

Our journey in gospel ministry

Hullo Ken,

I hope this finds you well. It's been a while since I last sent a ministry update and that's because the first half of this year has been quite busy. The year started off with a visit to Uganda to participate in an annual Next Generation Conference for youth and young adults in my home diocese of North Kigezi in South Western Uganda. The conference is organised by a joint partnership between the Armidale diocese of New South Wales and the North Kigezi diocese and has been held 12 times since 2009. It's aimed at youths involved in ministry leadership to equip them with skills to handle God's word faithfully. There were over 200 delegates this year and I helped to co-lead classes, preach and do talks on the Kingdom of God in Luke's gospel. It was such a privilege to work with both the delegates and leaders of the conference.



The trip was also a chance to introduce Maddie to my family. It was good timing because my young brother was wedding and so Maddie go to meet the whole clan. We visted my grandma who lives in North Kigezi where the Next Gen conference was held and spent a couple of days with my parents before attending an introduction ceremony and wedding for my brother. Typically it was a 500 people wedding held at the shores of Lake Victoria and the highlight of our trip since we got to see lots of my extended family.



On return to Australia, we visited Narrabri in the Armidale diocese which is North of NSW next to the Queensland border where I interviewed for a curate position for next year. After that we got underway finalising preparations for our wedding in April. We got married by Ken Noakes at the Lower Mountains Anglican church and had a reception at Lawson in the Blue mountains. The wedding was such a beautiful occasion especially because of the many family members and friends that attended. We came close to a Ugandan wedding with about 350 people attending. We felt very loved and supported as we start our marriage journey together and we're so thankful to God for all our family and friends.



Just over 2 months into marriage, we feel like we're settling in. We live in College accomodation in Newtown which is convenient for college. For Maddie and I, this will be our last semester of college and we will try to make the most of it in preparation for ministry next year. Next year, we hope to serve in the Narrabri parish in Armidale diocese to gain rural ministry experience before heading to Uganda. As part of our preparation, we plan to continue attending the youth conferences organised in Uganda through the Armidale diocese. We are now preparing for the next youth conference in January 2025. We used the last college holidays to visit Narrabri and meet members of the church. We also took the oppportunity to camp at Mount Kaputar national park near Narrabri.



Please pray in thanksgiving for God's goodness in bringing Maddie and I together and giving us supportive families and friends. Thank God for the opportunities to be prepared for a lifetime of ministry through college, and ministry internships. Thank him for partners in ministry here in Australia and in Uganda. Please pray that we will make the most of the last semester of Bible college and strengthen our relationships with our classmates. Pray that we will grow in our love for God and count it a privilege to serve him and his people, for his glory.