



UGANDA HEALTHCARE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (UHCF)
NEWSLETTER (OCT 2016 - MARCH 2017)

TO THE BELOVED SERVANT OF GOD IN THE HEALTH FIELD!

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.” Col 2:6-7.

Grace and peace to you from God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

In this 1st quarter of the year 2016/2017, we are focusing on **“importance of being rooted in Christ as healthcare workers”** remember this year’s theme is; **“being built” (Nehemiah 2:17-18).**

Introduction:

To Receive Christ means to Believe in Christ as your LORD and Savior; it means to place our childlike trust in Him, trusting Him to give us peace with God and eternal life.

“...Walk in Him,” means how we live, how we conduct ourselves, the manner of life we lead others in Christ Jesus.

”rooted” ...in Him.” The roots of a tree are very important. They provide both the foundation and support which the tree needs in order to remain standing. Roots also are the means by which the tree draws up nourishment and water from the soil, so that the tree can keep on living and growing. In fact how deeper and healthy the roots are will determine how much the tree can withstand the challenges of drought.

The “root system” determines the health and fruitfulness of the tree.

In this message;

Importance of being rooted in Christ:

Many passages speak to the importance of God’s people building healthy a “root system.” **Let us note them:**

1. **Jeremiah 17:7-8 - " he will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit"**
2. **Ezekiel 31:7 - "So it was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches: for its roots extended to many waters."** The reason it is such a magnificent tree is because its roots go deep down and reach

"many waters." The beauty that is evident above the ground is a result of the unseen roots beneath.

3. **Romans 11:16, 18 - ". . . and if the root be holy, the branches are too . . . Remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you"**
4. **Ephesians 3:17-19 - ". . . so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."** It is only as our roots go deeper and deeper into Christ that we are being filled up to all the fullness of God!

If our roots in God are strong and healthy our outward lives will automatically show the life and nature of Christ to those around us, and what a privilege this is to us healthcare workers who are surrounded by patients of different sicknesses who are desperately looking and seeking for life and help. May God help us to develop strong and firm roots in Christ Jesus so as to support and help patients in our healthcare service delivery points.

Challenges that may hinder our being firmly rooted in Christ.

Note that the roots develop from the seed which is the word of God. This means that the more we dive into God’s word, the stronger, deeper and firm roots we grow in Christ.

1. Our enemy Satan the devil, who struggles to take out the word or obstruct the word from reaching your life. Many people are blinded of the power that is in God’s word hence they find it not necessary to study the word of God. Luke 8:12.
2. Superficial or hypocrisy among Christians, many claim to be Christians but how much they can stand the drought (challenges of life) like. Matth. 13:21.
3. The impurities of our nature; these may be cares of this world, deceitfulness of riches and pleasures of life. All these choke our fruitfulness and spiritual health. Matth. 13:22, Luke. 8:14, Col 3: 5-8. God calls us to put these to death.

In conclusion, taking roots deeper in Christ in order to become effective healthcare workers requires us to deeply study and apply His word, “...put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. Col 3:12-13. In all you do, Paul writes that you should “.....do it as to the Lord and not men..... For you serve the Lord

Christ. Col.3:23-24. Walk in wisdom toward those who are out-side ... Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. Col 4:5-6.

News and prayer requests from UHCF office.

1. A successful national conference was held from 30th Sept – 2nd Oct 2016. Below is group photo after the conference.
2. Election was conducted and the following were declared office bearers 2016-2019
 - i. **Chairperson :** Mr. Alfred Otim
 - ii. **Vice chairperson:** Dr. Moses Batwala
 - iii. **National treasurer:** Mr. Baker Kasirye
 - iv. **National prayer secretary:** Sr. Rusiah Biira
 - v. **Vice general secretary:** Mr. Erasmus Omodo
 - vi. **Regional coordinators:**
 - **West Nile:** Sr. Beatrice Adroo
Secretary: Sr. Margaret Belezia
 - **Mid- western:** Mr. reuben Muhindo
Secretary: Rev. Gad Mugisha
 - **South- western:** Mr. Yusufu Kuule
Secretary: Mr. penile Naamara G.
 - **Central region:** Dr. Louisa Namata
Secretary: Sr. Adelline Twimukye
 - **Eastern region:** rev. Leonard Isodo
Secretary: Mr. Ben Ewadu
3. We have held and equipped many witnesses in healthcare for CHRIST using SALINE Process tool as summarized in photos below:

UHCF national conference and AGM 2016 October.



Saline witness training at Glorious Church of Christ, Bunamwaya, Kampala October 2016



Saline witness training held at Bwindi community hospital held Nov 2016



Saline witness training held at Kisenyi Health Center IV KCCA Feb 2017



Saline witness training held at Kamaiba Youth center Kasese, Feb 2017



THE COMING EVENTS TO PRAY FOR:

1. Saline witness training in Ruharo hospital in April 28th.
2. UHCF national committee meeting in April.
3. Planning a saline training and TTT in June 2017 in mid-western Uganda.
4. Saline witness training in Kisiizi Hospital in April.
5. Pray that the trained witnesses will continue to grow and take root in CHRIST JESUS, the LORD of Healthcare.
6. Pray for fellowships in various HEALTHCARE CENTERS to grow and bear fruit.
7. Continue to pray for the national committee to faithfully serve the LORD CHRIST JESUS.

Yours in Christ's Vineyard,

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Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the LORD and not for men. It is the LORD CHRIST you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24.

"More People Pass Through The Hospitals of The World Than Through its Churches"