

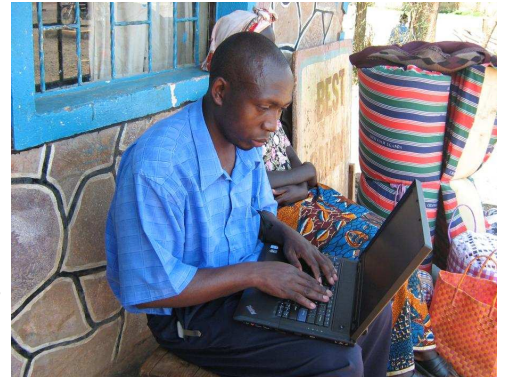
# MUKO H.O.P.E.

May 2009

## Greetings from Blessing Kyokwijuka (Social Worker),

"Christian greetings in Jesus' name!" *Who then can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death? No, in all these things we have complete victory through Him who loved us! --- There is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our lord. (Romans 8:35) May His Grace be upon you all!*

*Yours in Christ, Blessing*



Blessing working on his new computer purchased by ACT.

## Accomplishments on behalf of the orphans

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### Home Visitation



Volunteers receiving new bicycles – one for each of the seven parishes.

The much awaited motorcycle and bicycles have finally arrived in Muko and it is believed that the new forms of transportation will allow each orphan to be visited every month! The children were found to be happy and the goats looked healthier. The volunteers expressed their vote of thanks to our friends for answering their long awaited idea of being given transport means. We are grateful to our sponsors for their continued commitment to the pledges they have made and look forward to more fruitful co-operation and working as a team!

### Vegetable Gardening

We are very happy to have received the packets of seeds to help us start our project. We want to thank the lay leader of All Saints Church- Muko (Anglican) and the Catholic priest of Muko parish for contributing land where we can construct seed beds. Our hope stands alive, that this project will act as an eye opener in fighting poverty.

### Baptism

As it was our prayer to have all the children of Muko-HOPE baptized, we celebrate that this has happened with the baptism of the following children: Kemigisha Phionah, Kyasimire Ketrach, and Kuhawe Fadious. Praise God as we give thanks to Him for the gift of each one of these precious children! We want to thank Rev. Fr. Bruno Byomuhangi for his part in making this happen. He has expressed his belief that the quality of life for the orphans has greatly improved through the provision of the basic necessities of life and is especially encouraged by their restoration of hope, knowing that people both in Uganda and the U.S. "are having sleepless nights for their sake!"

## Distribution

Due to famine in the village, caused by changes in the weather, the orphans received supplies of beans, maize flour and rice. Children and guardians were grateful for these items and pledged to use them efficiently.

## Bible Study and Easter Mission

In the month of April, there was a Bible study combined with the Easter mission which included a guest speaker (Mzee Kagimba Godfrey). The children were taught the meanings of lent season, Palm Sunday, the holy week, Good Friday and Easter. They were assured that Jesus came and died for us that we might be reconciled with the heavenly father. Beneficiaries thanked God for the day and for His love.

## Muko-HOPE Sponsor Potluck

In March, ACT-Michigan held its first sponsor potluck which proved to be a wonderful and informative evening. An overview and update of the orphan program was given which included greetings from *Generous* and *Blessing* along with DVD clips of them visiting some of the orphans in their homes. The sponsors were amazed at what they saw and some tears were shed as the mission team members relived some of their Ugandan experiences! Many new friendships were made and the event helped to bond the sponsors together with each other and with our partners in Uganda. God's presence was felt and we continue to pray for his guidance as we work together for the betterment of these children.



ACT-Michigan Muko-HOPE Sponsors

## Prayer Requests

- Prayers for the village that the famine conditions might end and that the villagers will have enough food to eat.
- Prayers for comfort and peace during this time of sorrow for the family of Margaret Bitambekyi whose son is the ACT board secretary and for the family of Dominic Byomuhangi whose son is Rev. Fr. Bruno (ACT board vice-chairman).

