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# A LEAP OF FAITH A PASSION to PLANT CHURCHES where none exist. A BURDEN to REACH the UNREACHED. A powerful desire to TRAIN & DISCIPLE.

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Let me introduce GSSM's newest PARTNERS from Uganda:

# & his wife ESTHER

In spite of some opposition and numerous challenges, Aloysius recently formed a non-profit organization in Uganda including an African board of directors...exactly what I had envisioned when I first entered Uganda in 1987. **New Foundation Community Ministry** is the Ugandans program. They have taken full ownership and are developing a powerful program that is uniquely

theirs in obedience to Christ's command "to go and

make disciples...".



### **First Church Plant**

Our first church plant began with a call from one of Sam Kibedi's friends. Sam's friend lived in a non-descript village located in the bush miles away from Kampala, the capital of Uganda. His friend asked Sam if he could please come and initiate a sports ministry program for his village. There was absolutely nothing for the villagers to do...no school, no church, nothing except plenty of poverty. Sam and Aloysius agreed to come.

On the next Saturday, Aloysius and Sam climbed aboard one of several taxis (vans packed with people) and headed for this distant village.

After making several transfers and walking the last few miles carrying their sports equipment with them, the two men arrived at the village. As they entered the common area of the village, they spotted their friend and 50 people sitting patiently under a large shade tree on the edge of the commons.

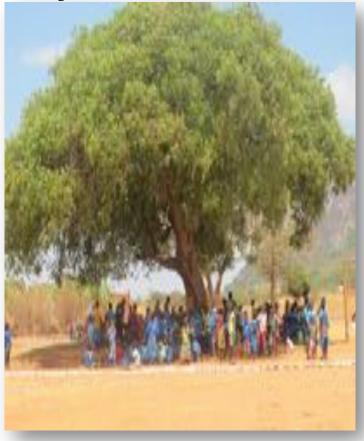
GSSM is proud to partner with such dedicated servants of our Lord.

# A little background

I met Aloysius in the early 90's while establishing sports ministry in Uganda. Sam Kibedi, Aloysius' best friend and one who we had hired to assist Barnabas Mwesiga, introduced Aloysius to me. A short time later we invited Aloysius to be part of our staff as our ministry began to grow rapidly.

Kyazze had played on the Ugandan National soccer team and I soon found out that he was much more than an outstanding soccer player; he was a very talented young man endowed with many gifts.

Self-motivated with a huge push from the Holy Spirit, Aloysius and Sam initiated numerous outreach programs that attracted many young people who quickly gave their lives to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.





# Sam & Aloysius were greeted with loud cheers

and applause as they approached those who were seated under the welcome shade of the large tree that dominated the center of the village.

As the two travelers from Kampala greeted the people and began to take some of the equipment out of the bags they had carried to them, a spokesman from the group asked that before they started, could they please **share God's word first**?

Somewhat stunned by this request, Sam and Aloysius agreed and for the next several hours they shared the scripture with these people who hung on every word shared with them.

Finally Sam and Aloysius had to leave as the sun was setting and they had quite a distance to travel in order to return to Kampala. Before leaving, however, they agreed to return the following week.

After a week passed, Aloysius and Sam returned to the village a second time carrying the bags of equipment with them. Shortly after greeting their friend and the 50 people under the shade tree, the spokesman once again asked if they could, please hear God's word before they participate in the sports program.

After an hour or two of sharing God's word, Sam & Aloysius paused to see if the villagers had enough. The people pleaded for them to keep going...they wanted to hear more of God's word.

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This scenario was repeated three times before the village people felt a little guilty about Sam & Aloysius carrying all of the sports equipment and then never using it. Finally they conducted their sports ministry program that had the people laughing and smiling as they participated in a variety of games and activities. But most importantly, the people wanted to be saved and learn how to be Christ followers.

Thus the first church plant took place under the shade tree in the village in the bush. The friend of Sam's became the lay pastor and Aloysius and Sam continued to mentor their friend and the people. The church under the shade tree was born and all fifty people became serious followers of our Lord.

It is one of Aloysius' desires to identify a number of dedicated men and women from his region in Northern Uganda to be trained by GSSM as sports ministers and then send them out to numerous villages and towns to plant churches where none exist. Aloysius and his colleagues will then mentor and disciple the new believers, help those in need, counsel those who have been traumatized by the years of war in the North, guide the new Christ followers in ways to grow in their faith and help them escape their poverty.

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We are pleased to have Aloysius and Esther Kyazze as our newest partners. This partnership, along with our other partnerships, are informal with no contracts to sign, no strings attached just a willingness to help one another as God leads and enables us. Our goal?

To build God's Kingdom for His glory and His honor alone.

## In other News in Brief...

- **Jimmy K.**, another of GSSM's partners reports that his slum programs continue to grow, lives are being changed, GSSM students are involved as part of their practicum requirement and that his slum soccer teams and children's choir are witnessing throughout the slums and also venturing out and sharing the Good News with others outside the slum environment.
- Henry B, a recent graduate and potential partner of GSSM in Malawi reports his latest participation in a sports ministry conference he helped organize attracted 375 people who attended the 3-day conference. 112 gave their lives to Christ when the Gospel was presented. Included in those attending the meetings were 165 church leaders. Henry's sharing re: sports ministry was well-received and interestingly, his outline was straight out of GSSM's textbook.

# How we praise God for Aloysius' vision

and his willingness to take a leap of faith in obedience to God's call. This means of course, that there will be many challenges ahead. The enemy will not remain silent and let the Gospel penetrate the curtains of darkness that pervade the North which include South Sudan and the Congo which are neighbors to Northern Uganda.

Aloysius and Esther will need our prayers and help. If you feel led to assist Aloysius and his ministry, you can send your gift to GSSM and we will forward 100% of your donation to Aloysius and his **New Foundation Community Ministry**.



FINALLY, on behalf of GSSM's staff, students and graduates, we want to thank you for your prayers, gifts and encouragement. Without your support non of our training would take place. We are, therefore, deeply indebted to you and praise God for your much needed help as we equip some outstanding followers of our Lord to go into the harvest fields of a very needy world.

**BLESSINGS!** 

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