

Newsletter – Dec 2017

Greetings Sponsors! God is moving through Restoration Uganda in many exciting ways. As you know, over the last 10 years we have seen the Lord grow this ministry to over 225 students currently sponsored. We have built an orphanage, a primary school, a nursery school, and a church. Our latest prayer has been to see the Lord establish the Restoration High School, which we started at the beginning of this year with two classes meeting in a church office. The following Google Earth satellite view show our current campuses.

Restoration Church -Primary SchoolBoarding SectionNursery / Preschool -Other properties

Purple Red White Blue Green

HIGH SCHOOL LAND: We had intended to build our new high school on one of the green pieces of land, perhaps tearing down a current facility or squeezing a small high school into a crammed location. But about 3 weeks the only undeveloped land ago, anywhere near our campuses came on the market for sale. It is identified in this second satellite view marked in vellow. It is a HUGE piece of property for only \$45,000 (which is fair, considering that we purchased the church land for \$60,000 several years ago). Land within the city is very expensive, which is why we purchased our orphanage land outside the city for only \$10,000.

<u>A LOAN:</u> The landowner only gave us one month to raise the funds before he intended to break the land into smaller pieces to sell it off. At Pastor Frank's leading, I approached several individuals with the idea of loaning Restoration





Uganda the funds (to be paid off in 4 years at minimal interest). God be glorified - we have received \$11,250 from four individuals and will own this new land by the end of the month! But wait... it gets better! One of the four lenders even decided to decided to donate their \$11,250 instead of lending it! Hallelujah!

The New High School Land



INCREASE IN TUITION:

Truly this high school will enable us to influence students for 16 years... think of it - a 16-year discipleship ministry providing education in a Christian environment completely impacting hundreds of lives every For this reason, we year. are asking all of our sponsors to slightly increase their tuition beginning in April of 2018 (our last

increase was 7 years ago). *This total increase will be \$2.50 per month.* These additional funds will be used to help pay off the high school land over the next four years. Frank asked me about a year ago to pray about an increase in tuition due to general inflation – and I now believe this High School project has made this the time. Here is a breakdown of the new costs:

Primary (Day School) Secondary (Day School) Primary (Boarding School) Secondary (Boarding School) Current Tuition \$100 per term \$135 per term \$250 per term \$300 per term New Tuition (April 2018)

\$110 per term \$145 per term \$260 per term \$310 per term

* For those sponsoring students in our orphanage, there will be no increase in tuition.

<u>REPAYING THE LOAN:</u> Our ministry has always spoken openly about the fact that Restoration Uganda keeps 0% of your donations. 100% of all student tuition donations are wire transferred to Uganda. However, once those funds get to Uganda, we have communicated openly to sponsors that additional funds from your student donations are used for the purposes of the school. Your monthly donations help to pay for more than your student's tuition – they build the schools, supply uniforms, meals, and provide scholarships for many other students in the school.

With this new loan, nothing will change. We will continue to wire transfer all of your tuition funds to Uganda. At Pastor Frank's request, we will use some of these additional funds to repay the \$33,750 loan over the next 4 years. Once the loan is paid off, your extra \$2.50 per month will help with increased costs of general inflation in Uganda. We hope it will be at least another 7 years before we have to increase tuition again!

<u>HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION</u>: As you can see from this picture below, the new land is very near to the current Primary School. Look to the right of the tree, and you will see the top of the Primary School.



We now have in place the land to build and \$7,000 towards the initial construction. I have also received a donation of a car that will likely add \$3000 - \$5000 to this figure. But we truly need another \$5000 - \$8000 to establish the foundation of this building before school begins February 1st.

DECEMBER TUITION: As you know December is a collection month (no increase until April 2018). But if the Lord has provided the ability and perhaps stirred your heart, would you pray about contributing towards the high school project before the end of the year? We hope to lay the foundation and get the first floor done soon.

If you would like more information on this, call me at 509-413-6685 or email me at restoration4uganda@gmail.com. As always, our address is

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Thank you for all you are doing to make a huge difference! And Keep praying for us! - Jim Shiner