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## Come, let us tell you a story... Atheist says “Africa Needs God”

Before Christmas in 2008, Matthew Parris, a confirmed atheist, returned to Malawi—the land he knew as a boy. He came home utterly convinced that Christian evangelism makes an enormous contribution—sharply distinct from the work of secular NGOs, government projects and international aid efforts. “Missionaries, not aid money are the solution to Africa’s biggest problem – the crushing passivity of the people’s mindset.” His point was not about people doing good things in Africa under the framework of a social gospel. Rather—there is something dynamic that happens to Africans who have a personal faith in a Christian God. It changes everything. See link below for entire article.

([http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/matthew\\_parris/article5400568.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/matthew_parris/article5400568.ece))

This is an interesting observation considering the source. Those who work with Uganda Orphans Fund have always believed that a living, moving, breathing God—bringing His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven—is the *only* solution for Africa. Our best efforts come to nothing if God is factored out of the equation.

Parris ends his article saying:

“Removing Christian evangelism from the African equation may leave the continent at the mercy of a malign fusion of Nike, the witch doctor, the mobile phone and the machete.”

## Next came a small piece of land...

So, having said that, let us tell you a story about what God is up to through Uganda Orphans Fund. A local leader from the northern city of Gulu, came to Kasozi Villiage to see how UOF was treating orphans from his area. He was so impressed that he encouraged UOF to buy land in the north for another orphan home. He connected Duncan to a man who had four acres to sell.

UOF purchased lot and sent a team up north to pray over the land. Immediately we entered a season of spiritual warfare.

On the way, the team had a car accident, hitting a large black cow. Fortunately, no one was injured. Then the land itself was swarming with ticks. Prayer stopped the infestation. After that we discovered the original owner had sold the land to another buyer after UOF’s purchase—a telecommunication’s company. When UOF staff arrived,

their workers were already erecting a cell tower. The government got involved and gave UOF favor after quite a showdown. In short, spiritually speaking, this piece of land was a hotly contested piece of real estate.



Ministry school buildings in Gulu

## “Why this land, God?”

Then last July, Duncan was in the bathtub at the Crested Crane in Jinja, inquiring of the Lord. He asked God why build a home on this land? There was no electricity, and no nearby schools for the children. Why *this* land? Then a clear sentence interrupted his thoughts. “The place IS a school—a missions ministry school.” He knew it was God. He dressed and went to meet Dunstan Tamale (UOF’s African Director) and Kateh Aluepo at breakfast to share what had happened. Kateh was absolutely stunned, and told them that 12 years prior, she heard the Lord speak to her in an audible voice. He said she was to direct a missions ministry school in northern Uganda!  
At that time, she was not yet living in the north.

“For God does speak—now one way, now another—though man may not perceive it.” Job 33:14 NIV)

With confirmation, UOF proceeded in faith. The school buildings and dorms are now finished! Thirty kids will attend the first semester, starting December 10, 2010! The school will invite guest speakers and develop curriculum to equip orphans for missions and ministry work in Uganda and other places like the Sudan, the Congo, Somalia—countries that are difficult for Westerners to impact.

**“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”**

~Jeremiah 33:3 NIV