I was asked to speak about campus and street evangelism at a conference on evangelism in the western state of Goiás last April.

**Evangelist Stephan Lubangakene, founder and leader of JAM International Ministries**

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**Bringing my “Uganda Experience” to Brazil, we recently hosted (at our church here) Brazil’s first – but certainly not last – International School of Evangelism** with PEF board member Dr. Henry Krabbendam. We had over 40 participants, including several pastors, evangelists and missionaries. Many were reached during the “field training, just like in Uganda!

**From the LRA to a Surrender to Christ**

Stephan Lubangakene is an orphan. He watched as both parents and an older sister were brutally murdered during an insurgency by Uganda’s infamous Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA). Suddenly orphaned, Stephan went to live with different family members (one of whom was also killed by the rebels) and a family friend before being kidnapped at age nine by the LRA’s child-soldiers. As you may have heard, this rebel group would kidnap children and turn them into cold-blooded killers and rapists by ordering their first kill or rape to be one of the weaker kidnapped children. Stephan didn’t tell me if he had ever killed anyone, but he was delivered from certain death when government soldiers attacked the LRA while he was being buried alive for not divulging the location of a stash of government weapons. He had only been with the LRA 3½ weeks. He was captured and then “rehabilitated” by the Red Cross, only to be captured again by the LRA nearly four years later!

His second stint with the LRA lasted for four months. Stephan described that time as “…a very difficult experience... I had to go through a rigorous training; I would see people being killed and young girls being raped every day. We were poorly fed and lived in fear as I would think I was the next to be killed." During an ambush by government soldiers Stephan was shot in the leg and, because he couldn’t run, was captured and taken by World Vision to the capital, Kampala. His paternal grandfather was located, so Stephan went to live with him. Yet that stable situation lasted only two years until his grandfather died. Since he was being physically abused by his other relatives in Kampala and had to abandon his studies, he ran away and became a Kampala street kid.

While on the streets Stephan relates that one particular day he had a vision of Jesus Christ: “He looked at me in the eye and I will never forget that look.”

The next day a man convinced Stephan to leave the streets and live with him. He trained Stephan as a DJ, and they both moved to northwest Uganda (Arua). They had a parting of the ways when this man started to make sexual advances. Stephan was then invited to live with a friend. While working as a DJ in Nebbi (where I first met him last January) he suddenly ended up in the hospital with an unknown ailment. Remembering back on his Kampala street vision of Jesus, Stephan shares, “I cried out to Jesus to help me, if He truly cared for me, and He heard my voice.”

Stephan later discovered he had been dedicated to the devil, but God used a man to lead him to Christ in 2003. That man became his spiritual mentor, but unfortunately died soon after. Meanwhile Stephan began to rethink his job as a DJ, which often placed him in temptation’s way. One day he quit with no means of supporting himself. After several months his church became aware of his situation and stepped in, making sure Stephan could eat, pay his rent and even continue his studies!

Today Stephan is an ordained Anglican evangelist and leads the ministry he started with twelve youth the year of his conversion: JAM International Ministries. He states, “Jesus is building His end-time army to prepare people for His coming, that is sooner than we can imagine.” Besides boldly ministering in prisons, schools and hospitals, JAM holds evangelistic crusades and counsels with and prays for those in need – especially Uganda’s youth! JAM even has a resource center where people can read good Christian books – a luxury in Uganda!

“**This has been the revolution of my life. From home to the bush, bush to the city, city to the street, street kid to the house of God, house of God to outreach ministries.**  
I give Praise, Glory and Honor to God the Father and Jesus Christ His Son, in the Power of the Holy Spirit.”

Stephan Lubangakene