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Greetings from Blessing

"Wherefore God also had highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".
Phil 2:9-11

We are grateful to God for taking us through the month of December and the whole year 2009. It hasn't been by our power, ability, knowledge or anything else but by His grace. May His name continue to be held holy.



Blessing Kyokwijuka, ACT Social Worker

Happenings in December 2009

During the month of December 2009, we carried out home visitation to assess how the orphans are doing with the Holiday. The children's files were continued to be updated. There was filing of their 3rd term reports and Home visitational reports. In December 2009, we carried out the board meeting which also crowned the year of 2009. A lot of deliberations were made. The board was punctuated by stories of the US visit [by Father Bruno and Charles Tuhaise] and welcoming two new board members.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Hi! My name is Chris Asiimwe and I am 12 years old. I am a primary 3 pupil at Rukore Primary School. I live in the village of Rugarambiro and my Guardian's name is Kellen Nyebigweki.

Chris is currently in need of a sponsor, who can help by providing him with food, clothing, shelter and an education. His school supplies and uniform must be purchased in order to be eligible to attend the "free" government school. As a sponsor, you will not only be providing basic needs but more importantly, you will be sharing your love with a new friend, and giving this child hope for his future. If you are interested or would like more information about Muko HOPE, please contact Margie Phillips (margie001@mac.com).

Selecting schools for Muko HOPE children

In February, the first group of orphans will begin attending two different boarding schools in Kabale. January is a national school holiday. There are two schools selected: Hornby High School Junior (girls only) and Kigezi High School Primary (boys only). The following orphans and their schools:

Hornby High School Junior

Phionah Kemigisha Primary 1
Miracle Atwebembeire Primary 1
Fadius Kuhawe Primary 2
Ronah Kemigisha Primary 2
Grace Kihembo Primary 3
Apophia Turanyomwe Primary 3
Bridget Tubihemukana Primary 3
Pamella Niwamanya Primary 3
Provia Tumwebaze Primary 4
Clare Ninsiima Primary 4

Kigezi High School Primary

Innocent Byamukama Primary 1
John Ariyo Primary 1

Isaac Ngabirano Primary 1
Alex Byaruhanga Primary 1
Vereriano Turyahebwa Primary 1
Rogers Turyahebwa Primary 2
Varence Byomuhangi Primary 2
Christopher Byaruhanga Primary 3
Lois Kabody Primary 3
Moses Barwerekana Primary 3
Caleb Thursday Primary 3
Radicious Kaata Primary 3
Innocent Tumuheki Primary 4
Deus Niwagaba Primary 4
Osbert Muhereza Primary 4
JohnBosco Natukunda Primary 6

Each child had a long list of requirements to attend the schools such as uniforms, sweaters, badges, shoes, stocking, photos, toilet paper, soap, sugar, files, water cans, Bibles, exercise books, rulers, furniture, bedding, mosquito nets. These were in addition to the school fees.

These two schools are U.P.E. schools in Uganda - Universal Primary Education - and are government sponsored. There was insufficient funds to pay for private schools. Because these schools are in a larger town, their quality is much improved over the village schools. During the US mission team visit, we will be visiting and assessing the schools. Again, without your sponsorship, these children would not have had the opportunity to get a good education.

Accomplishments on behalf of the orphans



Phiona Kemigisha tends her goat.

Home Visitation

The orphans continue to care for their goats. They and their guardians will soon be recipients of seedlings to transfer to their own gardens for food. They will learn gardening techniques and be introduced to new vegetables. We are thankful for the HOPE Seeds and the forthcoming resources to build and tend the garden beds.

February 2010 Mission Team

The team consisting of Dr. David Pierce (MPC), Ced Currin (MPC), Israel Pacheco-Santos (Alma College SIFE student), Tim Yuergens (1st United Methodist) and Sue Waechter (MPC) will travel Feb. 25 - Mar 8 to the village and Kabale Town to once again be in fellowship with our partners. The desired outcomes for this trip are:

1. Furthering our relationships with our Ugandan partners by spending time with them in meeting, fellowship and prayer.
2. Meeting with and encouraging the Muko Empowerment Project MEP staff/workers while arranging for handcraft training to build the handcraft business. Our goal is to have this business provide wages to villagers and support the programming of ACT in the future.
3. Assess the status of the Muko HOPE program: the quality of the education in the new schools, the current needs of the children, the ACT office organization.
4. Assist in acquisition of the land for the ACT Centre then with our partners designing and planning of the ACT Centre and explore construction opportunities.
5. Assessing the water quality in the villages and designing the system for water to the clinic and the future ACT Centre.

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for Muko HOPE and all the dedicated staff and volunteers in Uganda working to change the lives of these children.
- Prayers for Blessing Kyokwijuka (our social worker) as he and his fiancé wed the day we arrive in Kabale.
- Prayers for the US team as they prepare for the journey - God grant them flexibility, insight to your will and good health on the trip.
- Prayers for peaceful acquisition of land for the ACT Centre.
- Prayers for each orphan that they may know the light of God in their lives.

