

ROMANS ONE ELEVEN TRUST (R1:11)

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Update October 2015 - Friends of R1:11

Dear friends,

I have heard recently from my friend Julius, who ministers in the bush trading centre of Kakumiro and bush village of Nkondo, both in Kibaale District, roughly 150 kilometres from Kampala. He wrote:

“... In my last mail I mentioned of the difficult time I have had. The Kibaale local government advertised for teachers which attracted many of the teachers in private schools and when they were taken there came a stiff competition for the remaining few and Osborne being a growing school could not compete favourably hence losing some of the old staff. I am still glad we were able to handle the situation in short time but I had to create more time for the new staff until I will be sure they can handle everything favourably.

The churches in Kibaale had a lot of difficulties and some nearly closed because of the conflicts between the leaders which I hope was a result of leaders who were not well trained and this kept me so busy on weekends where I had to drive to the leaders of those churches. The good news I have now we have made arrangements to me meeting once every two months for an internal seminar which all leaders will have to attend and each church will contribute ten thousand (£2) as a fee to help the church which will be having the biggest need. This will be starting in November where all leaders will gather at my church in Kakumiro. This has been very challenging, has been very costly and I have all my car tyres because of the very slippery roads. As you will remember this is a season of heavy rains but thanks to the Lord a good programme has come up.

The work for the windows and doors of the church are going on except a little delayed because of power being on and off and the rains being too much but I hope soon I will have the good news when they are being fixed ... I am sorry last week I was caught by traffic officers driving my car with worn out tyres and I was charged when I was going to the bank to collect money for the other part of the school's fence. I had to pay a fine of eighty thousand (£16). This forced me to spend money which did not belong to me but was the gift to the school.

I am also very grateful mum earlier last month we were given a new area schools inspector who made a very good report of Osborne School inspite of the new teachers who I thought were not yet settled on the new job. She was very positive in her reporting more especially on the fence we are working on and the water project which is now doing a very good work. Thanks to everyone who gives a hand to the progress of this work. She will be visiting Blessed School this month.

Greetings to everyone. Blessings, Julius.”

I share this email because I feel it gives a good insight into some of the issues faced by these young pastors in situations so different from ours. Please pray for Julius and the many others like him who minister in a setting with poor roads, too much or too little rain, lack of funding, rapidly changing school staff, jealousy amongst leaders and family pressures as they try to provide for their relatives. Ministry is seldom easy but its demands are increased immeasurably by such very practical difficulties which we in the UK seldom encounter. Give thanks for these friends and be encouraged by their faith, their resourcefulness and the spread of the gospel through their work in schools, churches and in the open air. And please pray for them, as well as for the Romans One Eleven Trust as we continue to seek to encourage them, while they encourage us.

God bless.