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Greetings from the very snowy Utah. Today we received a record amount of snow, more than for a long time. Here in Sandy we had 19 inches of new snow, and even the lowest part in the Valley (Airport) received 10 inches! This amount of snow caused over 330 car accidents in the Salt Lake area. More than 500 snowplows did their best all day and night, but it was not enough. Snow will obviously stay for a while for temperature is very cold, 8 F this morning and it will only come up to 26 F during the afternoon.

We received (1/20/20) visitors from Uganda, Edward and Juliana Magumba, as I had informed in our January newsletter. They fortunately left back home (1/28/20), just a week before this huge snowstorm and freezing colder air arrived, though it was very cold for them and we had enough snow anyway. They were totally



amazed about coldness and snow that they had never seen nor experienced. [Uganda is on the Equator where the lowest ever temperature can be 70 F (20 C), but the normal year-round temperature is 80-100 F (27-40 C) and it can be even a bit hotter. The first thing for us to take care of after their arrival was to go to a clothing store and buy them some warm outfits. Since I am still suffering from severe back pains, Dennis asked our dear friend, Suzi, to go with him to help Edward and Juliana select what they needed. [Suzi knows that we do not have extra money so she insisted on paying for everything that Edward and Juliana needed. Dennis resisted her offer for he was prepared to use our personal credit card and pay for what they had selected, but Suzi would not allow Dennis to pay!! She is so generous and good. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts!

This picture of Edward and Juliana was taken at Snowbird, a 15 minute-drive from our home. Dennis took a week off from his regular work and he drove them to see all the **Utah-sites**— from *down-town-Mormon sites* to “*This is the Place*” monument, etc. He took them to **the Great Salt Lake** and the **Antelope**

Island” to “*where the buffalos and antelopes roam*” and to Ski-Resorts up in the Mountains. Their 8-day visit with us was very interesting. We learned a lot more about them and their life.

[Edward and Juliana were married in early 2010. They now have 3 sons – ages 9, 7 and 14-months.]

We hope that you read Edward’s story from our website I gave in our January- letter. (You can click on this: www.hismin.com/former-mormon-stories/edwards-story.) He tells in it about his conversion to Mormonism as a very young boy and how he came out of it soon after serving a full-time LDS mission in Kenya, Africa, and he also reports about our involvement in his coming out and *his new birth into Christ Jesus of the Bible*.

Edward left Mormonism in 2006. We sent Edward several Bible-studies by Dr. Chuck Missler and also many books and commentaries on the Bible, etc. Soon after becoming a *born-again believer in Jesus*, Edward attended 2-year Bible College in Uganda and became a *pastor-teacher* of a growing group of truth-seekers.

Edward had wanted to meet us ever since we helped him out Mormonism and shared the biblical Jesus with him. When our pastor, Terry Long, with 5 other Christian pastors from Utah went to Africa several years ago, Edward and two of his former Mormon missionary companions (all 3 of them having left the LDS Church) made a huge effort to find and meet our pastor. Edward wrote to us saying “if I cannot meet you in person I want to at least meet someone who knows you”. They did meet pastor-Terry, and we have had a picture of these three *former-Mormon Africans* with Pastor Terry on our Library wall ever since! We didn’t think it would be possible for Edward to come here considering the expense of that long trip. Now he came with his wife, Juliana, and they stayed with us 8 full days! I only wished that my health would have been better, but with Dennis’ help I managed to serve 3 meals a day... However, I was able to rest when Dennis took them to see sites. 😊

Dennis presented the following questions (in writing) to Edward and we copy them and Edward’s answers here for you to see also: Dennis: *Where do you live in Uganda?* Edward: *We live in Jinja, a town about 75 miles from the capital, Kampala.* Dennis: *How long after you left Mormonism was it before you started to teach Mormons and others what the Bible teaches, i.e. **Christianity vs. Mormonism**?* Edward: *It took me about 2 years before I had learned enough to start teaching others.* Dennis: *How many Mormons were in your beginning class?* Edward: *I started with only 5, but the group grew fast to about 30.* Dennis: *Are you still trying to reach Mormons for the Biblical Jesus?* Edward: *Yes I am – I will never stop that.* Dennis: *What is the name of your “church-group”?* Edward: *His Oracle Ministries.* Dennis: *How many people do you now have in your church that you teach?* Edward: *About five hundred.* Dennis: *In addition to your church-group, do you do any*



other out-reach to share Jesus with others? Edward: *Yes, I do Gospel Crusades, Radio programs, “door-to-door” presentations, Special Outreaches to Mormons in Jinja presenting them with challenging tracts and questions.* Dennis: *What is the status of the Mormon Church in Uganda?* Edward: *They have about 2000 members. It looks like more people they claim to convert, even more come out.* Dennis: *Is Islam a threat in your area of Uganda?* Edward: *Yes, it is. Islam is like Mormonism. In elections they make efforts to take over political offices, as Jinja mayor.* Dennis: *How can we pray more effectively for your fellowship and you and your family?* Edward: *Please pray for our continued good health and that people would see the Light of the True Gospel. We*

also need prayer for more financial support in order to continue to expand our ministry.”

There is much more to tell about Edward’s early efforts to expose the falsehoods of Mormonism.

Edward had contacted us in 2006. We answered his many questions on why we had left the Mormon Church, and spent many months answering those Bible-verses that Mormons use *out of context*. He was eager to learn what these scriptures actually mean in context of the entire Bible.

Before that we had sent to him our booklet “**The Truth About Mormonism**”. [It was the second edition, printed and published in 2004 by **the Berean Call**. On the cover of that edition was a picture of **Papyri** taken from LDS Scripture, **the Pearl of Great Price**.] We stressed to him that he would read it very carefully and **consider in his heart the sinner’s prayer** found (in that edition) on page 51.

Soon he told us that he had done exactly what it said and that he **had become a born again believer in Jesus**. He said that he wanted to share with other Mormons how the Lord had changed his life, and the freedom in the Spirit he had received. He wanted them also to learn that Mormonism was not true, but just a “**counterfeit Christian religion**”, that he discovered it was from our little booklet.

A short time after that Edward wrote to us and asked if we could send him at least 500 copies of our booklet. He explained that he had found an opportunity to distribute that many copies at once. He shared

that the Mormon Church was planning on having a meeting in Kampala for all Ugandan-Mormons in order to ask their support in building a Mormon Temple there. Edward estimated that there would be perhaps 500-600 Mormons attending that meeting and he wanted to give each one of them a copy of our booklet. I called the Berean Call to see if it was all possible. They checked into it and found out that the mailing cost alone by "secure mailing" would be about \$800.00. (These booklets are boxed 88 per box and 500 of them would mean six boxes. They told me that the on-going war in Uganda had made postal service very questionable and thus very expensive.) I told Edward that it would be way too expensive in addition to the cost of the booklet themselves. Edward asked if we could give him permission to have our booklet printed there, in Jinja or in Kampala. We were happy to do that. Edward found a printer who would do it for a dollar per booklet, but that he didn't have the money... We agreed to send him \$500.00 by Western Union for printing. **Edward got them printed.** (Isn't God amazing!)

When the time of this LDS meeting came, Edward and his two ex-Mormon friends traveled to Kampala with 650 of our booklets! (Among the three of them they had collected an additional \$150.00 and paid to have 650 booklets instead of 500...) **Edward later wrote and told us how he and his two friends** (after the LDS meeting was over) **stood by the exit doors and as people were coming out, they handed everyone a booklet.**

[This created quite a storm there after these people had had time to read and ponder what they had read.] Many of them ended up leaving the Church and within a few months the Mormon-plan to build a temple in Kampala was cancelled or, as some Mormon leaders there still hoped, that it was only postponed.

Edward was able to have local papers publish "his story" of leaving the Mormon Church. That resulted in other publications wanting to interview him also...

A few months later Edward called us to see if we could financially support his plan to have a **"call-in Radio program" in Uganda**, program where people could call and ask questions concerning **Mormonism vs. Christianity.** **He said that a 1-hour program once a week** (Saturdays) **would cost \$800.00 per month.** We agreed to do all we can to cover that cost. God answered our prayers, and we were able to send him via Western Union \$800.00 per month for 3 following months. Edward told us that as he answered their questions by **giving biblical answers** many Mormons left the LDS Church. What more can we say than **"results speak out loud" and that this was a good plan.**

Now about 12 years later, there still is not a Mormon temple in Kampala (at least not yet).

Experiencing results of Edward's boldness, his few remaining Mormon friends had told him that Mormon leadership in Uganda were wondering "What are we going to do with that Edward!!!??"

What we want to say is that we need more bold witnesses in our own locations, believers, who are willing to stand for God's Word and help and inform those who have been deceived by false prophets.

(Isa. 8:20 warns, **"if they do not speak according this Word (the Bible) it is because there is no light in them"**. Isaiah continues, (Is. 9: 15b-16.) **"The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. For leaders of this people cause them to err, and those who are led by them, are destroyed."** [Following false prophets cause everlasting destruction and pain. Isaiah might be referring to stings in the **tails of scorpions** that cause horrendous pain. See Rev. 9:10.)

We are thankful for many lasting friendships that we have gained by not only witnessing to them but also disciplining those who received the truth of God and Jesus (John3:16; 14:6) and also enabling them to becoming witnesses for the Lord who alone saves. **We praise the Lord that He led us** (in 1982) **to Chuck Missler's Bible-studies, for he was the one who put us "on fire for the Lord",** and helped us to learn to **"search the scriptures daily "** (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16) and to **"prove all things"**. (1 Thess. 5:21.)

We have had over the years many even from as far as Australia sacrificially come in person to thank us for helping them out of Mormonism. It really was not us, but the Lord who did it all. He will use us who are just "broken vessels" and many others to seek those whom the Lord knows will come to Him if we are just willing to do the work for Him. Those who come to the Lord and are born again become members of our eternal

family. We have many friends who have already graduated up there, though we miss them here, we are happily waiting for them to come with the Lord to *catch us up* (Rapture) there also (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

We are thankful for you, our friends and prayer-partners in this ministry for we could not do this without your prayers and support. These last months have been hard for me because of my fractured vertebrae causing much pain even though I had two of them surgically “cemented” in October. There must be a reason why the Lord has not healed me, though He has made it possible for me to do my work. The Lord has shown that He is with me. I am reminded of Paul who also had a severe health problem and pain that caused him to plead with the Lord for relief. As always, the Lord has a reason for denial. In 2 Cor. 12:9-10, the Lord said to Paul, **“My grace is sufficient for you for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”** Paul understood and said, **“Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me... for when I am weak, then I am strong.”** Writing to the Philippians, Paul further emphasized that we, as Lord’s own, **do not need to “be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving make our requests known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”** Paul said, **“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”** (Phil. 4:6-7, 13.)

Please pray with us for Judy who will have to have another surgery next month to help her maneuver her paralyzed left side better. We also ask prayer for Sandy, Al, Dwayne, Cynthia, Andrea, Scott, Tom, Mary, Dave, Heber, Dale and Sharon. The Lord knows what their needs and concerns are. He will respond. (1 John 5:14.)

We ask that all God’s people will pray as we are asked in Psalm 122:6, **“Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem!”** Do not forget to also pray for our country and President that God has appointed for us at this time. (Rom. 13:1-2.)

We hope and pray that this New Year, 2020, will be God-blessed and directed. The Lord has promised that **“if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”** (2 Chron. 7:14.) If we are His people, then this is God’s command and promise for us all.

We are serving the Lord with gladness,

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