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286 Baptized in Uganda as Gospel Chariot Outreach Reaches Karamoja

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"We give God all the glory for this wonderful harvest,"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

In Koperiperit, a village in Uganda's dry Karamoja region, 286 people were baptized into Christ after a week of open-air preaching that drew crowds far bigger than anyone expected. About 400 people sat through the lessons, and more than 1,000 joined the open-air preachings, according to the field report from the Gospel Chariot mission team. The baptisms closed a mission outreach that began when the team arrived on 5 November 2026.

The team was small: a chariot crew of Patrick and Godfrey, working with the Koperiperit Church of Christ in Nabilatuk, in south Karamoja, in north-eastern Uganda. The report, filed by a brother known only as Duncan, reads like a letter home - short on ceremony, long on gratitude. "We give God all the glory for this wonderful harvest," it says.

The outreach paired preaching with training. The team ran a 4 Fields Discipleship Multiplication Training, opening with the Sword Method from Mark 4:26-29 - the parable of the seed that grows by itself while the farmer sleeps - and teaching tools with plain names: the Relational Map and the Baptism Hammer. The idea is simple enough for a new believer to carry home: every person who comes to Christ learns to teach someone else, untill the whole village has heard it.

Karamoja is not an easy place to plant a church. The region is semi-arid, its people mostly farmers and livestock herders, and the district of Nabilatuk covers some 3,117 square kilometres with a projected population of about 111,700.

Missionaries have been arriving only recently. The Mill Hill Missionaries began work in Nabilatuk parish in May 2025, the first of their order to serve in this part of Uganda - a sign of how young the Christian presence still is here.

The new church at Koperiperit now faces the hard part. The field report is honest about it: the young comunity faces famine and water shortage, and it urgently needs a permanent place of worship. For now, the believers meet under open skies - the same skies under which 286 of them were baptized.

286 Baptisms In Karamoja: Open-Air Preaching Draws 1,000 Listeners

The numbers tell their own story. Four hundred people came for the teaching sessions. More than a thousand gathered for the open-air preaching.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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