

The Anabaptists Churches of Uganda

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The Anabaptists Churches of Uganda were established in December of 2007, under the ministerial preaching and teaching of Bishop Rashid Arinoli. Bishop Arinoli is the youngest National Bishop within the International Presbytery of the Anabaptists Churches Worldwide, and was ordained to the office of the National Bishop of Uganda by the Anabaptists Presbytery meeting in Malikisi, Kenya in December of 2007. He is married and has four children, and resides in Busia. Bishop Arinoli's wife is Scovia, and their four children are Calvin, the first born son 14 years, daughter Immaculate 12 years, sons Emmanuel 6 years and Ron Japheth 2 years old, named after the Presiding Bishop.



Bishop Rashid Arinoli



Mrs. Scovia Arinoli, the Anabaptists First Lady of Uganda

Brother Arinoli began his ministerial circuits out of Busia, located on the southeastern corner of Uganda on the northeast shores of Lake Victoria. Busia is a border crossing town, that accommodates commerce into Kenya and into Tanzania, and is a busy hub of traffic and people travelling between the three countries. Upon his ordination in December of 2007, Bishop Rashid set out immediately in preaching the gospel to all of Uganda, and establishing churches and ordaining elders in every city (Titus 1:1-5) as he was charged. By the middle of his first month, Bishop Rashid had already be enabled of God to establish 6 churches in the Busia District of Uganda. In his early correspondance during the Spring of 2008, the young, fervent minister wrote in his monthly journal entries to the Presiding Bishop,

"Praise be to our God and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Once again God has given us a breath of life, and we thank Him for it because we own Him praise and worship. I have scheduled to travel to Amagoro (Tororo District) tomorrow, the 15th of April, 2008 and on the 16th, I shall be in Lugano (Bugiri District). The purpose is the opening of new fellowships in these areas, and also to speak to the saints there. The saints in Lugano have already taken roots and the church eldrs have gladly and diligently given in to serve our Lord under the Anabaptists minsitry. May God give us grace to have His work perfectly done in this Nation of Uganda, and beyond; evan as far as our Lord God shall call (Acts 2:38).

My Dear precious Brother, I have to always thank God for you and your love and concern for me, even the support that you keep sending for me always. To Sister Cheryl, I have always prayed for you and so shall I continue as long as I live by the grace of God. Receive greetings from my precious wife Scovia, and our daughter

Immaculate. They love you too, and they too thank you for the gift of the phone you sent to me. Dear Mum, I bought a phone, model E250 (Samsung). Thank you for making communication easier for me even for the ministry.

Bishop McRae, Please find here below the accountability for the last month's support. I received 248,000 shillings. My expenditures are as follows:

Deposit for the bicycle of my daughter for school...50,000 shillings.

One pair of clothes...35,000 shillings.

Feeding Visitors...30,000 shillings.

Travel expenses to Bugiri, Lugano...50,000 shillings.

Total....165,000 shillings.

I have saved 83,000 shillings.

Since those early days of Bishop Arinoli's pioneering work, the Lord has established the National Presbytery of Uganda, with churches and bishoprics in the Eastern, Central and Northern Regions, with Provincial Bishops ordained in Busia, Jinja and Kampala Provinces. In 2009, the Presiding Bishop along with the International Treasurer and evangelist George Calvas travelled throughout the eastern and central regions, visiting and preaching in the churches throughout Uganda, where they met for the first time, the fervently bold Moses Kimara, now the Provincial Bishop of the Jinja Province. Brother Moses is a converted muslim, who is as bold and fervent in his preaching and ministrations for Jesus Christ as ever he was a radical muslim. In Bishop Kimara's early conversion, he was arrested and tortured in Saudia Arabia where he was working to install commercial walk in freezers and coolers for the Saudis, until they discovered by his open and public proclamations of Jesus Christ, that Moses was a converted muslim. Such conversions are deemed capital offenses in Saudia Arabia, and Brother Kimara was quickly arrested. The religious police of SA when unable to persuade Brother Kimara to recant his conversion to Christ, they locked him into one of his freezers force him to either recant or freeze to death. There he learned to fervently pray to God. When the muslims were unable to break Brother Kimara, or freeze him to death, they confiscated all of his belongings, along with his money and passport, and then turned him out onto the slum streets without means of support in a foreign country. Unable to work or find lodging; and unable to flee Saudia Arabia to return to Ugnada, Moses lived in the utmost squaler and poverty, daily begging food or eating from trash bins and sleeping on the streets and in the alleys in the only suit of clothes he owned. Yet still, Moses would not give up his walk with Christ.

After many months, a rich muslim came to his aid, having watched Brother Kimara's unwavering devotion to Jesus Christ, and feeling compassion on him, the wealthy merchant used his influence to provide Moses means to escape Saudia Arabia and return to Uganda. Howbeit, from all that he had gone through alone with Jesus Christ, his return to Uganda was very disappointing, for now he found no more fellowship with the many carnal ministers as he did when all alone in the alleys of Saudia Arabia. This lack of fervent devotion to Christ amongst the ministers in Uganda, was heavier on his heart than the torture and deprivations of his long ordeal at the hands of foreign, fanatical muslims. In the utmost despair, Moses grew weary and eventually angry at the callousness of Ugandan Christianity, and decided he would never speak again for Jesus Christ. That decision resounded unto heaven, and Brother Kimara's answer from God was immediate. Moses would in deed speak no more. And from that very moment, Brother Kimara lost all ability to speak at all. It was a deafening judgment that astounding all that knew him. He visited physician after physician, but was unable to communicate verbally with anyone. In this muted condition, Brother Kimara continued for almost two years, unable to speak, having lost any similitude of a voice or ability to speak. He was now Moses Kimara the muted Ugandan. Finally, his parents begged him to reconsider his decision to never speak again for Christ, and urged him to repent and seek God's help in

restoring his ability to speak. Finally, Moses could continue no longer with his unrighteous feelings, and traveled to ask for help from the preacher that had led him to Christ. But discouraging as it was, Moses was unable to locate the minister that was responsible for his salvation in Jesus Christ. Feeling utterly helpless, Moses anxiously sought out any Christian minister that might possibly help him. And finding the first preacher he came across, Moses broke down and with many tears, wrote out on a piece of paper all that he had been through, and how he wanted God to forgive him for vowing to never speak again for Jesus Christ. And writing out his plea that the unknown minister would pray for him to be forgiven, and his vow to spend the rest of his life preaching for Jesus Christ, the muted Moses Kimara fell on his face, as the unknown minister knelt and prayed for him. When the prayer was ended, the minister got up and walked a way forever, and Moses Kimara stood up a changed man, with a voice that still booms across all of Jinja Province, testifying to the saving and forgiving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Provincial Bishop Moses Kimara meeting with Brother McRae

at the Anabaptists Church in Jinja, Uganda

†The Anabaptists Churches of Uganda have multiplied exceedingly, are over seen by the National Presbytery of Uganda. Along side of Bishop Arinoli are the Provincial Bishops, Seth Mwamba of Busia, Moses Kimara of Jinja, and Stephen Maende of Kampala.