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## *Beloved brothers and sisters and friends in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Now I am back in my beloved Uganda for some weeks and it is really time to get in touch!

Yesterday I received this message from a pastor friend and the words encouraged my heart a lot and so I gladly forward this message to you, for your encouragement, because this is what we need in these days where so much confusion bombards us.

*„Praise the Lord, dear friends, and happy new month to you all. This is a great day, a great week and a great month. In which the Lord will do great miracles, signs and wonders, a month of great achievements and great testimonies.*

*However, if we want to see great things happen in our lives, we need God's help and intervention in our lives. This means that we must place our faith and trust fully in our loving and caring Heavenly Father.*

Isaiah 45:1-5 states:

*„This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom I have seized by his right hand to subdue nations before him - and the hips of kings I ungirded - to open gates before him, and gates do not remain shut: I will go before thee, and will level the mountains. Brazen doors will I break, and bars of iron will I break.“*

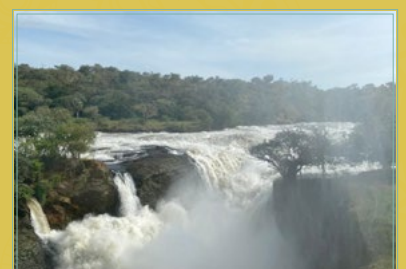
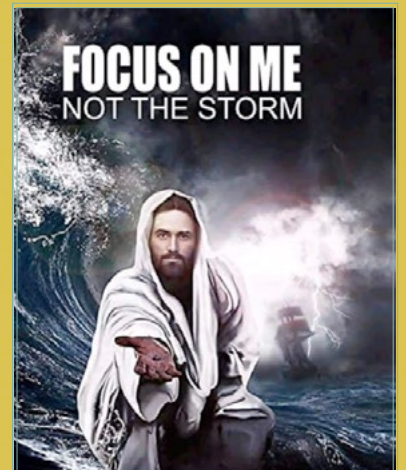
*Dear friends, the Bible calls us its anointed, just like Cyrus, we are anointed to win, to prosper, to effect change in our communities, families and the nation as a whole.*

*There is a great MISSION and TASK before us. However, we cannot do it with our strength, but must rely on God's power, as the Bible says, „It is not by might, but by His SPIRIT.“*

*So dear saints, we must put our hand in His HANDS so that He will hold us strong and empower us as we walk with Him.*

*Holding our hand also means walking in agreement with Him, submitting to His will and obeying Him completely.*

*As we do this, He will subdue nations for us, He will give us victory over*



*the powers of darkness, He will OPEN great doors before us, ministerial doors, financial doors, important connections, and gates will not be closed again.*

*May this month be your month of open doors, great connections and revelation in your life in Jesus name. You are blessed and highly favored."*

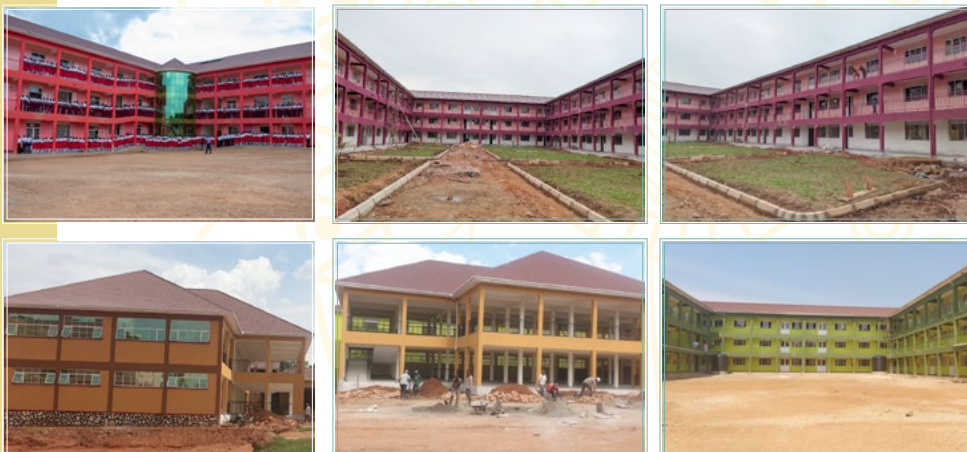
Many ask how I am doing and thank God I can only report good things. Personally I am doing very well, I can walk well without crutches, driving a car is no problem at all, even stairs are easy to manage.

I am so grateful for all the friends who contributed to make my 3 months in Europe as pleasant as possible. I was carried as if on hands and for that I praise my heavenly Father and ask HIM to bless each one of you according to His riches in glory.

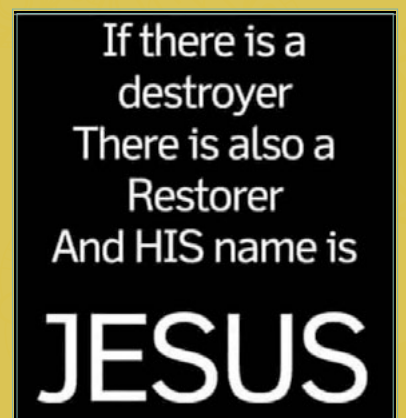
On my return to Uganda, I found everything in perfect order. My leadership team with all the over 40 leaders of the different departments have worked so harmoniously together. Soon I will no longer be needed here! But I am still grateful that the staff keeps reassuring me that it is still important for me to be here.

Here I send you some pictures of the different buildings in our 5 headquarters.

Nakifuma, the middle school for 3,200 high school graduates from all over the country:



The new, super-modern hospital on Prayer Mountain with the apartments for the hospital staff.

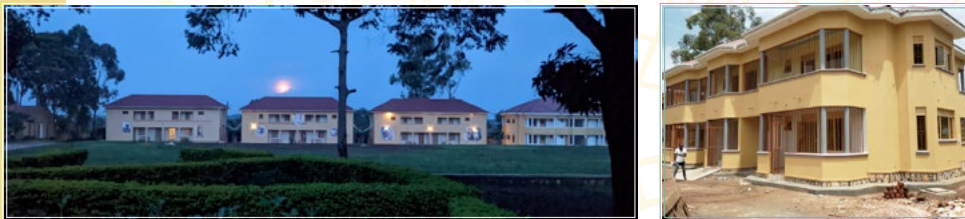




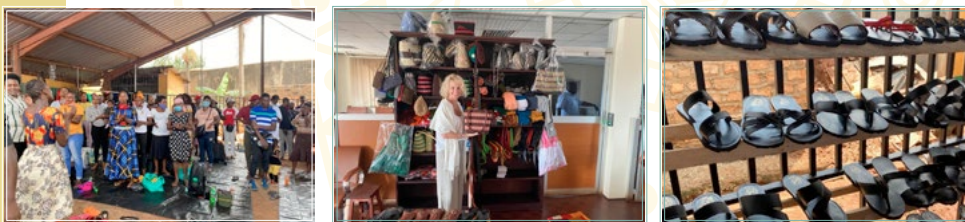
My new „multi-purpose“ hall on Prayer Mountain for church services, devotions, concerts, weddings, etc. (from the proceeds of one of my private houses in Imst, I was able to build this!).



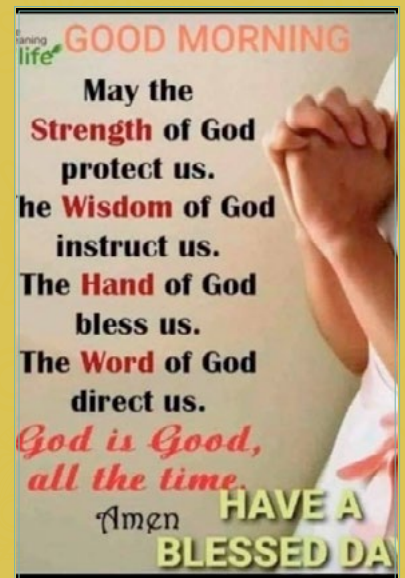
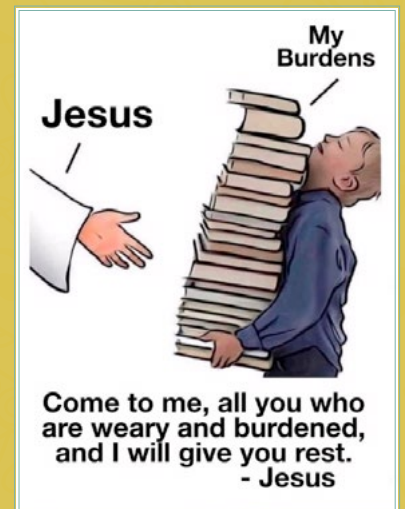
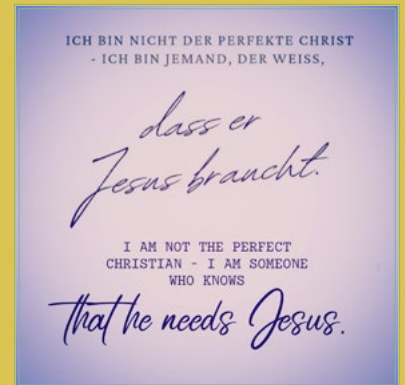
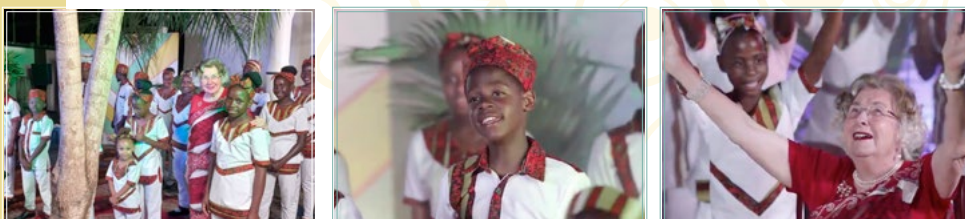
The new building along our soccer field for guests (families) as the fourth in the row:



The progress with the former prostitutes who are now getting an education and whose children we include in our school program so that they may lead a life pleasing to God.



Our children's choir, which unfortunately had to cancel the European tour in 2020 and instead held an online concert for the first time this year! You can watch the wonderful concert under this link: <https://youtu.be/nQP6owpGZm4>



Our finished Primary school in Karamoja!



Dear ones, it is such a joy to see how the Lord holds His hand of protection and grace and favor on Vision for Africa and keeps us safe from the attacks of the enemy.

For no weapon forged against us shall succeed in harming us!

Now everything is in full swing to prepare us for a blessed pre-Christmas season.

We want to bring great joy to many poor families with food and clothing.

We have the heartfelt desire to give gifts to 500 poor families with many children and to let them experience the love of God in a very practical way.

If the Lord puts on your heart to be an active participant in this action of God's love for the poor, ask the Lord to show you how much you should contribute.

And do not forget that what we give to the poor, we lend to God. And our Heavenly Father pays it all back as many blessings.

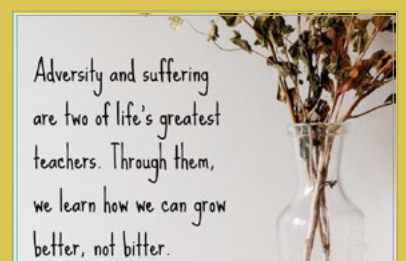
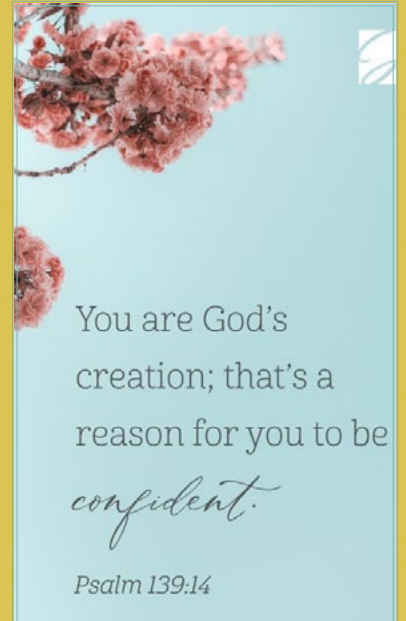
We experience this all the time.

For today, I would like to send you another word of encouragement, also from a blessed brother in the Lord!

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With warmest blessings and thanks for your faithfulness and love for God's work in Uganda.

Your very loving, thankful and blessing  
Maria with family and team

*Maria L. Preau*

P.S. Together with Pastor Isaac Wootton we are filming a Discipleship Study „Biblical Foundations“, and on YouTube you can join us! Every Sunday there will be another part. On our YouTube channel you can find these discipleship videos and also many others:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZFvUdlyEspZEHk1h5V8wMw>

And here is the link directly to the discipleship videos:

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P.P.S. Here I enclose a few more attachments with thoughts that I find very good, encouraging and important!  
As a reminder - Love is: the power of God (also in our everyday life!)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than those who lay down their lives for their friends.

John 15:12-13

*LOVE: The commandment of love is the greatest and most noble commandment that Jesus has shown us. LOVE made Jesus give His life for us!*



*BUT too many believers fail to obey this!*

*I am talking about believers who can quote a large number of scriptures and speak the name of JESUS 30 or 40 times a day and yet are hard and uncaring about the needs of their friends and family. They are so busy „serving GOD“ that they have no time to love people. Strife is their hallmark.*

*You may have been saved for 40 years; you may read the Bible all day, listen to devotional songs, or speak in tongues; but if you have strife in your heart and are not living according to the LOVE COMMANDMENT OF JESUS, then spiritual things are obviously foolishness to you!*

*If you are in this condition, then the NAME OF JESUS will produce nothing for you. Your faith will produce nothing, because the WORD OF GOD says that FAITH is made effective by LOVE.*

*In fact, not a single spiritual gift will take effect if you do not have love! This is what 1 Corinthians 13 conveys to us.*

*Therefore, JESUS answers the question of the scholars with: „You shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind“. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is equal to it: „You shall love your neighbor as yourself“. In these two commandments is contained ALL that law & prophets devise. Matthew 22: 37-40*

*Do you want to see the unbelievable POWER OF GOD released in your life? Then start putting the love commandment into practice! Start loving GOD & others around you today.*

*You know love is the power charge, GOD'S „powerhouse“ simply won't work WITHOUT LOVE! This is the main reason we have experienced so many defeats in the Body of Christ. If we start today, you and I can turn the defeats around. We can resolve to let the WORD OF GOD dwell in us richly and live the Gospel faithfully.*

*We can set our hearts on keeping the LOVE & WISDOMS of JESUS and speaking His name with confidence and authority, APPLY! And most important of all, we can begin to love one another. And then we will see how the POWER of GOD begins to flow, to work.*

*Scripture study: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8*

## **The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,**

a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

- Psalm 9:9-10



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I AM WITH YOU TO  
*rescue*  
AND  
*save you.*  
JEREMIAH 15:20



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**"WHY DID YOU DOUBT?"**

- MATTHEW 14:31



**When I feel alone,  
God says  
He is always  
with me!**

**...Do not be afraid or discouraged.  
For the Lord your God  
is with you  
wherever you go**  
Joshua 1:9

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*And if I could prophesy, and knew all mysteries, and all knowledge, and had all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and had not love, I should be nothing.*

*Love is longsuffering and kind, love is not jealous, love does not provoke wantonness, it does not puff itself up, it does not behave unseemly, it does not seek its own, it does not let itself be embittered, it does not impute evil.*

*But love, which is the bond of perfection, is above all things.*  
Colossians 3:14

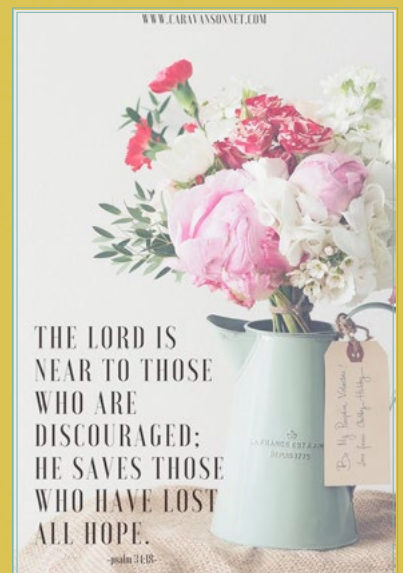
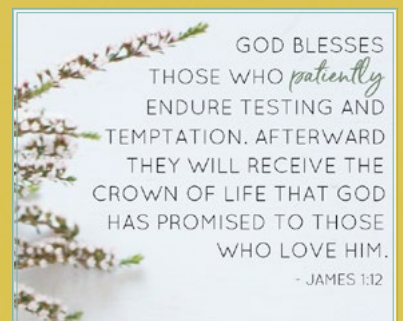
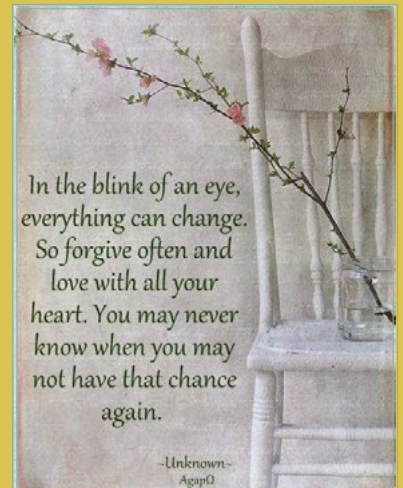
*If anyone says, „I love GOD,“ and yet hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he sees, how can he love GOD whom HE does not see ?*  
1 John 4: 20

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We all have dreams that we believe in, but perhaps we have already suffered some setbacks? Our dreams may be buried under discouragement, past mistakes, rejection, failure and negative voices? It's easy to settle for mediocrity even when we have all this potential inside of us.... (especially women!) Your dream may be buried, but it's still alive.... It's not too late to make it come true. The key to realizing your destiny is to remember your dream. \*What did God put in your heart? What did you used to be excited about? Why do you think it's too late, it's too big, or it's not possible?\* Get your passion back. You didn't miss your chance or have too many bad experiences. God will bring back to life what you thought was dead. You may have tried and failed, but dreams you gave up on will suddenly come back to life. God has the \*final word for you\* that is already done, planned, decided, completed and unchanged. God has not changed His mind!

„God, thank You for the dreams and desires You have placed in my heart. Thank You that I can stir my faith and know that You can resurrect what I may have thought was already dead. I declare that it is never too late to make my dreams come true, for You have the final word. In Jesus' name. Amen.“

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