



Village of Hope Uganda

Lives changed...Safe House

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I just returned from Gulu, Uganda where I was able to hang out with the 19 children we have living at the Safe House. Each night they would go with us to the IDP (refugee) camps. The first night 9 children piled into the van we rented, the second night 13 and the next night 19 children piled into a van made for 11 passengers. I don't think they have the same "seatbelt" laws as the US.



The Safe House children would join the dancing & singing with the other children in the IDP camps. As I watched our children from the Safe House they kept looking back at me to see if I was watching them. I felt like a proud "mama".

As we got home each evening the children would gather for a Bible Story lead by one of them, then they would all learn a memory verse, sing songs and pray... it wasn't your regular type of prayer. As they prayed I felt

we were ushered into the very presence of God! Tears streamed down their faces and mine.

Michelle from Nashville commented, "Cindy, I sat by Richard (who was forced to kill his parents) tonight and I GET IT!!! It isn't just their circumstances that have changed, but it is **their very hearts!**"



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My name is Stella. I am 14 years old girl. I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Our father was the Local Leader in our village. We used to go into the fields and cultivate crops for our family to eat.



One day the LRA Rebels came into our village. They wanted to make an example of my father and show the people of our village, if you don't follow me, this will happen to you as well.

They slaughtered our mother and father with a machete and they forced all of us to watch. They built a big fire in the middle of the village where they cooked and fed my parents to the entire village.



My brothers, sisters and I fled to an IDP camp (photo of hut above) in Gulu where we lived on our own. We had no food to eat, no clothes to wear. We were very sad.

In November we moved into the Village of Hope Safe House. We are loved and cared for. Our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for the new home we have. We love our new family and love to sing praises to God for all the good things He has done. We are not alone anymore.

Beads of Hope Jewelry

How do orphans take recycled paper and turn it into beautiful colorful beaded jewelry?



They cut the paper



Roll paper by hand into beads



Dip beads into varnish



Finally they string them into beautiful necklaces, bracelets and earrings

All jewelry is handmade by VOH orphans. All profits from the sell of jewelry goes to orphan projects in Gulu!



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How many men does it take to unload a motorcycle? 6 men and 1 Rose!

Home sweet Hut



Mike with his assistant Ken

Some might call Mike Doud a "freak of nature". Who in their right mind would WANT to live in a mud hut in the middle of the bush of Uganda? Who would want to live without electricity, running water, indoor toilets? Who would want to clear 100 acres of land full of thorns and trees? Who would want to dig up tree trunks to build a road?

Well no "normal" person that is for sure! But Mike isn't a "normal" person. He is the man God designed and called on for this VERY THING!

Sitting next to me after seeing the hut Rose had built for him, he said, "Cindy, there is no place I would rather be, this is HOME!"

Mike and his wife Janelle have given the next 2—3 years of their lives to build the Village for the orphans of Northern Uganda! One day soon, more children like Stella, will have a NEW HOME, a place where they can sleep in a bed for the first time, have a full belly when they go to bed, and clean clothes to wear. But it is more than just the physical comforts or provisions, it is about lives being changed here on earth and for all eternity!

This is the mission God has called Mike, Janelle and their daughter Jenna to. Please pray for them and their ministry to our children.



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