



Uganda

Church Planting And the Loss of a Friend

Pastor Raphael, our associate in Uganda, has sent us this message:

We are in Eastern Uganda for our churches' seminars for the eastern leaders. Keep us in prayer. Our prayer we have is for good leaders, because the harvest is plenty but the good shepherds are few.



Pastor Raphael and I have had a mutual friend who passed away at a young age just a few days ago.

My first encounter with Ezra was October 2005. He traveled with me to North India to the state of Punjab where we held open-air evangelistic meetings in the cities of Amritsar and Batala. He was a joy and a prayer warrior. We stayed in touch through the years.



Ezra was a spiritual son of pastor Raphael. Both of them were students in Delhi. But Ezra stayed in India for 14 years without returning to his native Uganda. Since many African students go to India for college training Ezra saw this as a real ministry opportunity. He helped start a church for African students near the campus of a university in Delhi. He was involved in another church planting and other ministries. Last December when I was in Delhi I wanted to meet with Ezra but he was in south India involved in ministry.



Ezra died unexpectedly just a few days ago at the young age of 39. His body was shipped from India back to his home of Uganda where there was a moving funeral, attended by pastor Raphael and many others.

He had a website of his ministry which is still posted: ezrafilmindias.org/biography/



"Back in the Day" When Ezra (left) And Raphael (right) Were Students in Delhi, India

We miss Ezra very much. We who have been redeemed and justified by our Savior can see the death of our bodies as a transition to something so much better. That's why even in the midst of grief there is a sense of celebration. So we honor the life of Ezra and look forward to seeing him again!



Ezra's Funeral Service A Few Days Ago In His Native Uganda



Some of Ezra's Many Friends At His Funeral Service. Pastor Raphael is on the Extreme Right.

It is very effective for us to help native Christians proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. They do not have to learn a new language. They already know the culture. Concepts like furbough and culture shock are unknown to them! We can often support 20 pastors or evangelists who are native to the country for the same price as one missionary from outside their country.

Currently we are assisting our associates in West Africa, East Africa and India.

We need your help!



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