

“Hallelujah! – Amina!”

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On Sunday morning, July 10th, it was time to go to church in Belike, Uganda.

In the six days since we arrived in Belike, the Christ Church Uganda Mission Team had been offering themselves as God’s servants, sharing His joy and enlightening His children to help them live their best lives.

In the mornings, Olinda, Steve, Jim and Ette taught Vacation Bible School with crafts and Bible stories to the Primary School students, and offered career insights to the Secondary School students. Betty, and her assistants, George and Michelle, taught dental hygiene to eager flossers. Bob photographed the delight.

In the afternoons, the Mission Team delivered a Leadership Seminar sharing many ways in which church leaders can use the “Fruits of the Spirit” and the “Gifts of the Spirit” when leading their congregations. Many of these church leaders walked several hours to attend the four-day seminar and sat in open-air tents in the shadow of their newest church nearing completion. Mission Team members swapped their microphones for paint brushes and with the help of local painters, the first white church in the area shone with the glory of God– truly a labor of love.

After a week of sharing God’s love, it was Sunday and we were ready to worship with a church full of new friends in Christ. We were danced into the church with jubilation where we shared tender moments of sympathy and encouragement and a celebration of love. The choir sang *AND* danced and hearts were lifted in praise.

Pastor Ronnie led the congregation in a song of faith and God’s triumph:

“Jehovah turns my life around.
He makes a way where there seems no way.
Jehovah has the final say!”

Pastor Michelle shared a lesson based on Thessalonians 5:11:

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.”

Surely God smiled as we worshipped His holy name in praise and prayer. We were blessed.

Our mission to serve was complete – yet just begun. “Hallelujah! – Amina!”