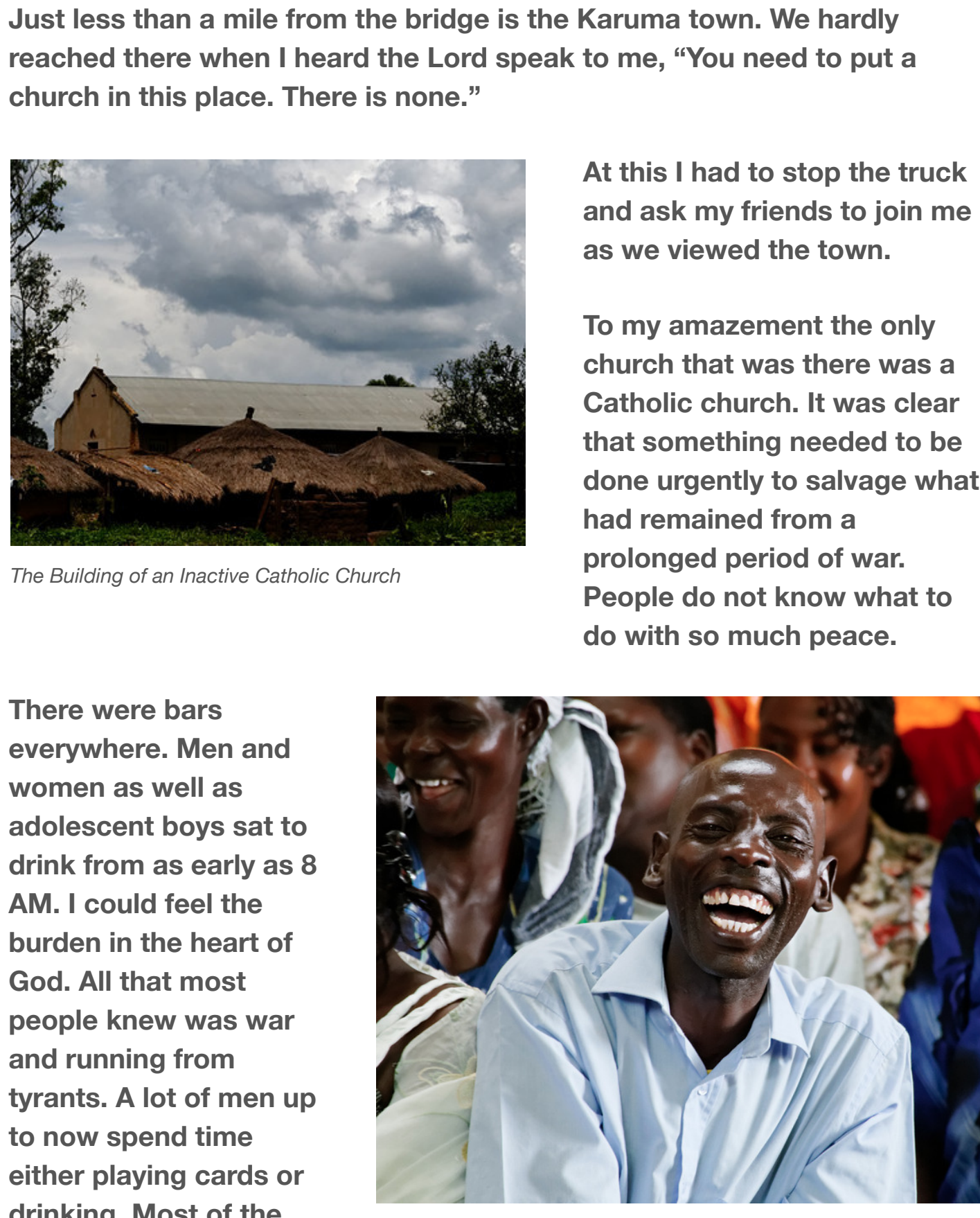


God moved tremendously, healing and delivering people as we preached. On the last day of the crusade, one friend of mine suggested that we relax a bit before traveling back to Kampala. "Why travel to Karuma where the road crosses the Nile River?" he said. "There is so much to see. All along the 30 km stretch the road borders the National Game Reserve."

Shortly afterwards we drove our mission truck to the bridge in Karuma. True to his word there was a lot of wildlife along the road. At the bridge particularly, where the road crosses the Nile, it was well endowed with primates especially baboons. The view of the White Nile waters rushing under the bridge was such a site. It was a sight you don't forget very soon.

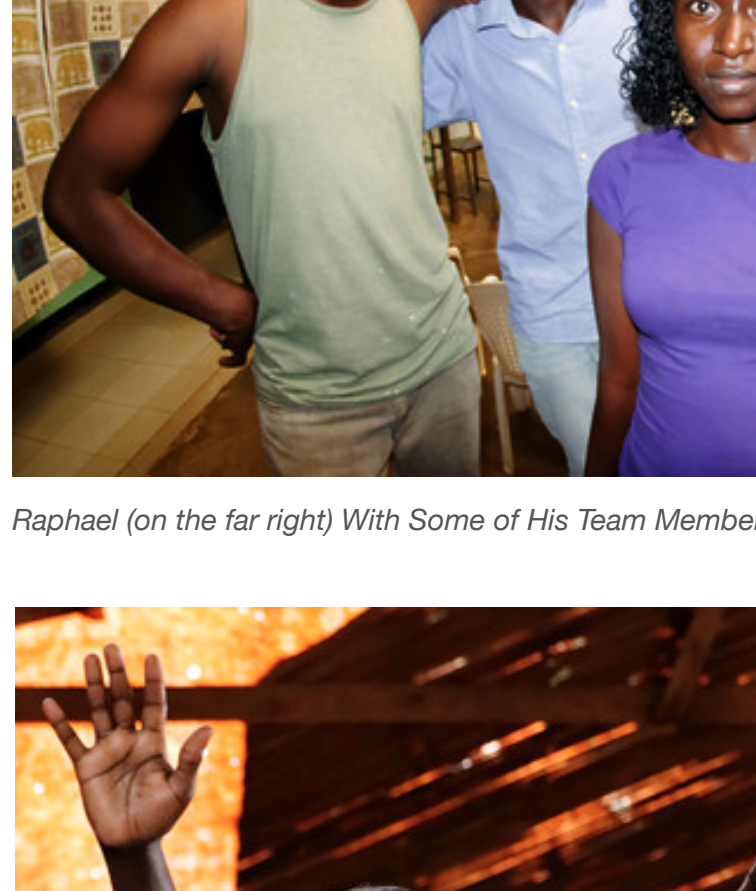


Baboons



A Narrow Path to the Nile River

After our trip there we were on our way back as we return to Kampala. Just less than a mile from the bridge is the Karuma town. We hardly reached there when I heard the Lord speak to me, "You need to put a church in this place. There is none."

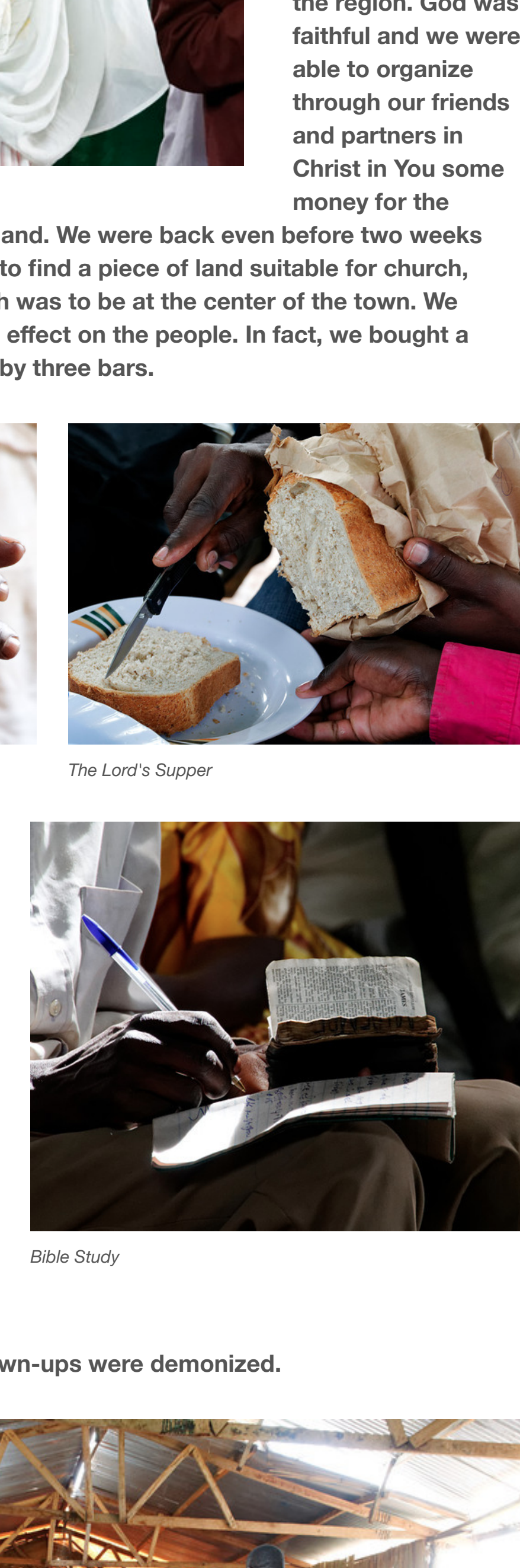


The Building of an Inactive Catholic Church

At this I had to stop the truck and ask my friends to join me as we viewed the town.

To my amazement the only church that was there was a Catholic church. It was clear that something needed to be done urgently to salvage what had remained from a prolonged period of war. People do not know what to do with so much peace.

There were bars everywhere. Men and women as well as adolescent boys sat to drink from as early as 8 AM. I could feel the burden in the heart of God. All that most people knew was war and running from tyrants. A lot of men up to now spend time either playing cards or drinking. Most of the work was left to women fend for the family. Yet these are some of the most loving people one can find in the world.



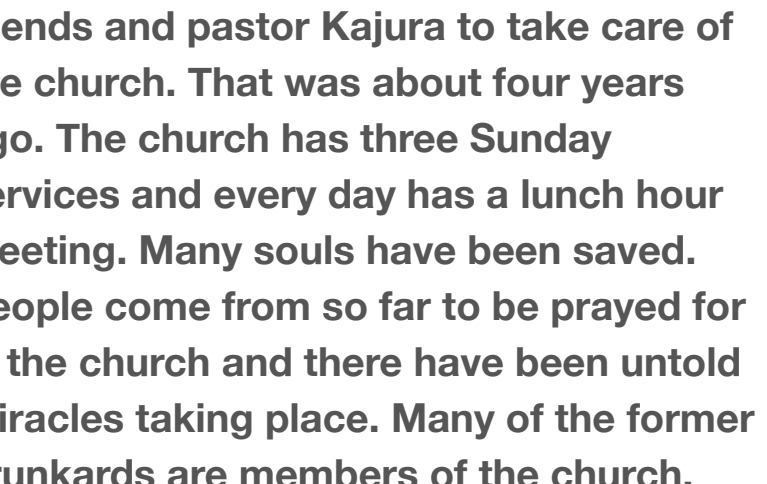
Raphael (on the far right) With Some of His Team Members



At the end of our brief tour of the town I told the people that we were going to be back in two weeks to see where we can find some land to put the church. After reaching home all I could think of was the hopelessness that was evident in the region. God was faithful and we were able to organize through our friends and partners in Christ in You some money for the mission and for buying the land. We were back even before two weeks were over. It was a bit hard to find a piece of land suitable for church, since we felt that the church was to be at the center of the town. We needed to have a maximum effect on the people. In fact, we bought a piece of property occupied by three bars.

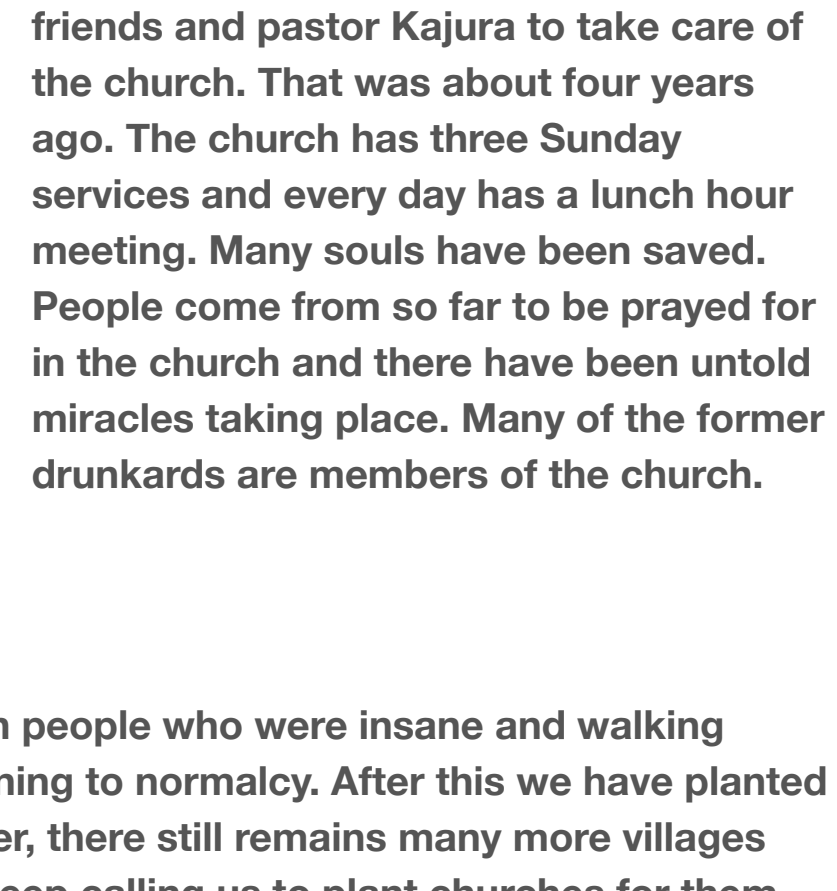


Prayer



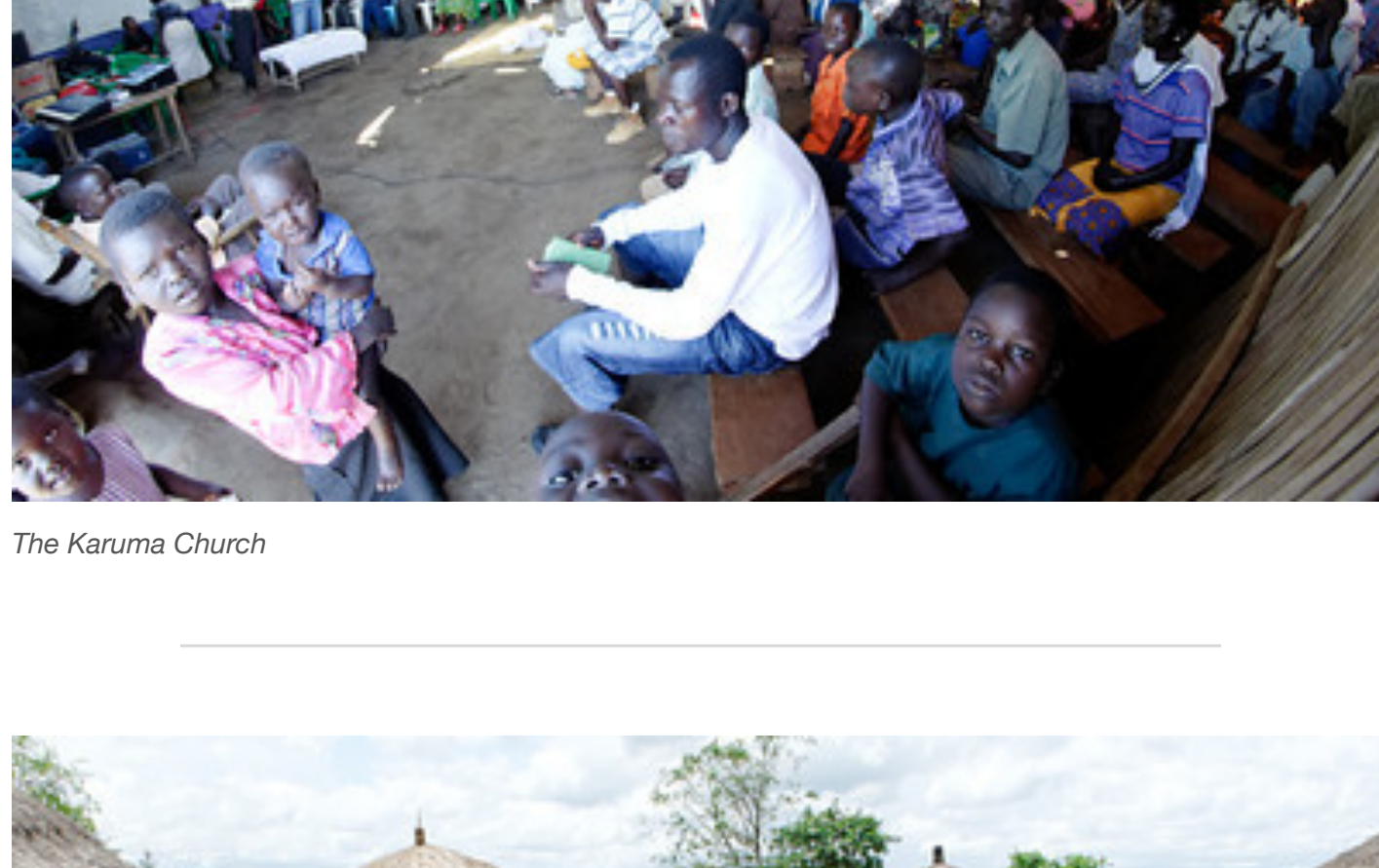
The Lord's Supper

It was a great feeling to imagine a church in this place. It was the only place available. We held a four days crusade in the local primary school and we were amazed by the response towards the gospel. Just like in Katurikire, there were many miracles taking place. The notable aspect of the work of God in that crusade is the people were delivered from demonic oppression.



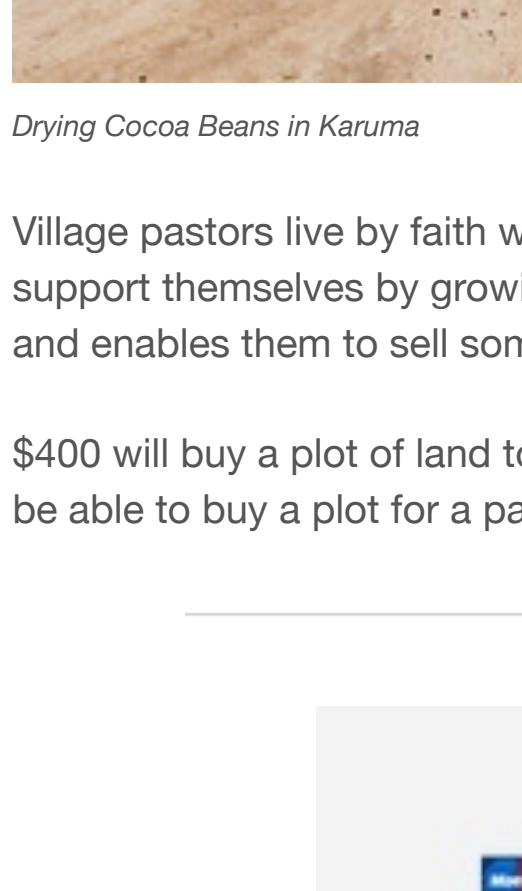
Bible Study

People from children to grown-ups were demonized.



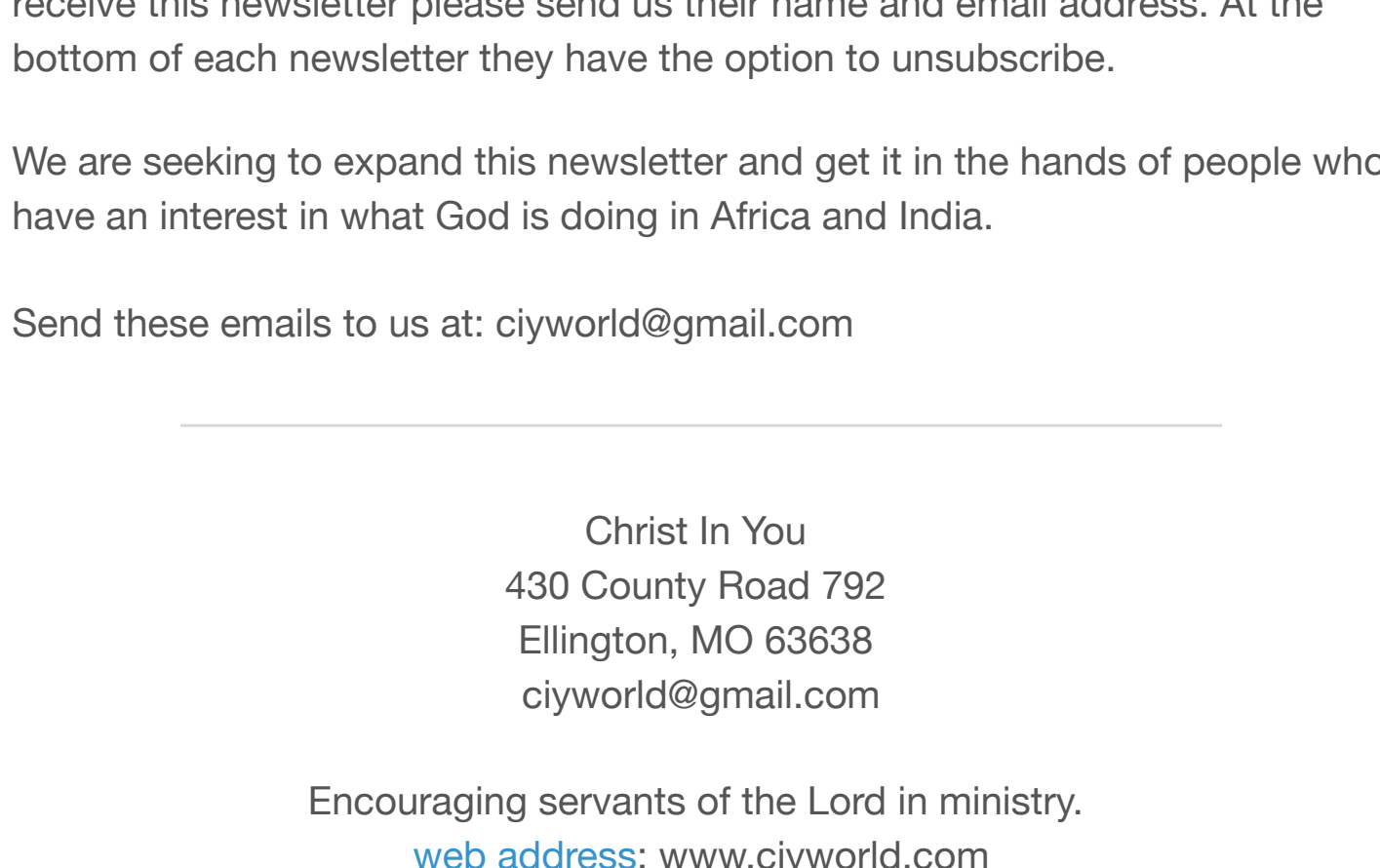
The Church in Karuma

The crusade however had its own opposition. Some youths decided to interrupt the meetings through heckling and deriding while we preached. But this did not take long as some of them got attacked by the fleeing demons. They had to come and beg us to pray for them. By the end of the crusade there was such reverence to the name of the Lord Jesus.

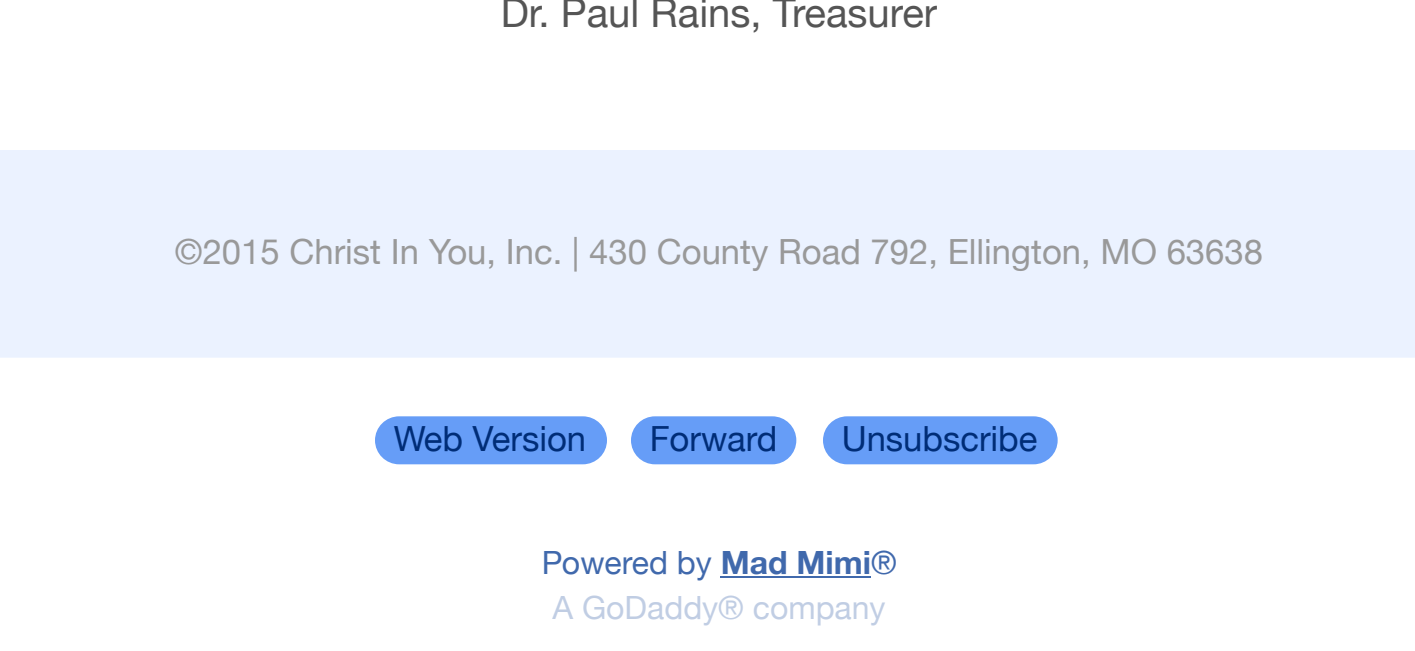


Before leaving we commissioned our friends and pastor Kajura to take care of the church. That was about four years ago. The church has three Sunday services and every day has a lunch hour meeting. Many souls have been saved. People come from so far to be prayed for in the church and there have been untold miracles taking place. Many of the former drunkards are members of the church.

In this region I have seen even people who were insane and walking naked being healed and returning to normalcy. After this we have planted many other churches. However, there still remains many more villages and small town centers that keep calling us to plant churches for them. Pray for us and where you can assist.



The Karuma Church



Drying Cocoa Beans in Karuma

Village pastors live by faith with no secure source of income. They can help support themselves by growing a garden. This helps feed the pastor's family and enables them to sell some of the vegetables.

\$400 will buy a plot of land to help sustain a pastor and his family. Would you be able to buy a plot for a pastor?

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