

Village of Hope Uganda

Child Sponsorship/Food Distribution

October 2008



We purchased HUGE bags of rice, posho (flour), and beans and took them to the Safe House where our kids spent the day bagging the food in individual portions.

The children were more than happy to bag food for their friends who still lived in the camps. Praying one day they too would have a home like they do.

Then we took the bags to each IDP camp to distribute to 50 out of 300+ orphan children VOH has.

I expected total chaos as we put the bags of food under a mango tree. But the children all gathered, danced and sang for us and then waited patiently as their name were called to get their monthly allotment of food. Not all received food. We prayed that God would multiply the food we were able to give.



\$30 per month sponsors 1 orphan child living in the IDP Camps of Gulu. This provides food and education for a child that would otherwise have to go without.

Make checks payable to:

Village of Hope
PO Box 700126
Dallas, TX 75370



Indicate whether you would like a boy or girl; and age of the child you would like to sponsor. We will send you a photo and bio of a child that you can pray for.

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Joyce



I walked through the front gate to the Safe House and was greeted with hugs and smiles from the 13 orphans that are currently living there. They led me into the living room and sat on the floor, giggling with excitement. Scovia was wearing a T-shirt and then left the room and changed into a different shirt; later that evening she changed shirts again. Why? Because she could! When she lived in the IDP camps, she had 1 shirt and 1 skirt that she wore everyday. Now she has 6 shirts and several skirts and pants!



Franko

Gloria



Their plates were overflowing with food, but they ate every bite. Not one grain of rice was left on their plates. This was the only time the children were quiet, when they ate until their bellies could hold no more.



Moses

When they finished eating they collected their plates, took them in the kitchen and washed them.

Scovia



They eagerly showed me their beds. "I sleep here!" each would say as they showed me their beds with the soft blankets made by loving ladies in Oregon.



Norman

How happy each child was. But the reality of where they came from seemed hard to comprehend. Eleven out of 13 of the children saw their parents killed by the LRA. Three of the boys had been abducted and two of those boys were forced to kill their own parents. But there was NOTHING in their faces, actions or attitudes that would have made me believe that. They were so loving to me, to each other and to Bright (Rose's 2 1/2 year old son).

Patricia



Richard

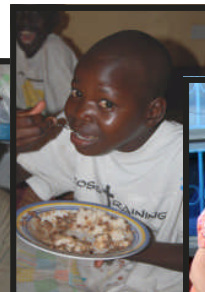
Scovia



Richard is very smart, loves math and loves to hold my hand as we walk. Norbert, loves to play with Bright; Norman (Norbert's brother) is a silly one, always making faces in all the photos, keeping everyone laughing. Joyce is the "mom" helping cook and clean; Peter is all smiles. We have 2 Scovia's: one is tiny and sweet, the other is on the "bossy" side; and 2 Gloria's, who just want to be hugged and loved on all the time. Moses is sweet and kind. Patricia is the youngest of the group; Dennis loves to practice his English on me; and Franko is quiet but very helpful around the home. Each one is a blessing from God.

Dennis

Peter



Gloria



Norman, Bright & Norbert

Thank you for your prayers for me as I traveled to Gulu in September! The thing that stuck out to me more than anything, was just the contrast between the children we have living in the Safe House and the ones still living in huts, alone in the IDP camps.

Maybe I had gotten used to the dirty faces, torn and tattered clothes, distended bellies, flies, and constant poverty in the camps, or maybe it was just that the children in the Safe House were so happy and joyful and thankful for the new life they had.

Either way, the contrast was very evident! And made me come back more determined to get ALL of our children moved into new homes where they are loved and cared for.

Praises:

- Rose got a new motorcycle! We had fun riding it to and from the IDP camps
- We visited the LAND and it is more lush and green than EVER!
- We will have 18 children living in the Safe House in a few weeks
- The bead project is going GREAT
- We hired a house mom to help Rose at the Safe House



Prayer Requests:

- Bright: (Rose's son) blind in his left eye, found growth behind eye, think it is cancer
- Pray the road on the land is graded and well drilled by December
- Pray we can start building the homes and the school by January
- Pray we will be able to get the other 250 children sponsored
- We still need \$2,000 per month to support the children in the Safe House
- Ugandan Government plans to close all the IDP camps by December and burn down all the huts. It would leave all of our children and thousands of others homeless.
- Pray the LRA and their leader Joseph Kony would NOT return to Uganda! While I was in Gulu they attacked a village in Congo and abducted 90 children and killed many, leaving over 2,000 running in fear.

Thank you for your partnership, prayers and support which has allowed us to do all the things we are doing. If it weren't for you, there would be no Village of Hope!!!!

