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A beautiful place: Bunia's best school provides hope for hundreds of abandoned children

VISIT TO HOPE COMPLEX SCHOOL.

Bill Osborne accompanied by Bronwyn Lang and Ps. Willy Tumwine visited this wonderful project in Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo, to find a work prized by the whole city as a trophy of love and care.

Our MAF plane left 5 hours early (!!) without us, which postponed our arrival by a day but our frustrations were quickly relieved by the joy of being there in Bunia at last.

Our HOPE partner HCLS Director Mozart Kile was on the tarmac waiting for us and eased us through customs painlessly. Thankyou Mozart!

Our partnership started with a 5 hour interview in Kampala in 2006. A childhood friend, and son of missionaries to Zaire, Steve Schoemaker quickly came on board as the Australian Coordinator for the project. He has done an amazing job in attracting funds for the building work and salaries of the staff.

After another 2 years of asylum and study in Nairobi, Mozart returned to post war Bunia and was shortly joined there by his wife Sephora and 4 beautiful children.

Today the HOPE Complex School provides a safe place of learning and rehabilitation for over 200 children of war.

We found the children different to Ugandan children. It took 3 days to get them to really smile, which I always aim for as a point of connection, especially when we do not share the same languages. But with the help of good ol' balloons and stickers we soon had the teachers quietly stressed at the manifestation of such western jubilation and fun!

Things continue to move quickly for the wellbeing of these precious children. Already S1 and S2 senior classes are conducted in the school in afternoons after the nursery and primary classes finish.

Foundations are going down as I write, on a 9 acre land parcel, 6 kms from Bunia for a HOPE Senior School.

If you would like a DVD report of this HOPE Project partner 'Hope and Care for Little Souls', please request one by phoning Bill on 0410087462, or email hope@ahi.org.au

HCLS newsletters are on our website.



Bronwyn Lang... has commenced a 12 month posting as volunteer HOPE Liaison Officer based in Mbarara, Southern Uganda. Her role is proving invaluable as she is involved with all projects and partners of AHI in Africa. Read her blogs? Visit <http://aussiehope.blogspot.com/>

BUNIA HOPE



Prevention and Cure...

We alone may not be able to prevent the prominence of abject poverty in the world, nor stop every child from becoming a sex worker, child soldier or victim of AIDS.

But our collective support for 'Hope and Care for Little Souls' snatches hundreds of children from a future without hope .

Bunia is a sprawling city of mud houses, aging colonial buildings and new brick homes for the NGO staff, mainly the from the UN

Official figures say 300,000 people live here, but we hear that 600,000 is more likely the number due to the influx from the surrounding Ituri region where war has mustered everyone together since the late 90's.

French, Swahili and Lingala are the main languages spoken. There are 3 main barracks for the UN contingents that has Bunia saturated for the ongoing security of the city. One barrack is for the Moroccans, one for Pakistanis, and the other, from memory, was for the Bangladesh soldiers.

There is still a large refugee camp in town for people who fled war and now have nowhere to return to.

The Kile's household is a great place to live and rest. There is always something happening though, with their own 4 children and 7 'adopted' orphans, (4 boys and 3 girls) life is well oiled teamwork under their roof.

Holly, (bottom right) is the youngest adopted girl and La Joie (left) is the oldest. She never knew her parents and has never been to school, but when we heard she was learning tailoring, we bought her her own sewing

machine. This machine was purchased from the sale of our HOPE Gift Cards, thank you to all who have purchased these beautiful cards and to Mim Ashby who lovingly makes them!

You can grow to understand how things are somewhere by email, but visiting and being there is something else. Now we are determined to help as much as possible with new vision and sense of urgency. There is so much being done in Bunia, but more could be achieved to give hundreds, even thousands of children and young people a brighter future.

How you can you help ...?

* **Sponsor a HOPE School** child at \$40 a month. This will ensure the child's essential needs are met and the school is funded for ongoing costs like teachers salaries, materials and curriculum, food and water at the school.

* **Donate to the HOPE Senior School** construction, stage 1 of 6 classrooms.

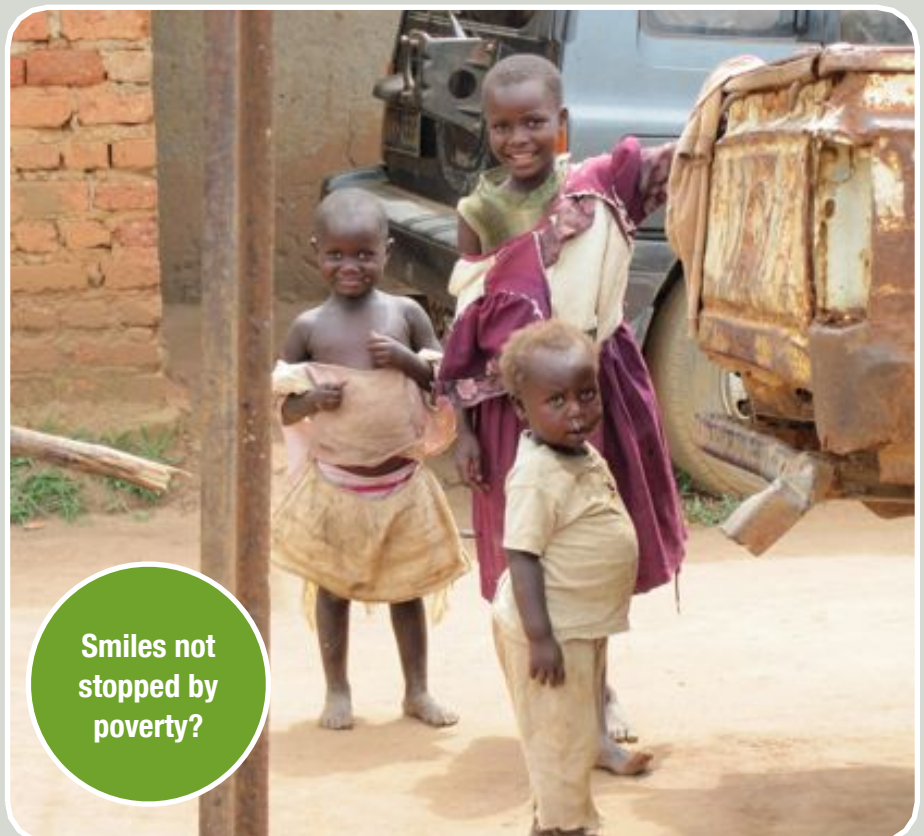
* **Give to the Emergency Medical Fund.**

* **Join a HOPE team** to visit Bunia and build a church for the Kile's congregation to seat 400.

* **Sponsor an HIV AIDS widow** at \$50 a month to empower her to make a way for herself and receive treatment as needed.

* **Pray for the children.**

Please enquire today and discuss these or other ways of sharing this journey of joy!



Smiles not stopped by poverty?



Ebenezer HOPE School joy ...

Their faces show the the joy of receiving new shoes for school. And no face lights up more than our partner Anne Tumwine's who reflects the privilege of bringing such gifts. Thanks to Cynthia Springett and the Contact group who donated to help these children.



Working in East Africa's wet season is a big challenge for construction work.

But that does not stop our amazing partners from forging ahead with building work in several areas that will further develop schools, a hospital, a community centre and farming projects. These all aim to empower our African friends with dignity, hope and self reliance.

Education is a major key to the realisation of our goals. It is well known that schooling the next generation paves the way to overcome poverty, civil unrest and disease. Consequently, most of our HOPE Projects are striving towards developing schools for needy children.

COME Uganda has recently opened the HOPE Medical Centre which is averaging 30 patients a day. Director Frank Heyward reports there is an alarming number of cases of HIV AIDS being detected in people who never otherwise receive medical care.

Partner **CVM** directed by Kaazi Twinomujuni is advancing rapidly.

Our work partner by partner

Presently he is successfully overseeing our farming project with partner RWC with profits to be directed towards the HOPE Schools ongoing costs. The HOPE School in Kibogo is building 2 more classrooms for P6 and P7's. The CVM base near Kampala is constructing a community centre which will provide valuable programs for lifting the quality of life for the local people.

RWC directed by Ps. Willy and Anne Tumwine is busy with constructing 2 new classrooms in HOPE Schools in Mbarara and 2 also in Nakivale Refugee Camp. More land is being purchased at Kitokye Village HOPE School (pictured above) so we can provide playing fields and room for teachers quarters as well as future development .

Hope for the Hurt directed by Lulenti Ssali continues to provide emergency relief and small business projects for destitute widows.

MOZART & SEPHORA KILE, BUNIIA	WATER=WORK	EMANUEL	8 YR OLD, 15 LT	PRETTY HAIR

HOPE Missions - NEWS

This week Jono Osborne left, Syria to return to his temporary home church, Bethel, in Redding, California. He ministered with a small team in churches across Damascus, the capital city, mainly preaching and teaching. Preceding that, he spent a week in Lebanon mainly doing evangelism.

In May he returns to Australia for a few months before moving on to either Africa or the USA for further study in his course 'Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry. The amount of funds available will largely determine his destination.

Builders and Laborers wanted for Bunia.

AHI has a wonderful connection with a church in Bunia where Mozart and family fellowship and Mozart is a pastor. The day we visited the church was bursting with faces blocking out windows and doors unable to get in. This building of mud walls and iron sheet roof, is surrounded by what looks like a compound wall but very low.

In fact, this wall is the start of a larger church hall which will be built over the existing building and seat 4 - 500 when finished. The

problem is the people lack funds to finish the work but with support and encouragement from Australia, the job can be done.

We are putting the call out for builders, carpenters, electricians, plumbers and laborers to visit Bunia for 2 - 3 weeks and get the hall finished. In the evenings there is also an opportunity for budding evangelists and Bible teachers to reach out in open air ministry in the city of Bunia.

The Bunia church desperately wants to finish the building and would flow with us in completing the task. All funds would have to come from donations from Australia. People can donate only, or can come on the HOPE Team trip, or come and donate!

We would plan to have all materials on site ready to go with African builders there to guide in local issues.

The cost will be about \$5,500 per person for all airfares, food and accommodation. (not 5, 4, 3 or even 2 star!)

Apart from the building and evangelism work, we would be an amazing encouragement and blessing to thousands of people who have suffered so much in their recent past.

Please enquire if you want to talk more about this opportunity to serve with our Congolese friends in Bunia.

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Monthly sponsorship:

Children \$40 AIDS widow \$50 School class \$100

DVD's

HCLS, Bunia. HOPE Complex School DVD \$10

Other HOPE project DVD's \$5

Donation priorities:

Senior Schools construction HOPE Medical Centre stage 2

COME Hospital Care

Nursery and Primary School classrooms construction

Women's Associations Projects - capital for business activities

Older street children small business starter capital

Evangelism and open air ministry (not tax deductible)

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"Come fly with us..."

Join a HOPE Team visiting East Africa and you'll have an experience of a lifetime. You may visit your sponsored child, encourage children in HOPE Schools, pray with the sick and dying, visit a refugee camp or a game park, preach in a village church or market place. Ask for a Visitor Information Pack today. bill@ahi.org.au