

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES HOTLINE – July 15, 2010

UGANDA: Field Director Jackson Mugerwa reports that the terrorist explosions in the capital city of Kampala last Sunday were “so horrible. At least 70 people [were] killed.... Thanks to God none of our [Open Bible] Christians were victims. ... Terror still looms around the city. Thanks for your prayers, too.” Pray for the church in Kampala to minister effectively to the city during this time.

HUNGARY: Missionaries Mike and Nancy Juntunen write that the tent evangelism in Nyiregyhaza was wonderful and well received. “Almost twenty people came forward and prayed for salvation! Dozens of children were ministered to through the children’s program. The three Open Bible groups – Nyiregyhaza, Ibrany and Debrecen – worked well together and enjoyed wonderful fellowship and relationship building. The weather was nothing short of miraculous.... More than once, the storm clouds approached Nyiregyhaza but then went around in response to prayer.” The Juntunens will depart from Hungary on the 16th and arrive in Billings, Montana, on the 17th. After visiting with family in several locations, they will itinerate in the California churches this fall. Pray for safe travel and for great ministry to the churches. Pray also that the Lord will meet all their needs for future ministry, including the funds needed for the translation of INSTE Level Two into Hungarian.

NORTH AFRICA: A missionary family will depart for North Africa on July 19. They will establish ministry in a new country and make occasional trips into a nearby country to oversee ongoing humanitarian aid ministries there. Pray for God’s protection and direction and for open doors for the Gospel.

UKRAINE: Field Director Oleksandr Rudynets pastors the church in Lutsk, which is currently building a large facility, with the roof now being put on. Oleksandr writes that last week “the local authority had cut off the electricity of our church and office; it has been a week that we have no access to the internet, telephones in our office, but the most awful is that our Sunday service was about to cancel. But thanks to God, we bought an electric generator which works on gasoline and we held the Sunday service and praised the Lord.” His suspicions are that since the church building under construction is “situated near the city bus station and local market, probably one of the big politicians is willing to take a piece of our land and build a couple of shops there. He cannot do it legally; that’s why they’ve cut off the electricity. [No electricity] has paused the construction of the roof.” Praise the Lord that after they investigated the situation with the legal authorities, electricity was restored. Pray for continued effective ministry for the church in Lutsk and for the Lord to provide the funds for the completion of the church there.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA/AUSTRALIA: Pray for safe travel as Executive Director Vince McCarty and Lois, his wife, depart from Des Moines on Saturday, July 17, for a trip to Papua New Guinea to attend the national convention of the Open Bible Churches at the Ivingoi Mission Station. While at the Mission Station, they will dedicate the maternity ward of the medical clinic that is being built with funds raised by the ladies of Women’s Ministries in the U.S. Pray for God’s anointing on the convention as pastors and delegates gather at the Mission Station. Following the visit in PNG, Vince and Lois will travel to Australia for several days of ministry with the Open Bible Board, including Chairman John Matthews and June, his wife. Pray for blessed ministry with the contacts among the Aborigines, in the city and in the outback.

Please share the Hotline message with your congregation or with other interested individuals. Thank you for praying and caring. We’ll be in touch again next week on the International Ministries Hotline.