



Dear World Outreach,

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Greetings from Uganda where we are serving our Lord Jesus Christ. Tracey and I would like to clarify a few issues concerning the controversy surrounding the ongoing proposed legislation against homosexuality as by the Ugandan parliament which was highlighted on ABC's Night-line recently.

1. **Context:** Just like California had a proposition 8 ballot last November, Uganda is also involved in making legislation which is intended to protect traditional family among others. This is called the "anti homosexuality bill 2009." Similar to California's case there is a wide involvement of people of faith from all walks of life-Christians, Moslems and traditionalists. Contrary to the media publicity, the effort of this legislation is in response to the international effort from overseas which is seeking to impose homosexuality into Africa. This is a global culture clash.
2. **Objections to the Draft:** The process is ongoing with a draft bill which we have read and has aspects we support and others we find objectionable. We have held a special meeting with other religious leaders under the umbrella of Uganda Joint Christian Council and have made **recommendations** which included **OBJECTION TO THE DEATH PENALTY** (*which was proposed in cases including statutory rape of minors and the handicapped*), reducing the overall punishments, and inclusion of aspects of **REHABILITATION** and Counseling. (***These are found in the enclosed document a copy of which was handed over to the speaker of parliament recently.***)
3. **Our Ministry outreach to Homosexuals:** As ministers we believe it is our role to preach the message of salvation and grace to all including homosexuals. We actually have in our Church individuals who have come out of the homosexual lifestyle including members who were key leaders of the homosexual movement. Find attached stories of ministry to homosexuals and their transformation.
4. **Our overall Ministry Focus:** As a corporate body of ministers in Uganda we have prophetically spoken concerning God's teaching on homosexuality when needed. However, our primary ministry focus continues to be on preaching the gospel through church planting, fighting HIV/AIDS, teaching sexual purity for the youth and strong marriages for adults. Every week we are serving more than 5,000 young people through our various outreaches.

We ask for prayer for the Church in Uganda to be a witness for Christ and the parliament to make laws which are balanced and God glorifying.

Yours faithfully,

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