



Reconciliation Report

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*Researching, Teaching,
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Special Notes:

- **Theological books are ready to take to Westminster Bible College at Mbale, Uganda and to a Sudanese refugee Bible school.**
- **Country-specific information for short-term trips (World Fact Book) is linked at RMN's "global missions" page**
- **Tips for evangelizing inner city kids will soon be at our website.**

Uganda (or "U-Gone, Dad"), 2000

Our Uganda Team 2000 training meeting on June 15 was enough to make me want to go straight to heaven. Hattie Riley, the Ladies' Leader, ably took care of business—passport copies, travel dates, waivers of liability, funds received to date, etc. One new predominantly Black church—New Covenant Fellowship—will be supporting new team member Flo Samuels.

The meeting of spirits, unity of purpose, mutual esteem, and fun makes this trip worthwhile even before we leave. A strong team is essential for the best ministry. Recruitment continues, so that none who should be in

Uganda are left in Chattanooga.

To date 8 African Americans have gone to Uganda with us on a total of 13 trips (some going more than once). Bertha Lloyd, our senior lady, has gone four times. Another four Whites have joined in, for a total of 8 more trips.

Our big objective this year is to plant a church at Kajjansi during the week of September 10-17th. Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church has contributed \$6,000.00 to buy land and construct the basic concrete, brick and steel sanctuary. The land is already purchased. Five hundred dollars has also



Four 1999 Team Members en route to Luwero, Uganda, with co-workers

been sent by RMN toward the purchase of a motorcycle for the pastor, Francis Malyanja, who is a graduate of Westminster Theological college. Pray for prepared hearts and that God will anoint the platform evangelists, and the house-to-house evangelistic teams. Our goal is to leave a viable congregation.

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Urban Ministers' Network—Going Deeper

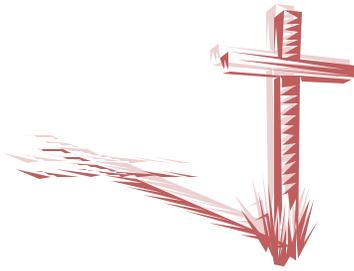
The foundations of US Black/White racial distrust date to slavery. In *Before the Mayflower*, Lerone Bennett, Jr., re-created this 1796 South Carolina advertisement of 50 slaves for sale: "They were purchased for stock and breeding Ne-

groes, . . ." (p. 105, 5th ed.). These wounds are deep. While we were not there, racism is here, in heart attitudes, and in outrageous murders, committed by both ethnic groups.

On July 13, the UMN, about

evenly Black and White, will have a focused forum on slavery, led by Michael McReynolds. Some deep friendships have developed among members, one such resulting in Eddie Jacks being on the RMN Board.

What was the Biggest Motivation for Black Missionaries?



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African Americans are highly relational. Often vacations are the same as family reunions. How long does the greeting period last in your Sunday service? Black Christians at a local church took over 3 minutes. So it's not surprising that of 102 African American missionaries surveyed in 1997-98 56% indicated that a person was the biggest motivator. The younger the missionary, the more this was so.

The most effective recruiter is a Black intercultural missionary. Almost half of those recruited by a person went because a Black missionary challenged them. Only 6% were motivated by a pastor—highly unusual, given the influence of the Black pastor.

Campus Crusade for Christ, a college discipling ministry in origin, probably has the largest number of Black missionaries, because of strong personal relationships devel-

oped with students, leading directly into missions.

The Black church in general is concerned about ministry to African Americans, given the great problems in the Black communities. For example, 45% of families have no husband present (Census Bureau, 2000). While understandable, no ethnic church is exempt from the Great Commission, and missionaries overseas lead to missionaries at home.

Prayer Points "Apart from Me, You can do Nothing" (John 15:5)

↑ An article on recruiting Blacks for missions—near completion—will need a journal.

↑ Progress continues on the To Do list—thanks!

↑ For ALL who God wants on the Uganda trip to go.

↑ For the right Board

members to replace 2 whose terms expire.

↑ For consistent progress in serious reading.

↑ Wisdom as I partner with the Bethlehem Center in trying to help the poor at McCallie Homes with financial teaching .

↑ For new and deeper re-

lationships with Black pastors.

↑ For weekly evangelism with Ken Hale at McCallie Homes.

↑ For son Tim's future.

↑ For adequate refreshment.

↑ Publication of dissertation.



"I shall not be presumptuous about the call of God; but it looks like I might have a potential full-time missionary on my hands. It's all pretty wonderful."

Pastor of a 1999 Uganda Team member.



Tim is North to Alaska

Family Focus

It certainly is NOT good for man to live alone. Judi, with her Mom is West to Oregon for the trip of Mom's life.

They had the great pleasure of rest and time with Naomi in Valparaiso, IN. And what's for dinner?

Tim leaves us soon to become a crew member on the Clipper Line's *Yorktown* for

some months, plying off the western coast of North America. Then it's probably back to school.

Ethan aims at getting his FAA license to fly before returning to LeTourneau as a sophomore.

Susanna and I camped overnight in the Smokey's re-

cently. She's taking "Finite Math" now (reminds me of budgeting). Please pray for her back

AND... Naomi comes home to Chattanooga on staff at the Univ. Tenn./Chatt. reference department in August! Tim's launch is softened.