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Empowering Leaders Through Ministerial, Evangelism, and Discipleship Training



The 20-Year Celebration of the Church in Uganda began with a flag waving procession and ribbon-cutting where Ron cut the ribbon assisted by Bishop Alfred Burooro and the leader of the AFM, Bishop Fred Tumahaiirwe.

Twenty years ago, *Africa Missions* was invited to Uganda to assist a small group of churches. The country and especially the church was still recovering from the effects of the reign of terror of Idi Amin. The *Apostolic Faith Mission (AFM)* had seven churches in Uganda, but they all disappeared due to the persecution of believers. Pastors were killed, imprisoned or greatly disadvantaged. No trace was left of these churches or their properties.



After a new government was installed, the spiritual climate changed and the church was able to function freely again. It was during this time that **Bishop Alfred Borooro** invited Africa Missions to come to Uganda to assist them to develop. A partnership was formed which caused the work to greatly prosper. **Alfred Burooro** and **Ron Kinnear** became dear friends and for the past 20 years they have built precious memories of how the Lord prospered the work in Uganda.

Alfred Burooro had planted churches before they met, and thirteen of them were in deeply rural areas. One church was

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## **Highlights of the AFM Church in Uganda**

- Today there are 127 AFM churches in Uganda!!!
- Betty-Faith raised Theresa from the dead after four hours of prayer in Makono.
- Emmanuel Kabongwe planted a church in Sambia and regularly conducts evangelistic crusades throughout Uganda.
- Robert Musiime is a church planter par excellence. When he enrolled in our Bible College, he had already planted 42 churches!
- Innocent Amanya who pastors the Wankulunkuku church regularly conducts crusades in Kampala and has also served as an Africa Missions missionary in South Sudan.



being newly planted by Alfred in Wankulunkuku a suburb of the Capital city, Kampala. A creche was rented for Sunday services. Africa Missions purchased land for this new fledgling congregation and financed a church building project. This building is serving a big congregation today, pastored by **Pastor Innocent Amanya**.

Africa Missions introduced a soul-winning project which caused the broader church in Uganda to grow significantly. The AFM provided the base for this program and their pastors benefited greatly. The evangelistic zeal of the AFM lead to the salvation of tens-of-thousands of people. This resulted in the planting of many new assemblies.

Pastors were trained at the *Africa Missions Bible College* in Rwanda and a satellite campus was started in Mbarara, Uganda. Several church sites were procured and many churches were erected during the course of the past 20 years. The spiritual climate of the AFM emulates that of John G. Lake.

In December 2016 the AFM had a lot to celebrate. And a celebration of note it was indeed! **John Mpaphuli** and **Sipho Ntombela** from South Africa were the keynote speakers. During their ministry delegates spontaneously broke out in praise and worship that was contagious. It was awesome just to be there, but you can see it in the video!

Today, there are 127 AFM churches in Uganda, and the best is yet to come! We give the Lord all the glory for the significant progress of this work. Our desire is to see the full stature of the Lord formed in every believer and be equipped for the work of the ministry.

Yours in the mission fields of Africa,

Ron & Rina Kinnear and the AFRICA MISSIONS TEAM

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