

Student Sponsorship Newsletter – April 2012

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I am excited to report to you how God is expanding this ministry in Uganda that you are a part of. I cannot overemphasize how *your continued support is making a huge difference!*

The Meal Program Last year, as asked you for a one-time raise in your contribution from \$20 per month to \$25 per month in order to provide a meal each day to all 200 students in the Restoration School. As a poor community, many kids only have one meal a day and it is usually in the evening. This was the first meal of the program:



Can you see the joy in the eyes of each child here? So thankful and happy for a simple meal.... This is what God did through an extra \$5 per month!

100 Sponsors: Frank and Hellen Butayi came to America in September and October of last year. During their trip to many churches, they raised spoke of their entire ministry which includes construction of a building (they have never had a permanent building), their orphanage, the radio ministry, church planting, and the school sponsorship program. The focus on their trip was to raise funds for their new church, which is now in construction (picture next page).

A few months ago, I received an email from Daniel Kibiridge in Uganda. He is the schoolmaster whose main job is administering the sponsorship program. He told me how very sad he was that many students had come to the school last year and filled out applications and had their pictures taken in hopes that they could attend the school by receiving a sponsor. He told me that Frank had these forms with him on his trip to America.



I had no idea. I emailed Frank and he confessed that the forms never left his briefcase. He felt in his spirit that the churches he was visiting were already doing so much for him, he did not feel it would be right to ask for more. I was reading a book at that time (“Kisses from Katie” – by Katie Davis) about life of children in Uganda. I was pricked in my heart to ask Daniel to send the forms to me.

I received these forms last month and now have 57 new students to add to our 36... a total of 93. **God has placed a commitment on my heart to establish and maintain sponsorships for 100 students in Frank’s school from our community.** I am approaching local business, and people outside Faith Community Church to participate as well. The attached form shares this vision. Please pray for God to provide more sponsors as these kids in my briefcase cannot go to school until He does. If you have family or friends who would be blessed by giving in this way, let me know!

Our Next Trip: With this vision in mind, I am planning my 4th trip to Uganda late this fall. I have been blessed to go about every 18 months to the “pearl of Africa” and blessed to take my three older children on some of these trips. I am hoping to take my wife and remaining two children (Raymond, Adam) with me in November. We plan to spend time meeting all 100 students (God willing) and bringing back pictures and videos for you of your students.

Your trip to Uganda? Perhaps 18 months after that trip...if the Lord wills... my next trip will include any sponsors who want to see first hand the work of this school in Uganda. Maybe you? Talk to me! There is plenty of time to plan and prepare.... Be open as God may want you to come with us!

Mukama Yeba Zebwe! - Pastor Jim