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During visits to Lui I got to know Rev Sosthen Amin Lati, a health promotion worker and self-supporting priest, trained at Nairobi's Church Army College. At the end of August 2015 Sosthen and some others from Lui decided to leave S Sudan with their families because of the worrying security situation and move to the Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement in Uganda. Soon after arriving they started a church with 13-24 people of the Moru-speaking refugees from the Lui-Mundri-Maridi area, meeting at first in Sosthen's temporary shelter. With a growing congregation of 200 they constructed a church building and appointed 'mobile messengers' as evangelists, reporting 21 baptisms in October, extending their building in December as the congregation grew to 320. Bishop Stephen visited in January for confirmations.



In February Sosthen posted a photo of his daughter Poni, a young Sunday School teacher, holding up a photocopied sheet to a group of children, the caption "Sunday school material are bless to children - we have nothing to teach our sunday school with, but God has provided". This felt so sad and I wanted to send some more materials. A visit to Keith Jones Christian Bookshop to buy some illustrated bible story books was followed by some Facebook messaging with Sosthen about how could we get these materials to him. He has met an angel called Brian Arimpa, a Kampala taxi firm owner. Brian told me to DHL the package to him at "Cornerstone Tours and Travel, Kampala", "We don't really have street addresses". Brian is a Ugandan Christian who met Sosthen and wants to help. When he collected the package he even messaged us a photograph of it to reassure us. Brian's drivers have bookings to take visitors to the Refugee Settlement. They delivered the package to Sosthen who messaged his thanks immediately "I received the Sunday school materials on Friday Brian send it to me. Poni is holding the materials she was very excited thank you very much God bless you."



I am amazed by what these people's great faith is achieving 'the African way' despite adversity.

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