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GREAT REPORT FROM THE NYAMUGE BAPTIST CHURCH

In 2009, we were led by the Lord to start a church in the village of Kitongo, Tanzania. We were introduced to this village by our former teammates Dave and Becky Helsby. They helped start an orphanage there along with another missionary family. In the orphanage's search for an assistant director, we connected the orphanage with a pastor that we had worked with in Kenya named John Mbugua. John and his family moved to Kitongo to work in this orphanage, and John also helped us to start the church in this village. Of all the churches that we had a part in starting in Tanzania, this church plant was the most difficult. We experienced opposition from the village and much satanic resistance in general. During the first year of this church we used a rotation of preachers to conduct Sunday services. It came to a point where no one wanted to preach there, and we considered moving on from this village to start a work in another village. However, after much prayer we felt led of the Lord to continue. Eventually, the church turned the corner and was blessed with growth and unity under the leadership of Pastor Mbugua.



Then out of this church, two other churches were planted. In 2021, the Chamungiri Baptist Church was started. This church is currently pastored by John Dominick. Then, in 2022 the church at Kitongo started the Nyamuge Baptist Church. This church is pastored by Joas Kibaba who also works with Pastor Mbugua at the orphanage in Kitongo. The wife of Pastor Joas is a lady named Rhoda whom we knew as a teenager back at the first church we worked with in the village of Fumagira. It's a blessing to see her teaching children at this church as she also serves alongside her husband as a pastor's wife. This church has faithfully preached the Gospel in this village, and the Lord has produced much fruit as a result. Recently, we received a wonderful report that they had 34 new converts baptized. Since these churches are located on the shores of Lake Victoria, that is

where they conducted their baptismal service. Please pray for these three churches (Kitongo, Chamungiri, and Nyamuge) along with the pastors of these churches.