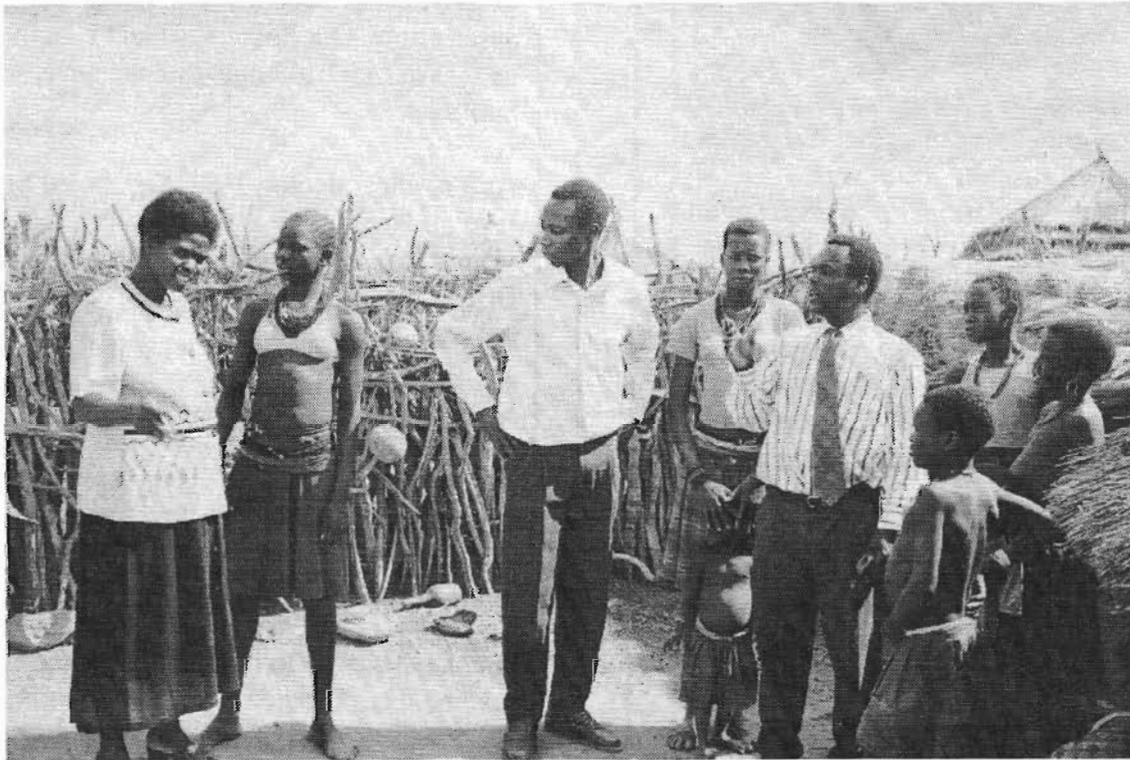


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ICMI IN THE FIELD

Dr. Edward Mukooza (centre) gathers a village crowd as he supervises two students. These doctors are doing field work toward completion of their diplomas in Health Administration – in this case in a village in north-east Uganda.

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VISIT TO VICTORIA

By Dr. Edward Mukooza

Last June I received an invitation from the Board of the ICMI (Canada) to visit Victoria from October 18 to November 6, 1999. My wife, Samalie, and I were very excited and accepted the invitation. The main purpose of my visit was for me to be the guest speaker at the ICMI fundraising dinner held at the Uplands Golf Club on October 30, 1999.

In our preparation for this trip, it was difficult for Samalie to get a visa to Canada, but we are grateful to God that this incident happened because the result was indescribable support and prayers from our hosts and other friends in Victoria. The prayers were answered three days before the trip. This made us more aware of the power of prayer and also of the friends we have in Canada.

We were overwhelmed by the reception we received on our arrival at the Victoria airport. The many friends who came to meet us welcomed us with the song, "This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." We were filled with joy and immediately felt at home.

My trip to Victoria was well publicized and I had an interview with the *Times Colonist* and C-Fax radio. The key message that I gave through the media was an outline of the achievements of ICMI in Uganda and the benefits of its programmes to the health services in Uganda. My interviewer on C-Fax raised the issue of donors not being sure which organizations to donate to because of the fear that money will be used for administration rather than programmes. ICMI has a proven track record of using all donations for the intended purposes so I encouraged donors to support ICMI. I also

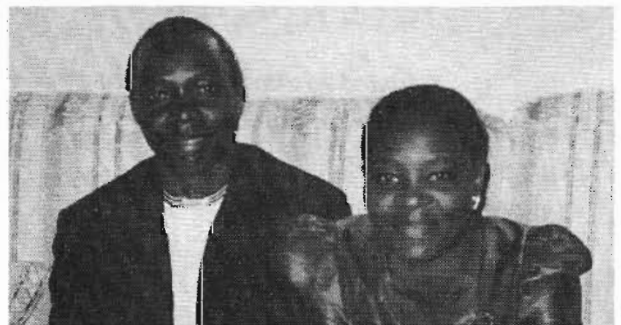
had an opportunity to speak to the congregation of St. George's Church and I thanked them for the tremendous support they have given to ICMI.

All the 18 days we spent in Victoria had scheduled activities involving meeting supporters of ICMI with whom I shared my experiences in Uganda as I carry out my work. People were so hospitable and eager to meet us that we had more appointments than the days we had. The hospitality and generosity shown to us by ICMI supporters were beyond description. Our hosts, Carl and Loraine, made us feel so much at home that we never felt homesick.

As a medical doctor, I was fascinated by the level of technology at the hospitals that I visited in Victoria with Dr. Jim Sparling. Dr. Brian Carr-Harris' dental clinic had equipment not seen in Uganda.

One of the things we noted in Victoria was the outstanding cleanliness and order in the city. We also noted the very secure environment people live in. We have never been in a place anything like Victoria in terms of security, friendliness, the culture of maintenance, order and cleanliness. We now know that there is much we can do to improve the environment around us in Uganda.

I am very grateful to ICMI (Canada) for inviting and sponsoring me for this trip.



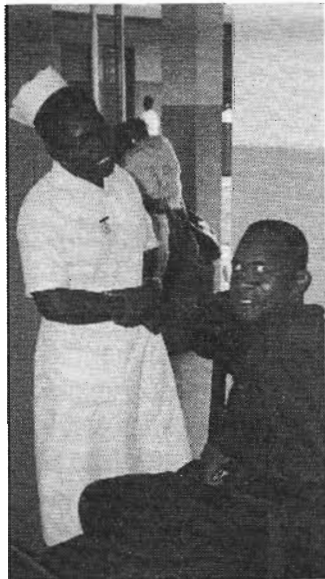
Edward and Samalie Mukooza

FUNDRAISING DINNER

One hundred and twenty people gathered at the Uplands Golf Club for the ICMI Fundraising Dinner on October 30, 1999.

The evening was a great success and a total of \$16,000 was raised from ticket sales and donations. The dining room was alive with balloons and napkins in the colours of the Uganda flag. The Mukoozas were dressed in their traditional Ugandan dress. Samalie wore a pink and red busuti and Edward his long white tunic.

Bishop Barry Jenks gave a blessing, after which guests enjoyed a four course dinner, followed by entertainment by Las Divas and the Broad Street Dancers. Forty-four items were donated by local merchants and ICMI members for the silent auction. The Venerable Logan McMenamie was Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Edward Mukooza, the guest speaker, told dinner guests about the Ugandan health care system and its needs. He thanked ICMI for its contribution which he said had greatly benefitted the whole country.



Sister Dora Nairuba and a patient at Mengo hospital TB clinic. Dr. Jim Sparling's initiative and the generosity of Saanich Rotary, Rotary Int'l and CIDA have paid for the development of a TB clinic nursing office.

COMPUTER TRAINING



Diane Berlenbach, a computer skills instructor at a community college in Peterborough, Ontario, went to Uganda in early January, 2000 to conduct a computer skills training program. Twenty-five health administrators, doctors and nurses attended the program, which is part of the ICMI development education training program in Uganda.

Dianne had been planning this trip for about a year, since she received an invitation from Loraine Spencer Garry at the end of a Christmas letter. During the summer of 1999, Diane became apprehensive about the trip, which at that time she was planning to take on her own. She started to pray for God's guidance.

One Sunday in August, Dianne attended a neighbouring church and met Bishop Barry Jenks from Victoria, BC. When Dianne began telling Bishop Barry about her plan to go to Uganda with ICMI, he said, "I know all about the program, I had dinner with the Garrys two nights ago." For Dianne, who could not quite believe what she was hearing, this was the necessary confirmation that the Lord did indeed want her to go to Uganda. In the event, her husband, Eugene, (the Garrys' former minister) has accompanied her.

THE MAARIS VISIT VICTORIA

Each year students graduating from the ICMI diploma program in Health Administration are permitted to invite two guests to the ceremony. At the March 3, 1999 ceremony, a student from Rwanda invited Bishop Eliphaz Maari and his wife, Eunice, as his guests because he had no relatives in Uganda. Bishop Maari was at that time the Acting Vice-Chancellor of the new Uganda Christian University (UCU), formerly Bishop Tucker Theological College. After the graduation ceremony, Bishop Eliphaz told Carl Garry that he was coming to Canada in August, 1999.

ICMI invited the Maaris to meet the ICMI executive. For some time now, ICMI has wanted to become affiliated with a suitable university. In August, Bishop Eliphaz and Eunice and the ICMI executive discussed ways in which ICMI and UCU might enter into a mutually beneficial partnership. ICMI put forward a number of proposals in a Discussion Paper which Bishop Eliphaz agreed to take back to the UCU board.

During the Maaris' visit, Mary Anne Kinloch, chair of the ICMI membership committee, and her husband, Dr. David Kinloch, gave a party for the Maaris to meet ICMI members. Among the guests were John Barton and his wife, Barbara. John was principal of the Bishop Tucker Theological College when Bishop Eliphaz was a student there.



Dr. Carl Garry presents a gift to Bishop Eliphaz and Eunice Maari during a party in their honour in Victoria.



Pediatric clinic in session

FIRST PEDIATRIC CLINIC

Twenty-one Ugandan pediatricians attended an intensive 14-day clinic to train doctors to better manage children's diseases. Under the supervision of the Ugandan facilitators, Dr. Edward Mukooza and pediatrician Dr. Crispus Tegu, the participants carried out complete exams of sick children at three Kampala hospitals. Each doctor saw a minimum of 40 individual children, so that over 800 kids were treated during the clinic -- a remarkable feat!