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Dear friends, this is a people posting, an amazing story of how God protects and blesses His children - even when disaster strikes. Our only request is that you read it. ENJOY!



October 9, 2023 Newsletter

REV. JAMES' ACCIDENT . . . THE REST OF THE STORY

Older readers will remember Paul Harvey's popular radio broadcasts during the last quarter of the 20th Century. *The Rest of the Story* was about persons or subjects largely ignored or unknown to the public, with some key and surprise element withheld until the end. After a surprise revelation, the broadcasts always concluded with the tag line, "And now you know...the rest of the story." What follows is one of those.



Rev. James (now), at right, beside good Samaritan John Senyonjo, and from right to left, his daughter, KVTC Principal Stella Nabitosi and John's wife.



Rev. James after the crash.

Nearly two years ago, Rev. James Adyeri was almost killed as he drove through a village trading center in a motorcycle accident at an intersection. Rev. James was sideswiped by another vehicle and thrown from his motorcycle, suffering multiple injuries, including a severe closed-head injury. The accident happened quite a distance from the nearest clinic located in Kakumiro, a city on the northern section of Kibaale. Rev. James was alone, it was after dark and was many miles away from Nyamarwa and KVTC, where he was headed that evening.

We previously reported that his son Albert rushed from his home in Hoima, 50 miles north of Kakumiro, picked up his father at the Clinic, where immediate first-aid was given. However, as a small-town clinic, it was not equipped to deal with his very serious injuries. Albert then took him to Mulago Hospital in Kampala, where he was subsequently treated successfully, although his recovery took more than a year and a half. We are overjoyed that he is now back on the job, driving in a car provided by FOK donors, and never again needing to ride a motorcycle!

But how did Rev. James get from the accident for the urgent ride a number of miles to Kakumiro Town Clinic? We never knew the answer until a couple of weeks ago, when Stella Nabitosi, Principal of KVTC, sent us a remarkable letter. "Sing, shout for joy, Israel," she quoted from Zephaniah 3, "Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Jerusalem!" **She shared this wonderful encounter:** "We also visited John Senyonjo, the good Samaritan man whom God used to help Rev. James when he got in an accident; he's the one who rushed him to the clinic and kept everything the Reverend had, so that he did not lose anything!"

This Good Samaritan was until now the unknown, unsung hero who somehow got Rev. James up off a busy intersection,

gathered and protected his personal belongings, and within a very few minutes transported him to the clinic, where he could be protected from further injury and given first aid. I just confirmed this story in a phone conversation with Rev. James, with this amazing addition: John Senyonjo recruited a friend to help get Rev. James up on the only vehicle available to him, another motorcycle! The two men braced their semi-conscious victim between them and drove him safely to the Clinic. Without this man's courage, honesty and willingness to immediately come to the aid of a stranger, Rev. James may not have survived. From the photo, you will notice how much smaller he is than Rev. James, yet he found a way to get Rev. James onto the motorcycle and secure him there for the long ride to the clinic. *We invite you to join us in joyful thanksgiving for this little man who did such a great work, and for Stella Nabitosi, who gave us "... the rest of the story."*



Stella and Paskanzia



Stella and Justine

Stella went on to tell us of some students she and Rev. James visited at their homes during term break, Nakato Paskanzia and Namukisa Justine, both fashion design students. They were hard at work harvesting and planting in their family gardens when Stella and James visited them during the holiday, but they were looking forward with excitement to renewing their studies at Kibbuse. Something you should know is that almost all Kibbuse students come from rural agrarian families; school breaks are just the same as in agrarian America, school holidays lead to hard farm work at home. One of the things we have admired on all our visits to Uganda is the industriousness of the people, and especially those who follow Jesus.

Our God is great, and His children live in wonderful stories of grace, healing and everyday goodness. Praise Him!

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