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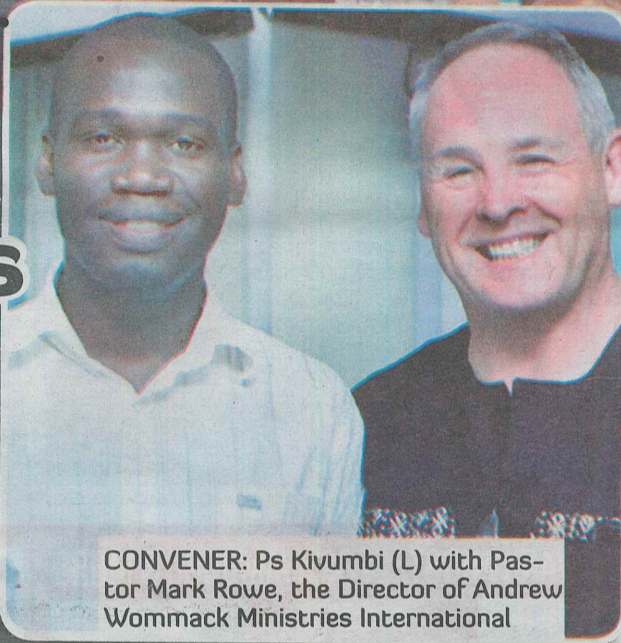


President Museveni (C) sandwiched by cute babes recently

100 Leading Church Pastors To Meet M7

If all goes according to plan, President Museveni will on Saturday 6th August 2016 have a secret retreat with carefully selected Pentecostal Pastors and Church Ministers at J&M Hotel in Bwebajja along Entebbe Road. A total of 100 top cream men and women of God in the country have been invited. It will be the first time Museveni will be meeting the top echelons of the Pentecostal movement since the February 18th elections. Historically, the Pentecostals or Born Again Christians have always been Museveni's loyal supporters and this retreat could be an opportunity for him to officially thank them for their unwavering support. The retreat is jointly being organized or convened by spiritual activist Ernest Kivumbi (former PA to Abed Bwanika) whose NGO Heal The Planet (HTP) is working closely with State House assistants to ensure the retreat is a success. "We are moving on well and waiting for one final confirmation otherwise we expect

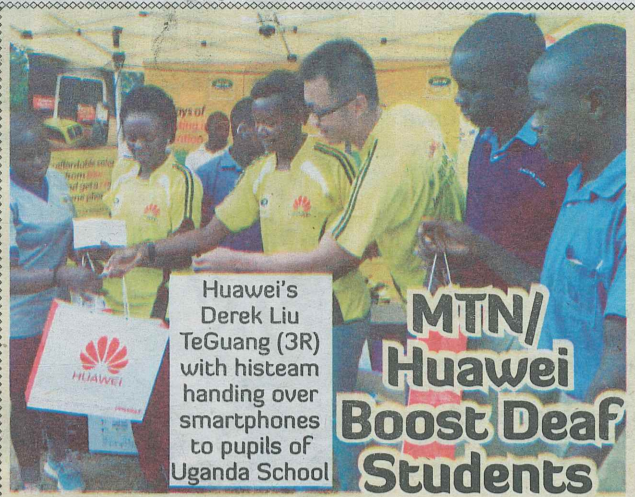
him at the retreat," Kivumbi said of Museveni's expected attendance. We separately established that this retreat is aimed at enabling Museveni directly participate in reconciling some of the top city Pastors who have been fighting each other and sometimes going to him to maliciously accuse their rivals. While in front of Museveni in their one on one secret meeting, mostly enabled by Pr. Robert Kayanja, some Pastors have had a habit of accusing their rivals of being human and drug traffickers. Some have been accused of homosexuality, smuggling and supporting or funding opposition groups. Some like Happy Ngabo (of the FDC prayers) have been accused of prophesying doom on the first family. So Museveni knows the rifts among this group members clearly knowing who of them hates the other and the reasons thereof. So organizers hope this retreat can be used to get the president send out a loud plea begging them to



CONVENER: Ps Kivumbi (L) with Pastor Mark Rowe, the Director of Andrew Wommack Ministries International

stop intrigue some of which is related to competing for his attention. Indeed many of those being invited are archrivals in Kampala and don't see eye to eye. The Pastors are also expected to use the retreat to share their grievances including claims that at 3m, the Born Again total number was under declared in last year's census report. Some like Serwadda want Museveni to recognize them to be a religion of equal status like others. The Pastors also import relief items into the country on which they want government tax waiver since this is charity and not business. Some are involved in huge construction projects and would want tax waivers on equipment which they im-

port. Many of them now operate TV and Radio stations and the retreat gives them an opportunity to lobby Museveni for tax waivers and other favorable or enabling policies. Kivumbi says majority of the invitees on the list, which continues to be vetted by State House Protocol to weed out anti-Museveni preachers, have confirmed participation in the one day retreat. "The President knows these are the 100 most influential Born Again leaders in the country and can't rule himself out of such a gathering because when you meet and interact with them you have met and interacted with the 3m Born Again Christians we officially have in Uganda according to UBOS," concluded Kivumbi, the convener.



Huawei's Derek Liu TeGuang (3R) with histeam handing over smartphones to pupils of Uganda School

MTN/Huawei Boost Deaf Students

HUAWEI CONSUMER Business Group Uganda has boosted deaf students by handing over 24 smartphones to pupils of the Uganda School for the Deaf-Ntinda. Buzz understands that the smartphones are to help them through their education and daily activities. This was done during MTN's 10th edition of the 21 days of 'Yello Care'; a staff volunteerism project that aims to continue driving access to education, particularly through the digitalization of teaching and learning in the countries in which MTN operates. This year the project is running under the theme 'Investing in Education for All'. At the handover ceremony, Derek Liu TeGuang, Huawei Uganda Account Manager said; "Huawei as an organization is dedicated to supporting and investing in the future of Uganda through the young.

Regardless of the condition any child might be in, they are entitled to education and above all access to technology that helps widen their thinking." He further thanked MTN Uganda for granting Huawei Uganda this great opportunity to partner with them and help change lives of the children in Uganda. Speaking at the event, Jackson Mbwosi, the Head teacher Uganda School for the Deaf-Ntinda, thanked MTN and its partners such as Huawei Uganda, Fenix International, Simba Telecom among others for taking the initiative to help the pupils of the school. He said, "These phones that Huawei has given us today will be used by the pupils mainly over the weekends and during their free time to send text messages to their parents to let them know they are well and also to do some academic research;" Mbwosi said.

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