

PAOC Missions Hotline - Week of January 14, 2008

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KENYA

Update: "All is well with us here. We have had a number of quiet days, and yesterday, Nairobi was buzzing as usual with lots of traffic jams. We are starting classes this week though there are still rumblings of action on the part of the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) who are still not accepting the status quo after elections. Today is the first day of parliament and the ODM say they are going to sit on the government side of the house as they do not recognize the President and his affiliates as being the government. Tomorrow until Friday, they are scheduling protest rallies which are supposed to be peaceful. But police are not allowing the rallies so we are not sure what the outcome will be. Students in one of our off-campus Transformational Church Leaders (TCL) classes have fled to their home area or to one of the displaced people camps so we are certainly all being affected by what is happening in the country."

Prayer Focus: Please pray that God will restore peace in Kenya and set in place the essential constitutional structures that are needed to address the real problems there. Pray also that God will bless the leaders with wisdom, knowledge and sensitivity to keep the welfare of the people a top priority.

Doris Sauder

UGANDA

Recent report: "The government has reported that there are four plagues in the country. Ebola hemorrhagic fever in Western Uganda has claimed 35 lives and is terrifying the country (I live in the southwest). Other areas have meningitis, cholera and bubonic plague, the latter due to fleas. The complaint is that women in the affected area are more susceptible than men because they have to sleep on the floor, while the men sleep on beds.

"Kenya's crisis due to their elections has caused a problem here in landlocked Uganda. Our fuel which comes from the pipeline in Eldoret, Western Kenya has completely dried up. Eldoret is where at least 30 people were burned alive seeking sanctuary in a church."

Prayer Focus: Please pray for God's healing touch to be upon those affected by the plagues, and that they will come to an end. Continue to pray for stability to return to Kenya so that there will be fuel in Uganda again.

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