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Bringing the Gospel to Needy Places



An area in Tanzania that we have prayed for over the years has a potential open door for a church to be planted there. It is Pastor Pelegrino's hometown of Bukoba. Bukoba is located in northwestern Tanzania on the western shore of Lake Victoria. It is a good-sized town with a population of around 150,000. Pelegrino personally does not know of a doctrinally sound Baptist church in this area. The Catholic Church has had a stronghold in this town for years and even Pelegrino has been persecuted for

leaving the Catholic Church. The priests in Bukoba have harassed Pelegrino's mom and told her that her son will go to hell for preaching the true Gospel and standing against the false teachings of the Catholic Church. Pelegrino has had a great burden to see a solid Bible-believing church established there. The church at Kitongo had made contact with a man from Bukoba who also desired to start a church in his hometown. In October several men from Kitongo traveled the almost 300 miles via a ferry across Lake Victoria to Bukoba. They met with Pastor Ivan who has started a work at his home. His formal training is limited; however, he does have a great desire to reach his people with the Gospel. Please pray for this new work to be fruitful and pray for the church at Kitongo to have wisdom in how to encourage and assist this pastor in planting a church in Bukoba.

Also, please pray for Pastors Pelegrino and Naftary who are involved in a ministry to the prisons in Tanzania. It is a people group that is neglected for the most part. It is difficult to get the permits to go into the prisons and the conditions there make it challenging to minister to the men there. However, Pelegrino and Naftary have been faithful to bring the Gospel to some of the most forgotten people in Tanzania. Pray for this ministry to bear much fruit as they seek to lead people to Christ and to disciple these new believers.