

“Fire” in Uganda

Introduction: Following a priests’ retreat in National Seminary Ggaba in Uganda in July 2003, there has been a strengthening of the presence of the Renewal in the Seminary with now 4 Professors having a weekly meeting. The result of this beautiful encounter has been the deep desire to lead others to have the same experience. It was also deemed a very good thing to inculcate the Spirit of renewal into the future priests. It is then that Fr. Santos Wanok, the Chairman of the Priests’ Fraternity had preliminary discussions with Fr. Timothy in the possibility of sponsoring seminarians for Life in the Spirit Seminar.

Consequently, through Joseph Alumansi, the National Coordinator, Fr. Timothy was contacted and he generously accepted to organize for the funds. Fr. Maurice Larochelle delivered the \$2,700.00.

Attendance: Initially over 70 Seminarians from National Seminary Ggaba had expressed interest to attend Life in the Spirit Seminar. We later saw the need to

bring the other 3 Seminaries as well and we sent an invitation to them. The response was overwhelming. However, since we were limited in funds, we took only those we could. We also received 4 seminarians from Religious Congregations and 2 on Pastoral Spiritual Year.



Members of the group in Uganda who participated in the Life in the Spirit Seminar. The group included several Seminarians who will be guided towards building and strengthening Prayer Groups. Follow up and additional direction will be on-going.

Generally, there is a thirst and longing for an experience with the Living God among these young men.

The Seminar: The Seminar began on the 28th June and went up to 4th July. The facilitators were prayerfully chosen to meet the needs of such a category of people. It comprised of the National Spiritual Director, Fr. Alex, who is

also a professor in the Seminary, Fr. Silverio, a professor who encountered the Renewal in a very dramatic way, Joseph, the Director of Emmaus Community, Simon, a Youth Evangelist on fire for the Lord, Martha, the coordinator of Programs, Rose, another evangelist, and Simon, a very wonderful Worship Leader.

The Lord was so faithful and used these people powerfully to minister to the Seminarians. The Seminarians had never encountered the Gospel preached in a radically new way. Some of them even suggested that Life in the Spirit Seminar become part of the Seminary Curriculum.

On the day of outreach, we sent them to a completely new ground – about 60 kms away – where there has been no evangelization – in fact, a place so full of witchdoctors and traditionalists. Like the 72, they returned full of joy and proclaiming the wonders of the Lord. Some even forgot to return at the appointed time and we had to leave them to the care of the Lord. They returned at about 10:00 in the evening! Some told of stories how they were literally rejected but they insisted to share at least a prayer.

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Emmanuel – God is with us. This month of December is a wonderful time for the Christian people. We celebrate the two great seasons of Advent and Christmas--- the preparation for, and the reception of Christ among us.

I have always loved the name Emmanuel and especially during this month. It serves as a constant reminder of the great miracle of the Incarnation. Jesus came to dwell among us and continues to live among us still. What a gift to have the time to ponder the great mystery of the Incarnation.

The arrival of Christmas is a great blessing to priests. It reminds us of the ever present gift of the Lord. It allows us to pause and see the many ways that the Lord reveals Himself to us-- the Sacraments, the Liturgy, the presence of God in our family and friends, the people we are called to serve, the poor and broken. All of these are meant to be reminders of the Lord's presence in our lives.

The Lord also calls us to recognize that this presence in others is meant to bring us ever closer to Himself. My faith is made all the stronger when I see the Lord working in the lives of others; when I see lives changed by the love of God and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

We in the Fraternity of Priests have been greatly blessed in so many ways. Whether we are a newly ordained priest working in the bush of East Africa, an elderly priest still ministering despite age and illness in the United States, or a priest trying to preach the New Evangelization in the former Communist nations of Eastern Europe we have all been touched by the hand of Emmanuel. God has chosen us for this life and ministry. Through the Fraternity he has blessed us and poured out the Holy Spirit upon us.

Recently we have made plans to have missions over the next 6 months to Ukraine, India, Tanzania and Uganda. We have received requests for further information from other nations

in East Africa and Dioceses in the US.

Thanks to your prayers and generosity we are able to continue to reach out to priests around the world. Lives are being changed because of the blessing that you are to us.

When we think of the ways that the Lord has revealed Himself to us – we think of you.

Thank you again for loving the priesthood and supporting the Fraternity. May Emmanuel be always with you.

In Christ,



Fr. Timothy Graff



Fraternity Financial Report

One of the objectives for the Fraternity of Priests is to inform our donors about the ongoing financial health and details of the organization. We're providing this information to help communicate our specific need and to thank those many faithful benefactors who help make our service possible. Thank you!

Monthly Donation Budget: **\$6,300.00**

Actual Donations: **\$3,901.00**

Budget Surplus (shortage) **(\$2,399.00)**

Current as of October 30, 2004.

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Where they refused even the prayer, they asked to simply pray there. The result has been that those who were not reached sent messages that they too need to be reached. So many people have given their lives to the Lord. Healings were reported and there was an excitement in the village bordering on the Second coming of the Lord! The Seminarians were too excited thanking God for having such an opportunity.

Follow up: To consolidate the power of the Spirit that they have received, we now plan to follow up the prayer groups in the Seminaries. We shall evaluate the effect of the Seminar by the growth and dynamism in their prayer groups. We shall make a visit every Semester to the Seminaries for at least 2 to 3 days. We shall also acquaint them with the dynamics of having a vibrant prayer group and to active the different ministries. God willing, we shall have another Seminar for them next year as a follow up.

Objectives:

- To have Spirit-filled Seminarians.
- To acquaint the Seminarians with the Renewal which is growing in an unprecedented rate the world over.
- To have future priests who are on fire for the Lord.
- To inculcate a spirit of evangelism in the Seminarians.
- To have the Seminarians grow in prayer groups in the Seminary
- To fulfill the cry of the Holy Father for a new evangelization.

Please continue to pray for the success of our brothers and sisters in Christ who serve those thirsting for the Lord!

Please send us your prayer intentions: _____

**INTERNATIONAL CHARISMATIC
PRIESTS RETREAT**

September 25 to October 1, 2005
Ars, France

For the first time ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) in conjunction with the Catholic Community of the Beatitudes, with the cooperation of the John Mary Vianney Society offer together an international charismatic priests retreat to be held from September 25 to October 1, 2005 in the year of the hundredth anniversary of the beatification of the Holy Priest in Ars-sur-Forman (Ain- France) The last time a retreat like this was held was in Rome in 1990. Cardinals, Bishops, priests are invited to deepen the theme: “Priesthood, the Love of Jesus Heart”, to pray in the power of the Spirit and to spend this week close to the Holy Cure, to Jesus, heart and the Virgin Mary, led by Sr. Briege Mckenna, OSC and Fr. Kevin Scallon, CM and many other speakers and celebrants.

Fraternity Prophecies

Before all else, you are my son. Before all else you are the man I have chosen. Live the freedom I gift you with this night. I free you from self-doubt, self-condemnation. Before all else, you are my son.

My sons, my people are hungry for me, yet my priests are not hungry for me. You have tasted the things of this world and have not been satisfied. When you devour my word and abide in my Eucharistic Presence, you too will be able to feed my people again.

My sons, if you give me permission, I will take from you your mediocre and tepid hearts and give you new hearts—hearts on fire with love for me in a greater and deeper way, hearts on fire with greater zeal for the fraternity of priests and its renewal. If you give me permission, I will accomplish this in your midst.

My brothers, I know your hearts. I know your sense of inadequacies, how much you lack personally and corporately. I ask you to give me your inadequacies and I will bless them. In my hands they will be sufficient—even more than you need. As I fed the 5000 on five loaves and two fish, let your inadequacies become sufficiency and see how your sufficiency will overflow to more than you can imagine.

from The Annual Fraternity of Priests Meeting - August 1 – 6, 2004

The Fraternity of Priests wishes you and your loved ones a very Holy and Blessed Christmas!

We will continue to pray for our faithful members and generous benefactors who continue to help us carry our mission forward.

You will be remembered at Masses during the Holiday season!

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY!

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name of priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own disposition and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (.....). Amen.

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