



Reflections from Mityana

These are a series of brief essays following the SOMA UK mission to Mityana Diocese, Uganda, April 1-11 2003.

They are compiled from rough notes written as the mission unfolded as a way of both trying to record and understand the principles and teaching that came to be important in the mission and may be of relevance to others.

The mixed team from the UK and Kenya had gone with an expectancy to give renewal-based teaching with a focus on Marriage and Family Life. On arrival it very quickly became clear that a deeper level of teaching was needed to do with a cleansing of the land. Although there was some reference to family life, the main focus became teaching on areas such as: "Identification Repentance", "Overcoming Idolatry", "Warfare Cleansing" and the "Power of the Blood of Jesus in Spiritual Warfare."

For the team this meant a lot of prayerful hard work both to discern the way forward day by day and to grapple with some of the issues concerned. For the UK team members this meant a steep learning curve in trying to understand issues that were particularly relevant to team ministry in an African culture. These notes are an attempt to draw some of this learning together.

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