



Newsletter – Nov 2018

GIVING THANKS: The Bible tells us that a man plans his ways, but the Lord directs his steps. I have had the privilege of being a local church pastor for almost 25 years, but never imagined the additional calling from the Lord to minister to hundreds of children in Uganda and travel to Uganda ten times in eleven years – what a personal blessing for me (xbox shirt) and my wife Tammy (seated on the ground) who partners with me in this ministry!



This year's mission team included seven people were taking a return trip to Uganda. The "experienced" team enabled a very smooth-running ten days of ministry.

Some of what we did on this trip:



- We delivered gifts (shirts, shoes, flip flops, toys, Uganda Shillings, etc.) to over 500 Restoration School students as well as hundreds of individual gifts to others

- We preached in 8 different worship services seeing over 100 people make decisions for Christ

- We provided a full day field trip to the zoo for Primary 6 students along with a week-long vacation Bible School ministry to the entire primary school

- We interviewed over 250 students for sponsorship

THE FOOD PROJECT: Through your additional donations, we raised over \$15,000 for the food project! This enabled EVERY SINGLE SPONSORED STUDENT'S FAMILY to receive over 40 pounds of beans, rice, corn maize, and sugar, along with 3 liters of cooking oil.



These pictures of one student show him walking through the process.

First, someone from our team interviewed the sponsored student – we wanted to connect with them and deliver a photo and letter from the sponsors to each student. We made sure we had accurate information and then gave each student some gifts.



Then we explained the food project to each student and that their individual sponsor provided all of these items to bless their family. Their faces were filled with joy! We explained that in order to receive the food they needed to bring back a coupon we gave them to church on Sunday. Then we took a picture of each one with their sponsors picture sitting in front of the food they were to receive.



If the student was old enough to speak English, we had them make a brief video for their sponsor. *By the way, sometime within the next month or two, you should expect to receive an email with your student's updated information, picture, and personal video!*



Finally, we had an amazing celebration Sunday with over 1000 people in attendance at church! Every person in church (not just the student's families) received five pounds of sugar and/or beans – but the sponsored students' families received the full forty plus pounds – it was what we describe as "Holy Chaos"!





THE FUTURE OF MY MINISTRY: God answered a deep prayer in my spirit leading up to the trip. I will be making several important changes in Restoration Uganda to ensure that I can run this race with endurance.

Fewer Team Trips - I will be reducing the frequency of large trips to Uganda. Although I will intend to take an annual trip to ensure accountability in the distribution of

the funds we are sending for the students, I will only be leading large mission trips about every other year. If you want to join me on a future trip, I'm afraid you will have to wait until 2021. However, there may be other opportunities as we have several experienced team members and Restoration Uganda Board Members who you may take you to Uganda between now and then!

Fewer Organizational Trips from Uganda

- As I have coordinated Pastor Frank Butayi's annual trips to the Northwest, I have requested of him that he travels on alternating years. Tentatively, Frank will visit us again in 2020, then we will bring a team to Uganda in 2021, Frank in 2022, and so on. These two changes will enable me to concentrate my efforts on our main mission.



Focus on the Orphanage and Primary School Sponsorships: - The need in Uganda is overwhelming – beyond words. Everywhere you look there is a need.



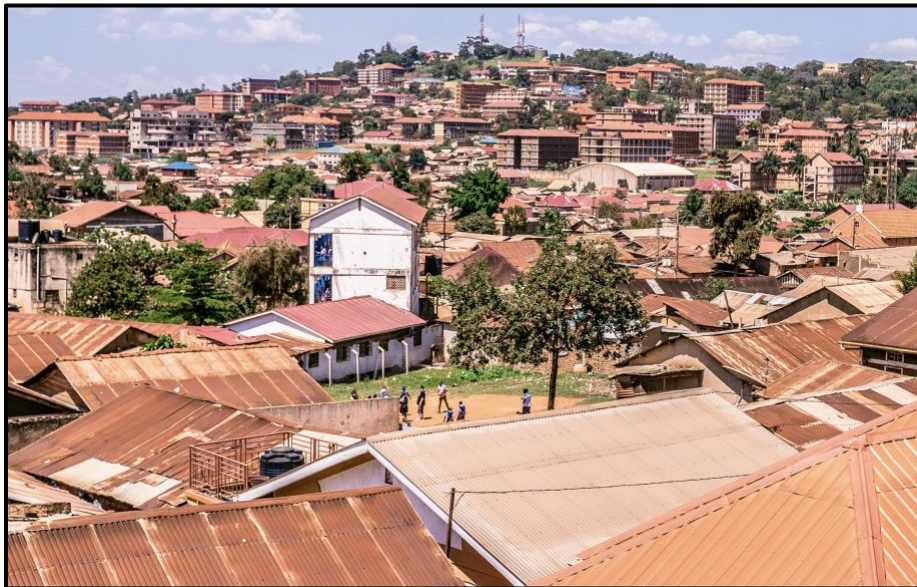
Sometimes I feel like I am trying to fill an ocean of need with an eye-dropper or help. And perhaps my heart has tried to do too many things in recent years. Moving forward I am committed to the original vision that God laid on my heart when I began this ministry over 10 years ago: establishing and maintaining sponsorships for the poorest of children in Uganda through our school in Nakulabye.

I believe strongly in the ministry of the Restoration Church and Schools.

Children's lives are being changed through education, daily food, and the gospel. The discipleship process can effectively run for 16 years of a child's life:

- 3 years of education in our nursery school (preschool)
- 7 years of education in our primary school (kindergarten – 6th grade)
- Potentially another 6 years in our high school (we currently offer 3 grades)

THE HIGH SCHOOL: We have over 40 students in 3 grades of school meeting in makeshift classrooms. Less than a year ago, God provided the land for a future High School. This year we have raised over \$26,000 towards the total project goal of \$300,000. However, our first level goal is \$50,000. Once we received an additional \$24,000, we can construct the foundation and first floor classrooms so that our students and teachers can move in. I took this picture of the future high school land from the third floor of our Primary School. As you can see, it is truly the only undeveloped piece of land anywhere near our campuses. We thank God for His provision and are praying that He will provide what only He can do – the resources



to complete the vision for a High School and 16 years of life-changing discipleship and education.

Please remember us if the Lord stirs your heart to give before the end of 2018 – or in 2019!

Send us a check with the word "Building" on the memo line to

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(remember that DECEMBER is a COLLECTION MONTH)

Thank you for all you are doing to make a HUGE difference!

- Jim Shiner