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Miracle Food Through Ugandan Pastor's Obedience

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. — Luke 6:38 NKJV



Today I want to tell you about Emmanuel Kabonge, one of our strong partners in Uganda, who I met in the early years of our involvement there. An evangelist at heart, he and his wife pastor a church in Kampala, Uganda, leads a number of pastors and churches, and is the Acting-President of the AFM in Uganda.

Faced with a crisis due to the coronavirus pandemic, Uganda was locked down to stop the spreading of the virus, causing many Ugandans to lose their jobs. With no income and restrictions in movement, many families gradually started starving as their food supplies came to an end.

This was also the story of Pastor Emmanuel. His resources dried up and there was no food in the house to sustain his family. Emmanuel desperately cried out to the Lord for help. The Lord's answer startled him. The Lord said to him that by giving he would receive.

It seemed like an impossible task as there was no food in his home that he could distribute, but he responded in the affirmative and by faith told the Lord he will do it. He did not know where he was going to start, but he was ready.

The following day the miracle began, when someone came to settle a long outstanding debt! Emmanuel used that money to buy food and distributed it to 600 families in his community that were in need. When others heard of his generosity they generously contributed to his feeding programme. **This resulted in the Lord providing for his family as he continued in providing in the temporal needs of members in his community.**



(Left): Preparing the produce (Right): Carrying the bags of plantains to those in need.

Bananas (plantains) are the staple food in Uganda. Green bananas are cooked. The end result is called *matoke*. This is eaten with small portions of fish and sometimes meat. A peanut gravy usually adds to the taste.

A bunch of bananas is very heavy. These bunches are usually transported from the farmlands by bicycle. Taking two or three of these bunches to the market is extremely hard work. Having bought these bunches of bananas presented Emmanuel with hard work too. The bananas had to be transported to his church. The individual bananas had to be removed from the bunches and repacked in bags for distribution. Other foodstuff was also included. Volunteers gladly assisted.

The bonus is the rich harvest of souls that are being won to the Lord because of Emmanuel's obedience. Jesus said, *Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.* (Luke 6:38 NKJV).

In these trying times, let's follow Emmanuel and cry out to God, then obey His voice, and see God move in mighty ways! I am encouraged and I hope you will be, too!



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