



Snippets from the Shires

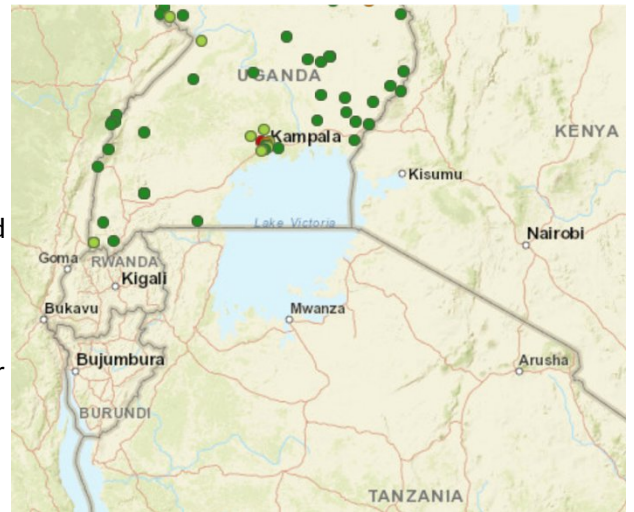
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“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.
“ Revelation 7:9 NIV

Warm greetings from a steamy Barnstaple,

We recently heard an amazing story of God 's love demonstrated to a remote island people. During a prayer meeting in Uganda, God spoke a single word to several members of the group, *Kacunga*. This turned out to be the name of an island - one of 3000 on Lake Victoria, a large inland lake connecting Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. It lies among the Ssesse islands in the Kampala district of the lake. The prayer group felt they had to go there; a long journey by land and water; and wondered what they would find on the island God had named. What they discovered was an indigenous community of illiterate subsistence fisherman who had never heard the name of Jesus. The Kacungans were eking out a life on the island with no electricity, hospital, school, or church, a 90% HIV infection rate, and 99% belief in witchcraft. The Holy Spirit had directed the prayer group very specifically to a needy people group totally unreached by the gospel. The islanders welcomed their visitors warmly and were astonished to hear how God had singled them out from other islands and groups. When they heard the gospel message, 50 of them immediately believed and received Jesus; and a new church was planted among this unreached and isolated tribe. Praise God!
(Find this in: *Lectio 365* <https://lectio236.24-7prayer.com/share/devotionals/2026-06-19/morning?locale=en>)



The Challenge

Hearing this story made me wonder afresh how many other tribes and people groups are living on unreached islands and in coastal areas with no opportunity to hear the Gospel message of God’s amazing love for them, and the salvation Jesus brings. Unknown to us, these dear people are, however, **known and loved by God our Heavenly Father**.

But they still need an opportunity to hear about His love. This is why water drones are being constructed in the workshop in Australia, specifically to deliver the Word of God by land and water using the power of wind, currents and oceans.



'THE PATHS OF THE SEA'
- the latest HFA Newsletter, explains the history behind the science and the growing understanding of how technology can be used to reach unreached people groups by water.



Water drone progress at HFA's workshop in Australia

Water drone #3 is complete and had its first water tests on the lake last week. Lots of things went well: it was straightforward to launch, buoyant, the solar panels charged and gave power to the batteries, it could be steered remotely. But there was a hitch with one of the motors so its back in the workshop for the engineers to determine what is going on. That is their task this week. A plan to return to the lake for testing is already in place.

- **Please Pray: The glitches will be found, and the drone will be ready for launch on the ocean.**

How are things going with the new charity set-up for Hope BB in the UK?

Submitted! After months of work, the paperwork for registration as a UK based charity was finally submitted this week to the UK Charity Commission. YEAH!! According to the solicitor, the commission is 'experiencing exceptionally high volumes of work... the current estimated response time is anything up to 23 weeks'. So, we wait.

- **Please Pray: for God's favour and help for the Charity Commission to do its work, and wisdom for us as we deal with any questions and clarification that may be required.**

In the meantime: Hope BB now has a Logo, and a website (Find us at: HopeBB.org.uk) Hope BB is slowly taking shape, working in the UK to make the needs of unreached and isolated people groups known, form partnerships overseas, conduct further research into unreached people groups, recruit volunteers.

We continue to join the other HFA networks in seeking to help these isolated groups to receive God's word using innovative technologies available to us. Hope BB's Trustees meet monthly for prayer: and our next weekend of strategy and planning is coming up in July.

As we wait, we are preparing to visit supporting church groups and friends for one last time in the Autumn. **We PRAY that every church in the UK would know about unreached and isolated people groups** and BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED in praying for them to have that opportunity to hear about Jesus and receive His life-giving Word. So, we ask:

- *Does your church pray for unreached people groups?*
- *Do you?*
- *Would you like us to come and speak to your church?*

May God challenge each of us to pray, and may there be the means by which EVERY group can hear, read or see the gospel, and understand it's message.

It's been a busy few months. We've had some great opportunities to speak at churches. We've also ticked off a few of the things on our bucket list, including climbing Scarfell Pike (England's highest peak), visiting Lundy Island again - this time with friends, and taking a long walk over Exmoor and filling in some gaps along the SW Coast path.



Many in our world are glued to the TV watching world cup soccer. (We've watched a few games ourselves). Many have also paid large amounts of money to get tickets and travelled across the world to support their national football team. The challenge for us all is to get behind Team Mission seeking to reach the unreached for Christ just as enthusiastically.

Jesus's mandate to his disciples is found at the end of Matthew 28:18-19 "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

Thank you for your prayers and your partnership in this task.

Blessings, Tim and Carol

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