

## **Building Oneness in the Family: by Pastor Laban Jjumba**

Extra Readings for the example of the family of Aquilla and Priscilla

### **Act 18:1-3**

(1) After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth.  
(2) And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. (3) So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.

### **Acts 18:26**

So he (Apollos) began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

### **Romans 16:3 -5**

(3) Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,  
(4) who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.  
(5) Likewise greet the church that is in their house.  
Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ.

#### **• (1) Communicating**

- Failure to communicate is the quickest way to cause relationships to deteriorate.
- Failure to communicate results into wrong assumptions and conclusions, suspicion, lack of coordination, conflicts, failure of projects.
- When God wanted mankind to abandon the project of building the Tower of Babel, He confused their languages so they couldn't communicate. They abandoned the project.

### **Genesis 11:5-8**

(5) But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.  
(6) And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.  
(7) Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

(8) So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

□ I know several marriages which went into serious problems because one of the parties decided to keep quiet for months!

- **(2) Learning to apologise and say “sorry” when we are in the wrong. Also learning to receive apology and forgiving.**

### **Matthew 18:21-22**

(21) Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

(22) Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”

- **(3) Praying together: The family altar;**

□ The saying that, "The family that prays together stays together."

- **(4) Eating together:**

□ A family meal in one of the homes about every two months these days, now that the children are grown up and a number have their own homes.

- **(5) Working and doing things together; having fun together: Birthday parties, Wedding anniversaries, Family outings;**

□ The example of Aquila and Priscilla.

□ Our wedding anniversaries;

□ Birthday parties;

□ Flying my family to Kasese when the children were young;

□ When I launched one of my books and invited the First Lady to officiate. My family members became a major part of the organising committee and contributed talent and gifting that I never knew existed. When the First Lady signed copies of the book as a keepsake for each of the family members, they insisted they lined up to receive the copies from the First Lady. The family pride and bonding that resulted from that occasion was tremendous.

□ Christmas in the wild this past Christmas;

- **(6) Standing together amidst trials: Sickness, when one of the members gets into a problem.**