

# ROMANS ONE ELEVEN TRUST (R1:11)

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## Update July 2018 - Friends of R1:11

Dear friends,

I have recently returned from a conference in Greece, where I had the privilege of engaging with field-workers involved in mission in some of the hardest parts of the world for evangelism. The 300 or so who were gathered near Corinth heard some fabulous teaching from the Director of the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, Paul Bendor-Samuel. His starting point was our engagement in **God's** mission, which from Ephesians 1:9-10 can be seen to bring everything under one head, Jesus Christ. This calls for our trust and means we can look forward to the day when all things will be brought back together, reintegrated in God's shalom. We participate through our discipleship, through living in the image of God and by drawing others into God's Kingdom, making whole-life disciples. Our evangelism, whether in the UK, Uganda or in the parts of the world where these field-workers operate, is not separate from our discipleship, but should be part of it.

Having mentioned Uganda, I need to update you about some situations which have arisen there recently and to ask for your prayers specifically for these matters:

**Julius Bigirwenkya**, with two schools and a church in the Kakumiro area, wrote this recently: "We have a very big danger here where children are stolen and killed. We have been seeing this in news but now here last week a child from a neighbouring school went missing and on Monday two children disappeared. Today we had a meeting because most children are dropping out of schools for fear of kidnaps. Parents had ideas: those who can will accompany their children, another suggestion was a school van or put children in boarding. Or young children will stay at school and wait for others that they will move in groups. The situation is worrying - we ask for your prayers."

**Julius** has also written about a sponsored orphan called Deo, who did not turn up for the start of the current school term. He says this about him and the wider situation: "I am so sorry that the information I got is that Deo got bad friends who had dropped from school earlier and it's likely that they advised him wrongly and he disappeared with them... Here the issue of dropping out of schools is common, more especially children who come from villages where there are few or no learned people and they think education is not very important. That is why we have more children in lower classes but the numbers go reducing as you go up. This is a common thing to all rural schools in Uganda. So we are trying as much as possible to encourage and talk with guardians and parents about the values of education. I want to appreciate all who have continued to support us in any way for keeping me encouraged to keep helping children here. Otherwise it seems more difficult to continue operating a school here as most people would not give education a priority."

On a more positive note, we have heard that **Samuel Muhumuza & Grace**, his fiancée, hope to be married in December. Grace had to spend time in the USA with her sick son and then had to be treated for skin cancer herself. She is now back in Uganda and she and Samuel rejoice at being reunited.

Finally, for those of you who wish to view the Romans 1:11 Privacy Notice arising out of our need to be GDPR compliant, please visit the relevant page on our website: <http://romans111.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/R111-Data-Privacy-Statement.pdf>. As this prayer letter and our other literature only go out to those who have requested it, we have not needed your further permission to keep in touch with you in this way.

Thank you for all your continuing prayers.

