

REV. CANON PASHI WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S NEWS

Dear Friends;

Praise the name of the living God; Amen!

It has been a long time indeed since some of you last heard from me, and I am sorry for the long silence. Indeed I have been planning to write my news after all this long silence, but kept postponing and now I am glad I'm writing it. Good to hear from some of you, I do miss you all. We are all doing well as a family and the Church here in Uganda and especially in the North Western part bordering South Sudan. I must have told some of you that our daughter Sefa is now going for her second year in the University and her follower Matthew Ronny completed his O'level in December last year and performed very well and is going to join A'level this month. He wants to do Agriculture, Biology and Geography and probably he will be doing a course in Agriculture at the University in two years time. Peace graduated with Bachelors of Arts in Education, adding to her previous course of Diploma in Primary Education and she is still heading the Church of Uganda School at Erepí Demonstration School. I am still pasturing the little Church at Idrimari in Laropi along the River Nile that we planted about 20 years ago. It was at the verge of collapse when we had abandoned it to a local Church teacher, I moved in to restore it. It is now rapidly growing and especially the children are growing in numbers as I always take some sweets for them. We are yet to start putting up a building for the Church. We still pray in the Primary school class rooms. Additionally I am also working on the Bible translation for my language group of Mǎ'dí with support from the Bible Society of Uganda. One other news is that, the late Archbishop of Church of Uganda, Janan Luwum who was murdered by Field Marsel Idi Amin in 1977 was Canonized as a Saint, (and there is a monument erected at Westminster Abbey in London in his memory) and the Government of Uganda has included February 17th on the National Calendar as a Public Holiday for commemorating him. And last Friday all people including the president and some Government officials, went to his burial site in Kitgum (Northern Uganda) for a memorial and thanksgiving prayers. One bad news is the lingering trouble in South Sudan. In December after Christmas we lost my cousin Anyama 'Henry who was abducted by S.Sudanese rebels on his way back from the South Sudan city of Juba with 7 others. Some of the men were killed on spot because they were either Kenyans or Ugandans. (The rebels accused their countries of supporting the S. Sudan Government forces). Henry and one other person who narrated their ordeal to us were the only survivors, but since he was too tired, hungry with swollen feet, he did not make it back home, his friend abandoned him in the bushes since he was too heavy for him to carry. Some of my family members with the help of Ugandan forces and S. Sudanese soldiers tried to search for him in vain up to date. The influx of South Sudanese refugees is overwhelming. It is as if no one is going to remain in South Sudan except the Army and the rebels. UNHCR has hired local buses to carry refugees from border areas and settling them in my area in thousands everyday and lorries carrying their luggage. Unfortunately they are not allowed to come with their animals due to fear of animal diseases. Please pray for South Sudan and even the people of North Western Uganda as the few facilities such as bore hole, schools, hospitals are shared as UN still tries to build some for the refugees. Food is also scarce and expensive in the markets as this is still dry season with rains still beginning to come. God bless all of you

Thank you for your support, thank you for your mail and our regards to all of you.
William Shakespeare and Peace Florence Pashi