

ROMANS ONE ELEVEN TRUST (R1:11)

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Update January 2019 - Friends of R1:11

Dear Friends,

A new year is upon us, I pray you all had a good Christmas and a pleasant new year. I'm sure we all thought about new years resolutions and if you made any I pray you are still sticking to them. I have once again begun the bible in one year in an attempt to learn more about Jesus and his teachings.

Before Christmas our Spiritual Life Centres finished their teaching with the exams taking place later this month at two centres. Hopefully they will all pass and graduate in February. The first of these graduations will be at Wanyange on 9th, then at Julius' church in Kakumiro on 20th. This is also going to be the official opening of his new church which Romans 1:11 supporters have contributed to since his visit to the UK in 2014. This will be a significant event in the life of this rural community.

Technically Romans 1:11 has involvement in four Spiritual Life Centres (SLCs), although generally only three operate at any one time, and this seems a good time to remind you of some prayer pointers for each of them: Our first SLC was established at Kibaale-Ssanje in the south of Uganda, with Samuel Muhumuza as its Director. This is a very rural area with few RPCUs (Reformed Presbyterian Church of Uganda) in the area, so it has not operated for a while. Jon has challenged Samuel to try to gather potential students for the future but it is also the potential venue for our FEEL Uganda programme, should sufficient people come forward for us to run this gap programme with Samuel. Do pray for students for the SLC, for applicants for FEEL Uganda and for Samuel as he prepares for his marriage to Grace in July.

Further west is Nyamiyaga, on the outskirts of Mbarara. This was where the initial vision for this work came to John Hall but it was not built until several years later. It is directed by Richard Tusiime, with several teachers assisting, especially Wilber Baguma. This SLC has a continuing stream of student pastors and other leaders eager to be trained and is testament to the strong church-planting work in the area. Richard has sometimes found it difficult to pay all the ongoing expenses from the budget, so may have to cut down on the number of students. Please pray about this matter, which will be discussed by trustees shortly (see below).

In the east of the country is Wanyange (Jinja), which has recently seen a collaboration between the RPCU and the organisation God's Power International Ministries, founded by Deus Kyomukama. The director of this centre is Patrick Ggenza, who (as he and his family live for part of the time in his village many kilometres away) works very closely with Deus and with other teachers/ helpers Steven Biso and Fred Wanume. These collaborations have sometimes been challenging so please pray for wisdom for all involved as we consider plans here for 2019.

Finally, the newest centre to be established is in Kakumiro, where Julius Bigirwenkya is the director, assisted by Bernard Byamukama and Moses Baguma. This centre, to serve primarily the Western and Luwero presbyteries, was originally in Bugoye but has now moved further east where there is great demand among the pastors of bush churches. Sadly there is frequent rivalry between these pastors, so please pray for great wisdom for Julius as he seeks to manage this and help his fellow pastors to mature in their relationships with each other.

Trustees will be meeting on Saturday 12th January, we ask that you pray we are able to focus on the important aspects we need to discuss. One of our major focuses will be the spiritual life centres, we will need to look at the funding for these centres and their viability to provide spiritual education in the future. We will continue in the handover of the administration role from Chris to myself. I will be taking more and more of an active role in the coming months. We also have a couple joining us who could potentially be new trustees.

Please pray for some of our trustees, Adam is returning to college to further his ordination studies while Jon is juggling chairmanship for Romans 1:11 as well as the workload of two very busy churches. Please also pray for Rachel and Chris as they deal with significant family illness.

God Bless

Jackie