

## IN TOUCH

### REBUILDING REQUIRES SACRIFICE & A SACRIFICE FOR PASTOR MUWONGE

Dear Friend:

This Sunday we finish-up the sermon series on rebuilding from the book of Ezra and Nehemiah. Nehemiah chapter 10 is the focus this week. In chapter 6 the wall gets rebuilt in 52 days, a record. Great opposition came but Nehemiah and the leaders ignored the baseless accusations and got the job done. So in chapter 10 it was time to celebrate and make commitments to the Lord. The Temple was rebuilt but the people needed to make a commitment to spiritually rebuild.

There were 3 things necessary for the Jewish people to commit to for permanent rebuilding to take place. These 3 things are just as true for us today as they were in 444 B.C. The first thing is self-surrender. Another way to put it is “ all-in” chapters 9 and 10 records the fact that all the people came together to confess their sin and work together to re-unite the nation. In order for this to happen people needed to fully surrender to God. A second key to spiritual rebuilding was self-denial. Nehemiah 10:29-31 is the specific things the people promised to give-up in order to obey the commands of God. The third key to spiritual rebuilding is: selfless-giving. Verses 32-39 reveal the financial commitment the people were willing to make for the upkeep of the temple. What does this have to do with spiritual rebuilding? One cannot put God first in their life if he/she does not put God first in giving. Also, no tithing to the Temple (church), no place to gather for worship.

I hope that you will be with us Sunday and get a much more in depth message from Nehemiah 10.

### A SACRIFICE FOR PASTOR MICHAEL MUWONGE

This past Sunday we were able to have a live interview with Pastor Michael Muwonge of Uganda. Sorry if you missed it, my what a blessing. My plan is that within 2-3 months we will Skype, Zoom or WeChat with foreign missionaries and pastors. Second, the interview with Pastor Michael was touching. We ended the interview with he, his wife and 8 children singing a song. The best news of all: our congregation last Sunday gave \$1,100 towards the motorcycle he needs to buy groceries for his family and church members. He can now deliver food to the members who cannot get to a market. Our church Faith Promise Fund is giving \$750. Total funds for Pastor Muwongee: \$1,850. The motorcycle costs \$1,500 the additional \$350 will be used to buy he and church members groceries. Uganda is in total lockdown. People are only allowed out to get food. They can gather 20 for funerals or weddings, no other public meetings allowed. No church services permitted.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Events: Sunday, June 20, 9:00 am Study The Prophies of Jesus, 10:30 am Father's Day Recognition

Saturday, June 26, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Yard Sale

Prayers: Dick Hickernell, Belinda Lee, Jim Mosier family