



Newsletter – Apr 2019

A Quick Trip: Since 2007, I have been blessed to take an annual trip to Uganda in support of this ministry. For the past several years, I have led teams of a dozen or more people on those annual trips, but for 2019 I decided that I needed to travel alone to accomplish a few important ministry tasks. I just returned from that weeklong trip at the beginning of this month.

My primary goal is always to check on the welfare of the school and students, to maintain accountability and integrity in the ministry, and to connect relationally with the ministers and teachers at the Restoration Assembly Churches and Schools. This time I was truly able to sit down with Pastor Frank Butayi and Superintendent Daniel Kibirige and pray and talk about the future of our ministry. We established some new policies for selecting students for sponsorship. We worked on setting higher academic standards for students at certain levels within our ministry. I even had time to enjoy some great fellowship with the people of Uganda and the Lord. It was a full and blessed week.



Gifts: Although I travelled alone, I was still able to take along 150 pounds of additional items to share: Bibles, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and individual gifts from the sponsors to their students. A special thank you to all who were able to send something. I have some letters that I hope to get out in the mail soon. Keep in mind that we have 237 students currently sponsored, so we don't always get a 100% contribution when it comes to letters. And the younger ones can't write letters yet as they are still learning English!





The Church: The facility has received a new concrete floor since my last trip – it has been dirt for years! The Restoration Assembly Church is constantly advancing the kingdom of God. They have evangelistic crusades

each month. They lead community outreach meetings with other local churches. They are even preaching a crusade this summer in Kenya. They have weekly all-night prayer meetings from 8pm to 4AM each Friday. They are in the process of buying a radio station and currently own 4 hours a day on 102.5 Tiger FM, which means they are preaching the gospel about 25 hours a week in Kampala. The week I was there, the church had a special door to door outreach to the community sharing Christ. There were over 200 decisions for Christ that week, with 65 of those people returning to church on Sunday. Of those, 44 were baptized the Sunday I was there. What a blessing to see these people working tirelessly for the kingdom of God.



Restoration Children's Village: Another ministry of the church is the orphanage, established on our first mission trip in 2007. There are currently over 20 children



living there who are total orphans (without mother or father). I had a chance to visit the orphanage, deliver some gifts, and see the grace of God at work. All is doing well, except we are hoping to raise a few funds to buy more mattresses and a basketball hoop for the older students when they return during spring break. There isn't much to do out in the village so we want to keep them from idle time!

Restoration Schools: As you know, the main focus of our nonprofit is supporting



the schools. We have over 500 students spanning 14 grades of education. Our greatest concern is the high school. We have 4 grades of classes (Senior 1 through Senior 4) meeting in the front part of our church building (left), which was designed to be office space for the church behind it. The classrooms are makeshift with temporary walls and dirt floors. They are cramped and don't contribute towards a great educational environment. The lower 10 grades have facilities of their own, but we really need to build the high school by January 2020!



The Building Project: You may recall that we acquired the land to build a facility a little over a year ago (right). Although the total High School project will encompass four or five floors of education space costing about

\$300,000, we only need \$50,000 to build the foundation and the first floor so the students can occupy the facility and study there next year. And we have already raised over \$30,000 towards that goal. We are praying for two things to happen soon. First, we are asking God to provide the remaining \$20,000 so the first phase can be completed. Secondly, we need God to release the permits from the local officials so we can begin building. We are ready to start construction now! But in third world countries sometimes local officials are wanting a little extra (bribe) to make the paperwork go through. We are praying that God will change their hearts and give us the permits to build soon. Will you please pray for this high school to be built this year? I can't overemphasize how important this facility is in our education and discipleship plan in Uganda.



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

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(Please remember that APRIL is a COLLECTION MONTH)