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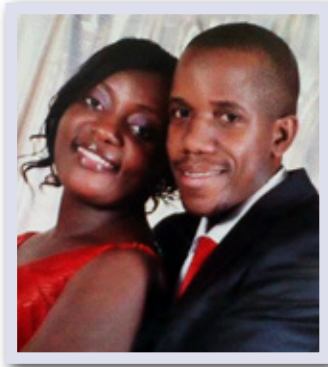
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PETER KAKURU

Perseverance of the Kakuru family



Reenah, Petrinah, Kaeron and Peter Kakuru

Marriage is such a great institution which God designed to enable human beings express affection towards each other. At the start, the journey is a merry one which is marked by a celebration and along the way challenges come up and it is up to the couple to become closer or otherwise. For a young married couple to encounter a premature baby due in 3 months, going through the situation and coming out victorious with both mother and child's lives saved; Only God must have been able to pull it off! **Christian Post** met Mr. Peter Kakuru the Manager Power F.M and Mrs. Reenah Kakuru I.T lecturer, UCU and they shared their story.

In The Beginning

Born in 1982 in a family of 4 boys and 1 girl Peter Kakuru is the elder twin of the Late George Rujojo and Mrs Joy Rujojo who spent his childhood days in the Kampala City and grew up in Nakasero flats and Bugolobi Flats. Peter attended Nakasero Primary School, Kibuli S.S, Makerere High and graduated at Makerere University with a BSc. Statistical Economics. He worked with NAADS as a volunteer for 2 yrs and with the then Celtel for 7 yrs and is currently serving as the Station Manager of Power F.M for the last 2 years.

During his initial days of employment, Peter joined the Young Workers ministry at the Church and was groomed in the proper way a young working Christian ought to conduct themselves towards workmates and God. He was fortunate and rose to the leadership ranks of the ministry and this presented him an opportunity to meet Reenah. Reenah is the eldest of the two girls born in the city outskirt area of Luzira. She pursued a bachelor's degree in Information Technology at Uganda Christian University (UCU) in Mukono and worked with NSSF for 3 years before returning to UCU as a lecturer in Information Technology.

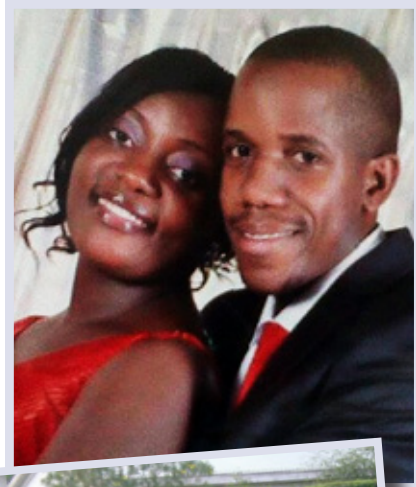
How They Met

The Young Workers ministry is comprised of young working people who attend the following Churches; Watoto, All Saints, Bugolobi Church of the Resurrection, Full Gospel & Deliverance Church. One of the activities on their annual calendar is the inspire conference where a motivational speaker passes on insight to the audience. For the year 2000, it so happened that Peter represented Watoto Church and Reenah represented All Saints Church on the organizing committee for the conference. In one of the meetings at Buganda Road flats, Reenah caught Peter's attention because she stood out as eager to serve and take on challenges, she was humorous and energetic as well.

Making The Move

During a radio interview on Power F.M to raise awareness of the "Inspire

Conference" Peter, Reenah and one other person had been selected from the committee and as Reenah skillfully engaged the listeners and answered their questions, her brilliance and intelligence left Peter assured that she was a rare gem not to leave aside. So after 3 marriage proposals between April and May, Reenah finally accepted to give her hand in marriage. In the month of August the colorful introduction took place and in November, 2010 the glamorous wedding occurred everything being done within the same year with a visible hand of God every step of the way.



The Rubber Meets the Road



Petrinah taking some time off with Baby Kaeron

After coming from individual backgrounds where making decisions independently was the order of the day, when they became one, the need to forego the personal interests for the good of the other person was challenging. They were blessed with a 'honeymoon' baby girl Petrinah on 13th August, 2011 just 9 months after the wedding and this immediately introduced them to parenting. They hardly got much time to specially care for one another without giving the child attention.

Slightly less than two years after the birth of Petrinah, on the 17th May Reenah started experiencing birth pangs which were expected to appear on the 24th August 2013. She reached out to Peter who was in a meeting with the phone in silence. After several attempts in vain, she contacted a friend - Barbara who immediately came and started on the journey from Kitende to a hospital in Kampala. When the bleeding intensified, they decided to stop over at a clinic in Seguku which they informed Peter.

Coming To The Rescue

When Peter finished the meeting and found the missed calls and the message of their destination, he madly drove the car and got to the clinic in Seguku before the people from Kitende. When the doctor at the clinic saw the situation a little complicated, he referred them to the hospital. Peter who had already driven the car 'ambulance style' got in the car, put in the patient and their friend and immediately sped off to Nakasero hospital. They quickly got into town without even stopping for any traffic lights but the car suddenly stopped in the middle of the road next to the High Court. After cooling down, the car was able to complete the journey and they finally reached the hospital.



The medical personnel at the hospital worked so hard to save the life of the mother because they assumed the baby was not likely to make it. The mother was asked to push the baby who came out with little effort at a weight of 900 grams and a size of 3 adult fingers and palm combined. It was possible to see the blood vessel network and other body components under the skin of the baby. On his arrival, baby Kaeron Natangaaza (meaning God does miracles) cried and this indicated that he was still alive so he attracted the medical personnel's attention but shortly after that he went silent and stopped breathing.

The nurses immediately started pumping his chest with only two fingers for about 45 minutes to resuscitate the heart and they were finally successful. When the breathing normalized, he was wrapped in cotton, placed him in an incubator and connected the tubes which helped him to feed.



Baby Kaeron wrapped in Cotton in the Incubator

Information Transmission

The mother, Reenah stayed behind to watch over the baby and Peter left the hospital and returned home to communicate the situation at hand to their colleagues and loved ones. Peter visited the hospital every morning and evening. He took it a notch higher when he offered to 'Kangaroo' the son.

Kangaroo is a process where the child is placed on the chest of an adult person to get the natural warmth other than that from the incubator. It amazed the on-lookers because they had never seen a man go to such a level of performing the Kangaroo instead of the women.

The doctor painted the future picture and lay out the possibilities. If the child was to continue in the incubator, a daily charge of 500,000/= shillings for the remaining 3 months and an occasional doze which could cost 1.5 million shillings. "Even after completing the 3 months in the hospital," the doctor continued, "there is no guarantee that the child will be a normal child."

Despite all these predictions by the doctor, Peter never allowed the thought of giving up Kaeron linger on his mind and he therefore firmly assured the doctor that all shall be well with both the mother and son.

This information was passed on to the friends and loved ones and a prayer chain was formed by members from the different fellowships and Churches which Peter and Reenah belonged to and indeed God started to visibly intervene in their situation. Everyday they stood at the incubator where Kaeron lay wrapped in cotton and they prayed over him and declared Scriptures over his life 'that he shall live to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.' And when the medical personnel saw a phenomenal improvement in Kaeron's life and a significant difference between him and other babies in the Intensive Care Unit, they attributed it to God's mighty power.

Divine Intervention

At a point when things seemed to be getting better, Reenah faced an inadequacy of breast milk. She was advised to take hot water, porridge, milk and other beverages cup after cup but no significant improvement was realized towards getting the substantial milliliters needed to feed Kaeron. When this information reached the friends, a couple signed up to donate breast milk and after undergoing the necessary tests, their milk was approved. This couple chose to give their baby “formula” and passed on the breast milk to baby Kaeron. How amazing can God be to His people!

There was a moment when an imminent threat of Hydrocephalus (a condition where water fills the head) which needed brain surgery as confirmed by a top Neuro-surgeon in Uganda. A couple of other health issues affecting the heart and the lungs also threatened to exist. Those who partnered with the couple in prayer lifted these issues to God and as time went on, the head stopped growing in size and the final confirmation came when the surgery was cancelled.



Mrs. Reenah Kakuru “Kangarooing” Baby Kaeron

God once more came out for baby Kaeron and kept him from the pangs of death.

Leaving Hospital

When the time came close for discharging Kaeron from the hospital, the bill amounted to 9 million shillings and not much had been paid. Peter planned to sell off his car but God re-assured him that He will not share His Glory with anyone else so the family stood still and trusted in the Lord who is mighty to save. Financial support and other necessary materials were immediately mobilized with all the concerned bringing what they could to the point of a young girl, Petrinah’s friend in Children’s Church approached Reenah and contributed 500/= shillings towards the noble cause. Within a week’s time, the bill had been fully cleared and they left the hospital with their living testimony.

When Kaeron arrived home, the heating equipment had to be improvised and this resulted into using electric kettles which worked around the clock to provide the much needed heat. Since kettles do not normally operate for long hours, many kettles were blown in the exercise and the electricity bill for that month sky rocketed to 1.5 million shillings. The parents attended to the baby in shifts with one being in the day and the other in the night while feeding the baby in a 2-hour cycle. Friends did not leave them alone in this, some offered to join the caretaking shifts others brought already prepared meals and they really blessed the Kakuru family.



A Word about Marriage

Marriage is a leap of faith. It calls for one's trust in God to safely lead them on the journey ahead while sharing life with a stranger one never grew up with. It is amazing how God connects two people and they spend their future life together. It is a beautiful place to belong and the most sacred and intimate human relationship.



Looking Back

At the end of it all, the Kakurus looked at this period of their lives and counted the blessings from this experience. God used them to minister to people; those at the hospital, at the Church and those that heard of their story and hopefully even those that shall read of it. Being a young couple, God kept them together and this route enabled them to see God's Glory through it all. In the living room of the Kakurus, there is a photo frame containing the miniature clothes that Kaeron put on in his early days after leaving the incubator. This stands as an undisputable testimony of the greatness of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Kaeron.



Rtrd Arch. Bishop Henry L. Orombi and the Kakurus



PROFILES OF FAITH

How They Met – Patrick & Molly Bakka Male



Bishop Luwalira gives the Jubilee Certificate

With many marriages facing difficulties and others coming to an awful ending, it is worth finding out how one couple continues to enjoy every single minute of their marriage and willingly pass on the secrets about having a flourishing God established institution. Christian Post caught up with Mr. Patrick and Mrs. Molly Bakka Male to share their story.

Patrick

As Uganda was looking forward to Independence, in a village known as Kiwafu found in Entebbe a young man made a safe arrival on 9th October, 1961 exactly a year before Independence day. The brilliant young

man went on to study primary school at Kiwafu Primary School from where he proceeded to King's College Budo and finished his secondary education. Makerere University gladly admitted him for a bachelors and masters degree in Education and Administration Planning.

At a time when Christians were facing severe persecution in the country, Patrick gave his life to Jesus Christ on 5th July 1977 and since that time, he has never looked back. He has found many blessings, protection not forgetting academic success and triumph. This fire for God has never died because he still holds influential positions on

committees and other obligations in the Church. Patrick is the current headmaster of King's College Budo and has been married to a light-skinned, tall and charming lady by the name of Molly Kibalama Bakka Male for slightly over 25 years.

Molly

Born on 24th September 1963 to Dr. Abbey and Princess Florence Kibalama, Molly came to this earth at the time when the nation of Uganda was barely a year old in existence. The family she was born into comprised of 4 girls and a boy and they spent their childhood in Jinja. She attended Gayaza High School for the secondary education where she was a great performer in the science subjects such that she was admitted in Makerere University for a degree in Geological Sciences which is the study of rocks and underground resources like minerals.



Dr. Abbey & Maama Florence Kibalama

The parents were singers in the Eschatos Bridal Choir and Molly was introduced to the Gospel at a very young age but it was not until 14th August 1977 that she confessed Jesus as Lord. She wanted to be a medical doctor but changed preferences along the academic journey. Molly has a humorous character and a heart of service as exhibited in the Church circles. She has served in Namirembe church, she has been the treasurer of Mothers' Union – Nsangi and she regularly prepares lessons for Sunday school as well.

How They Met

When Patrick joined the University, his love for God led him to serve in St. Francis chapel. Before long, he was promoted to be a warden and led other church activities. Molly on the other hand was a reserved person and this made approaching her not very easy. Time went on and Patrick turned on his antennae to search a spouse before finishing his course and leaving the University. One day while coming from a mission trip in Namutumba, they passed by Molly's home and the way she respectfully interacted with her parents was enough to set Patrick on the pursuit for her. After making the necessary consultations with God in prayer and receiving a go-ahead, 24th September, 1988 was the day they tied the knot. The 24th of September is not only their wedding anniversary day but it is also the birthday of Molly! Their marriage has been blessed with 3 boys; Peter, Joseph and Paul and a girl, Rebecca.





“God brought us together for a purpose,” Patrick confesses, “Molly is like a family doctor because she meticulously cares about everyone at home. Men and women are different in nature so that they can complement one another. She sincerely depends on prayers and exhibits a divine intelligence.” “Patrick is very loving and kind; he is understanding and never has a firm grip on his temperament.” Molly continues, “He is a friend to many people, a trustworthy and last but not least a God-fearing man.”

Challenges of Life

“Do you ever face any challenges in life?” **Christian Post** asked the Bakka Males. “Everything in life can be a challenge,” Patrick intimates, “how you perceive it is what matters. Opportunity knocks at the door and one person

considers it as noise while another person may use that as an indicator and maximizes the opportunity.” “Sometimes,” Patrick continues, “the problem could be having no problem. Once you establish the right approach, whatever challenge comes your way can be turned into an opportunity. With that said, raising our children has not been easy.”

“We exercise our faith in Prayer and God answers all prayers,” Molly adds, “we address any issues that come-up between the two of us and have developed a synchronized way of seeing things. We face some financial challenges but Patrick counteracts those shortcomings with his creativity.”

Christian Conduct

With all the busy schedules that the Bakka Males have they still make time to serve God in the different capacities of the Church circles for example Patrick is the head of laity at Namirembe Cathedral, chairman of the Uganda Martyrs’ Museum construction committee. They regularly thank God publically to show the blessings, affirm the children and encourage others to follow in the same.



Mrs. Bakka Male & Geologists visit a China Geopark

Molly calls for prayer as a family and she alternately delegates prayer leadership roles so that children are equipped with skills to fellowship with the Heavenly father as well as lead others. There is also the Vine meeting which is a joint family of relatives that regularly meets and testifies of the Lord's goodness and pray together for any needs that arise amongst them.

Marital Bliss Secret

"Any message to the married people and those intending to get married?" **Christian Post** asked. Patrick states, "Marriage should be treated like a motor car; it has a large front screen and so the drivers should spend most

of the time looking ahead. Even so, the couple should give most resources to the future goals of the family. The side mirrors and rear view mirrors should be given a quick glance and that only once in a while, should you focus on them too much, disaster is waiting in front. In the same way, historical occurrences should not sidetrack the couples and distract them from the better life ahead.

Focus on solutions and not the problems." Molly adds, "Be hard-working as a couple, don't neglect the Spiritual quotient but keep focused on prayer. Don't take each other for granted, treasure one another and finally, SALVATION – this is the ALL ROUND ANSWER!"



Peter, Paul, Couple, Rebecca, Joseph Bakka Males



WOMAN OF FAITH

Mrs. Vivian Kityo of Wakisa Ministries



Celebrating Christmas at the Wakisa Ministries Premises

It is one thing knowing the Golden Rule of “do unto others as you would like them to do unto you” and another thing altogether putting it into practice. Few individuals have gone this extra mile of doing good unto others even without any reciprocated expectations. **Christian Post** caught up with Mrs. Vivian Kityo the Director of Wakisa Ministries and shared her life story.

Starting the Journey

It was a normal day like always and Dr. Emmanuel Lumu was urgently called into the labour ward. Mrs. Mary Lumu (R.I.P) was in the process of delivering a precious little one whose

name would turn out to be Vivian. Mary had painfully struggled and lost a lot of blood and no immediate donor was available so they contacted the Honorable Minister of Health (in the Obote 1 government) who came to the rescue and provided the much needed blood that saw the restoration of Mary’s life and the redemption of baby Vivian.

Every one that visited the mother and child would not help but acclaim that God had mercy on the family when the lives of the mother and the child were saved. Therefore the father could not help but add the name “Wa Kisa” to Vivian meaning God has Mercy.

After joyfully leaving the hospital, the family safely returned to their home in Namirembe which was a large house and great scenery in the neighborhood. The elder siblings could not help but Praise God for the miraculous addition to their number. Vivian grew up to attend St. Theresa Namagunga Primary School and due to her outstanding height, she was appointed leader positions from the class level to the school level.

When the regime changed, Dr. Lumu who is still alive at 98 years old was sentenced to prison for 5 years and the mother took care of the family while the father was absent. She taught the children to work hard and raised them in a God fearing way but she passed away in 1984. For secondary education, Vivian attended Old Kampala High School – O' level after which she pursued nursing and worked in Nsambya hospital in an administrative role. During her working days in 1980, through a family friend Vivian met Reverend Doctor Kityo who was a medical doctor and a Church minister. Their marriage was blessed with 3 boys but one passed away.

She was able to serve in the different Church associations but the prominent one was the Mothers' Union. She served as the President of Mothers' Union Namirembe Diocese for three years, she was promoted to the same position but at the Provincial level for three years and she finally became the President of Mothers' Union at the international level for three years

in office. Since she was a wife to the Reverend, she thought heaven was an automatic acquisition. Until one day when the friends that came to the vigil of her young brother challenged her to take salvation into consideration. The scripture they shared was 1 John 5:11-12 which says "And this is the testimony that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." With those words Vivian voluntarily took a step of faith on the 14th April 1982 and she accepted Christ as Lord and Savior of her life.



Mrs. Vivian, a colleague and the Late Rev. Dr. Kityo

Called Into Ministry

Rev. Dr. Kityo passed away when the children were young and it was all doom and gloom for Vivian. She has now been widowed for over 27 years and the 2 young boys he left behind are now grown-up responsible men. One time during a Mothers' union meeting, a lady who had issues with her teenage daughter stopped communicating with each other, few days later the young girl passed away with a pregnancy. As she narrated this scenario, Vivian clearly felt God asking her to do something about crisis pregnancies especially in teenagers. Shortly after putting everything in order, she was able to start Wakisa Ministries – because Wakisa is her maiden name implying God has shown mercy.



Mrs. Vivian with her beloved sons and their friends

Wakisa Ministries is a Crisis Pregnancy Center located along Namirembe-Bakuli road is now 9 years old. There is an open communication line between the director, facilitators and the children. The young girls are brought up in the way that pleases and honors the Lord Jesus.



Celebrating Achievement at Wakisa Ministries

There is a daily morning devotion that is carried out at the Wakisa Ministries offices where they also sing the Wakisa Anthem which stems from Isaiah 60:1, it is now 5 years old. Vivian admits, “I have experienced God’s mercy all my life, over 700 girls have had their lives transformed even those at the age of 12 years have safely given birth, funding has generously come from well wishers both local and international. Indeed Katonda Wa Kisa!”

Conduct as A Christian

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Advice to Fellow Christians

“Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in everything you do.” She adds, “If in doubt, don’t!” Always seek to: Glow, Grow, Glorify God (3 G’s – Glow and Grow to Glorify God)

Mission in Life

“Service to God drives my actions and gives me satisfaction.”

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Lord Jesus Christ, I ACCEPT that I am a sinner. (**Romans 3:25, Isaiah 64.6, Psalms 51:5**), I REPENT, confess, renounce and forsake my SINS, and receive your forgiveness (**1 John 1:9, Hebrews 9:22, 12**), wash my sins away with your precious blood, shed on Calvary Cross for me. Lord Jesus Christ, come into my heart today and be my Lord and Saviour. I DEDICATE the rest of my life to you (**Revelation 3:20, Joshua 24: 15b**).

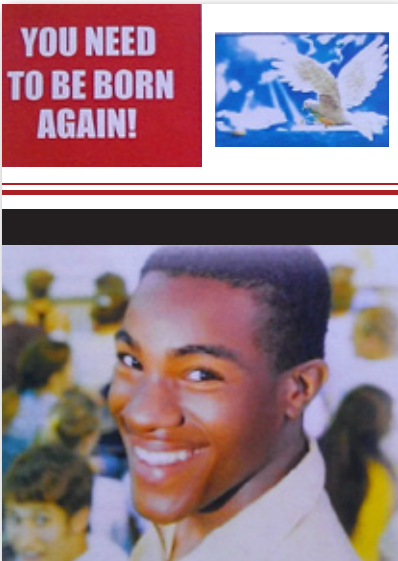
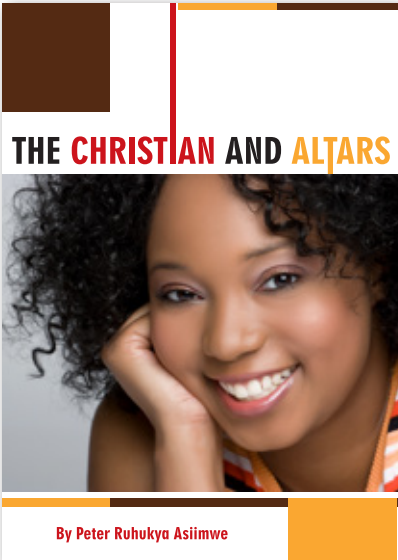
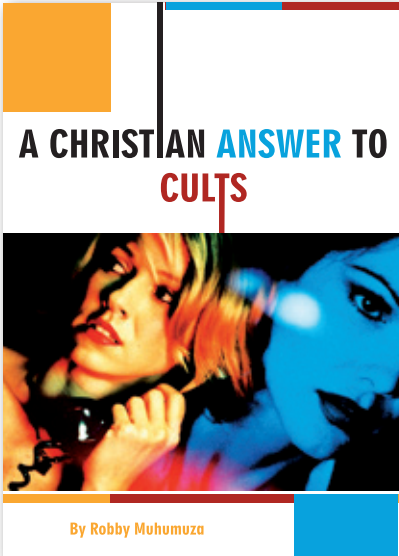
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