

# ROMANS ONE ELEVEN TRUST (R1:11)

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## Update January 2017 - Friends of R1:11

Dear friends,

A New Year has started but the work goes on, as we seek to respond to God's call upon our lives and engage in mutual encouragement.

We continue to try to establish links with new groups of people, including students at Northern and Westminster Colleges. Please pray as Jon follows up on those initial contacts with principals Rosalind Selby and Neil Thorogood. We have now established a Facebook page, which will make it easier to keep in touch with younger supporters. Please pray for Adam and Rachel as they continue to work on that. If you have Facebook do have a look for Romans 1:11 Trust and engage with us in that way.

We had major discussions at our meeting about Samuel Muhumuza's vision for an internship programme. The idea is developing slowly: please pray for Sam as he does detailed planning and for a small group in the UK as they meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> February to take forward this side of the planning.

The Trust's bankers have been making life rather difficult recently as they have suddenly withdrawn the facility for us to send free international payments. If we have to pay bank charges on all of these transactions it will add a considerable amount to the Trust's relatively slender reserves, so please pray that a good way forward can be found. If you know of any bank that would offer us, as a charity, free international banking please contact Chris.

We hope to initiate a new round of pastor training in the New Year but have only agreed this in principle so far as we are waiting to hear back from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Uganda that our model of training is still helpful to them. We want to serve but also need to be certain of accountability, supervision and mentoring where necessary at the Ugandan end. Please pray for clarity as we seek to confirm this programme.

Last month we asked you to pray for various individuals who had significant events happening in their families and can now offer you updates for your continuing prayers:

- Julius and Gloria Bigirwenkya's baby son Nelson continues to do well, as do their other children Nathan and Nicole. They are based in Kakumiro but Julius has difficulty travelling to his school in Nkondo because of the very poor nature of the road and his lack of a 4x4 vehicle.
- Charity Loryn gave birth to a son, Taylor, a first child for her and Geoffrey in Bugoye.
- Duncan and Catherine Sebachwa from Karuguuza, Kibaale were married in mid November.
- Patrick and Annet Ggenza's church wedding in Wanyange was postponed at the last minute, not because of problems between them but because of someone else's objection to the situation.
- Frank Kyeyune, who married Zam in August, has major difficulties in trying to keep his school open in Kyebe, near Lake Victoria. The authorities have condemned the buildings and he is trying to raise funding to make repairs. It is unclear yet whether or not this will be successful.
- Samuel Muhumuza in Kibaale-Ssanje has faced major difficulties, as has the whole of Rakai district, due to the late arrival of the rains. It is causing real anxieties about starvation as young crops have withered and died. He has sought help in feeding children at his school and several churches/ individuals have responded, for which we praise God.
- Richard and Faith Tusiime have to move out of their rented home with their two children in January, unless they can gather together sufficient money to buy the property.

Thank you and God bless.