Update from Gulu, Uganda – Powerful IA Healing Even on the First Day

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Greetings all,

Just a quick note to send out an update from the team in Uganda. For those who haven't been following the story so far, there is a ministry team in Uganda right now ministering to people who have been horribly traumatized. The ministry team is with Restoring the Heart Ministries, and they are using the Immanuel approach along with some other tools (a package called Wildflowers, which focuses especially on sexual abuse and which has been developed by Julie Woodley). During the first week, our friend and colleague, Mark Hattendorf, is taking a couple hours each morning to train about 50 young adults from the Gulu area, and then in the afternoons the RTHM ministry team and the 50 young adults (referred to as mentors, referring to their work with the kids) work with kids from the surrounding villages (about 150 kids each day). Many of the mentors, as well as most of the kids they are working with, have been traumatized by Joseph Koney's "Lord's Army" (terrible name), with trauma including watching friends and family killed, being sexually assaulted and tortured, and other horrible stuff. We got a note from Mark today, regarding training/ministry this morning and ministry this afternoon (small excerpt included below). In light of both the mentors and kids having such horrible trauma, it is wonderfully encouraging and an indication of God's healing power that they have been able to go to positive memories, feel appreciation, connect to Jesus, and then receive powerful healing. Please continue to pray.

Blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

Excerpt from Mark's e-mail:

"....there is usually very little transition between the appreciation piece and connecting with the Lord....The problem that I am having is a good one. The process is hard to slow down. Even in the first day many of the mentors and children were going to places of trauma with the Lord [and receiving healing]."