



NEWSLETTER

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HOPE Team 2010

A united and dedicated team spent 4.5 weeks in East Africa in July and August.

From front left are Bron, Gay, Graham, Danielle, Vanessa and Lisa. Norma and Anne are behind and Bill is taking the photo!

This team faced a few challenges including sickness and high security in Uganda after a Somali bomb killed 80.

Their love and interest in the people and HOPE Projects we visited was wonderful.

Sox and Sores

The first few days in the deep village of Kibogo was a hi-light of the trip as we fitted 500 pairs of shoes and sox to gnarled little feet which had never worn shoes before. Several children put their sox on despite large weeping ulcers on their legs that caused the sox to stick painfully to their raw flesh. But the children refused to forego their new chance to look so smart, so finding a plastic rubbish bag, they tore out a 5 cm circle and slipped it down against the sore so their new sox would not stick to their open wound.

This made us realize we urgently need to get better health care and nutrition for the children in the school so these symptoms of malnutrition disappear altogether.

'No' to Nakivale Refugee Camp

Sadly the very day we were due to venture into the camp to visit the churches and the HOPE School, the army closed the camp entrance and forcefully removed 1,800 Rwandan refugees. 10 of them were killed; many are still in hospital from beatings and numerous children separated from their parents in the chaos. Our partner in the camp witnessed this horror and when thousands fled their mud homes, robbers came and took everything. Thankfully, the school and furniture was safe and classes will resume after the holidays, but our non-arrival was a big disappointment for the teachers and children who were so excited about our visit.





Hearts and Hospital

Our HOPE Team 2010 visited Kampala's largest hospital with the Hospital Care Team from partner COME Uganda. 200 children in the children's ward received encouragement, prayer and a glimmer of joy in the midst of their suffering. Hearts went out to many children there with no carer, parent or nurse. Small woolen teddies made by the grandmother of Vanessa brought a smile to many small faces.



COME Uganda do an amazing work in the hospital with dozens of workers assisting patients and staff to cope with the suffering of people in their sicknesses and poverty.



Please enquire if you can give financially to this well placed ministry area.



Courage x 2!

Anna featured years ago when as a smaller child she was terribly burnt. But in the process of getting urgent help for her, her kindness and courage became obvious; something we will never forget.

Her courage has once again come to the fore. After being taken by her usually absent father to a village, she and her 3 siblings found themselves in a bad situation, far from the sense of love and hope they were experiencing in their HOPE School in Lugala with partner COME. Anna's mother travelled to the village and brought the children before a judge to see if she could retrieve her desperately unhappy children. The judge ruled that the father was to keep the children, and when all seemed lost, Anna stood up to him and spoke her mind. In the end, the judge gave in, and released her to go back with her mother. She returned but sadly without her siblings who continued to struggle in the village.

So Anna and mother again returned to the judge and realizing that this young girl was so determined that her siblings also return, he ruled in Anna's favour again!

The sibling children had lost their sponsorship and place in school in those sorry events, but our HOPE team has secured sponsorship for them again. And news just in is that unexpected new spaces in the HOPE School in Lugala have resulted in all the children back safely in school with mama and the people they love.



Anna stands tall with her Siblings after the ordeal



We Give Claire a Hand

After collapsing on a cooking fire and losing her arm 2 years ago, we are thrilled to have finally raised the funds necessary to see her fitted with a new arm and hand.

It was such a joy to meet Claire at her new school and hear her courageous goals of wanting to become Uganda's Minister for the Disabled. In the meantime she has been elected head student for the school after being there only 6 months and enjoys many new friends.

Claire travelled to Tanzania to get her arm made and fitted properly. Her story is truly one of persistent faith, and of turning your scars into stars.

HOPE is privileged to help such wonderful young people determined to make a positive difference in their nation despite their difficult circumstances.

The Call of Kakira's Orphans

For nearly a decade the needs of children in Uganda's largest sugar plantations has never left our thoughts. Our partner 'Hope for the Hurt' struggles to care for many of these children with their emergency health, education and pastoral needs.

Our heart is to build a HOPE School for these children, with operating costs financed from an agricultural project we have just begun. Funds are not available for building the school at present, but if we do not dream it, we will never see it!

We are currently using emergency funds to save the little 5 year old daughter of HIV widow Joyce (right below), Rosemary who was found living under a tree for 3 years needs a second operation, and Mary, our partner co-director, needs at least one hip replacement before she goes lame.

Kakira is a challenging place with desperate human needs. We look forward to what will be developed in the coming years. As a police officer said to us, *"You better reach these kids, before they grow to become thieves and sex workers like all the others."*

We can bring HOPE to Kakira's orphans.



HOPE Missions: So much has happened this year: hundreds saved, healed, delivered and encouraged in the Lord. Jono Osborne has been busy for 5 months with many outreaches in Uganda, Rwanda, DR Congo and Southern Sudan. Our *HOPE Team 2010* shone a light of hope and joy so brightly. Large groups of children, many victims of rape and abuse, young adults hungry for God, and numerous pastors and leaders were all ministered to with a great sense of God's presence and empowerment in every gathering. Please pray for the desperately lonely, war weary and isolated in western Southern Sudan, for God's healing and love to be with all who reached out in faith night after night in the ministry of Jono, our teams and wonderful partners.



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