

Dear Friends,

I am back from another amazing time with our kids in Uganda!!! I have to be honest with you, if the plane back to the US had left without me, I would have been just fine. =)

We spent 1 week at the "Village". We brought down 36 of our orphans from Gulu to spend the week with us. 17 of them had NEVER seen the "Village", they had only heard about it and prayed for over 2 years now. I wish you could have seen their faces when we showed them the 2 homes that were completed!!! They slept in the new school. Girls (below) in one classroom and boys in another. They had fun just being "children" again, playing soccer, swinging from the trees, laughing, singing around the campfire, doing chores, and of course DANCING. Everything begins and ends with Dancing!



I am working on a newsletter with a ton of photos (like always) to send to you, so you can see the amazing progress on the land. And with stories of the incredible time we had with the kids.

As much fun as I had with the kids, it was so hard to send them back to Gulu to the IDP (refugee camps). They enjoyed a taste of what living at the "Village" would be like, now it is back to dirt floor mud huts. So you can imagine how motivated I am to get the kids moved to the "Village".

First let me brag a little on 5 of our kids in the Safe House in Gulu. They have been living in the home for 1 to 1 1/2 years. Richard & Denis (our two oldest boys) passed their exams and have been accepted in 2 excellent boarding schools in Gulu! (this was their goal, to get into a good boarding school means you get to go to the University). And then Irene, Franko & Clinton ranked #1 in each of their classes. For all of these children this is a huge success. When they first moved into the Safe House, they were all at the bottom of their classes. **We are VERY PROUD of them!**

It is obvious what a huge impact living in a loving home can make on their lives! So **what will it take to move them to the "Village" into their new homes?**
And WHEN?

The government requires that we have an infrastructure at the Village: I will list what we need and also what is and is not funded! You will be encouraged and yet see we still have work to be done. **Our goal to move the FIRST 72 orphans is April 23, 2010!** We can only move the children during their school break, so April & August are the next 2 breaks.

What will it take!

Primary School	Completed
Primary School furnished & staffed	Needs funding
4 homes built	All funded: 2 completed, 2 being built
4 homes furnished & staffed	Needs funding
Staff homes for teachers, nurse, pastor	Needs funding
Water system to homes	Funded & in process
SolarPower to school & homes	Needs funding
Hire Headmaster for Primary School	We hired an amazing woman of God! She needs funding
Hire 8 Teachers	We hired 1 teacher so far, she is a jewel!!! All need funding
Hire pastor & wife	Needs funding and prayer that we find the right couple
Hire nurse	Needs funding
MultiPurpose Building (lunch room & events)	Funded & in process
Monthly support for 72 children & staff	Needs funding

Total funds needed: \$195,700!!! Sounds impossible to raise by April? Yes, but what is impossible with man is POSSIBLE with God!!!!

How can you help?

#1: PRAY!!!!

#2: Tell your friends, pastors, co-workers, family about our kids, share the newsletter I will be sending in a few days!

#3: Join our Village of Hope Inc Facebook and share with others. We will have a big push and 72 Days of Hope Countdown!!!

#4: Invite me to come and share the kids stories to your friends, family, churches, work groups.

#5: Ask God what He would ask you to do to help fund any of these areas.

I wish I could for a moment let you meet our kids. Because once you meet them you will be like me... ruined for anything else. My heart is with them and my heart aches until they all have a loving home! Over the last 3 years (March will be 3 years) you have given and given and prayed and prayed. I know you have sacrificed so much to help our kids!!! And we have seen God use our fish and loaves and multiply them. Once you see ALL that has been built on the land in just 1 year, you will be amazed like I was. So I KNOW you care about our kids! I KNOW you sacrifice for our kids! So am I overstepping by asking you to pray more and to continue giving? If I am, please forgive me. Just know it comes from the heart of a "mother" of over 450 orphans and from a heart that will do whatever it takes for them ALL to be SAFE and at HOME!

As most of you know, VOH is not some large organization. In the US, I am still the only paid staff (and I raise my own salary separately). We don't have a huge overhead because I office out of my second bedroom in my apartment. Our website designer, publications, Bead Project manager, grant writer, Child Sponsorship coordinator, Accountant, etc are volunteers. I only say all of that to assure you, when you give to VOH, it is going directly to support the projects for our kids! And when you designate a gift, 100% goes to your designation.

I am sorry I have rambled on. Just to conclude,... THANK YOU for loving our kids and being a HUGE part in their lives! We could not do this, I could not do this without YOU! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, ideas!

Love and blessings,

For the sake of the children,

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