



Village of Hope Uganda

We are building a "Village"

June 2009

The summer is in full swing. We have over 20 Americans currently working on the Village Land!
One year ago today: We had 100 acres of BUSH!

Today we have:

- Well drilled and providing water for 100's
- Road completed
- 6 huts built (in background of photo)
- Pit latrines & showers!!! (in background)
- 1 storage building
- 1 school foundation (photo right)
- 1st home foundation being dug
- Solar power up and running
- Solar pump for well & water tank completed
- "Tipper" purchased (flat bed truck to haul supplies & food)
- Mike, Janelle & Jenna Doud return to LIVE ON THE LAND!!!



GOD HAS DONE IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE!!!

Safe House kids join the work



Every weekend the children from the Safe House load up in the van and head to the Village to work on preparing the land for cultivation.

They are eager to help and are looking forward to seeing a harvest because they know it will feed their friends in the IDP camps.

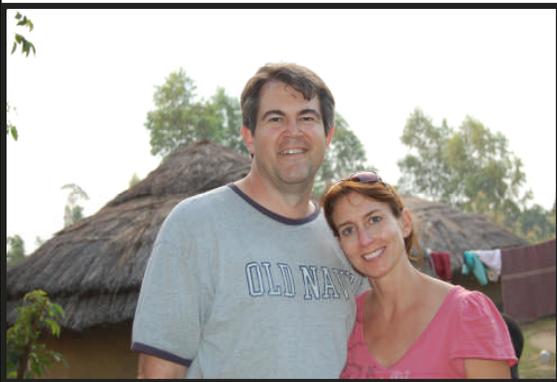
Photos: left; Richard clearing land, right; kids pumping water at the well



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A year ago Bill & Donna Baker accompanied me for their first trip to Uganda. Bill, a partner at KPMG, traded his business suit to pass out muffins to orphans (he is now known as the "Muffin Man" by all the children around the Safe House). Needless to say, he was hooked and ready to do whatever it took to help our children.

Bill joined our Board of Directors and has been involved in the work of VOH in a huge way.

On May 27th, Bill left the comforts of US life and flew to Uganda to live in a mud hut (with termites and frogs) and eat beans and rice for 3 weeks. He didn't go unprepared. He took: solar panels, solar pump for well, batteries, chain saws, tools, equipment, you name it,

he had it... all of which filled over 7 HUGE containers that he carried with him on the flight.

Since Bill has been there, he has been overseeing things until Mike returns June 8th. And then they will work side by side as they join God in building a Village! I don't know what we would do without men like Bill who are willing to sacrifice so much to help our kids!

Personal note from Cindy

Thank God for the many opportunities He has given me this Spring to travel and share with people from Florida to Hawaii about VOH! So I look forward to the summer with all the teams from the US coming, and my own trip June 20—July 7. I am taking my 28 year old niece with me! I can't wait to see all God has been doing since my last trip in February.

We have grown so much: from just Rose & me doing everything, to having over 30 local Ugandans working in Gulu and working on the Village, and over 50 Americans spending part of their summer serving our kids and building the Village. God continually provides the right people at the right time, and the resources we need to do the project ahead of us!

Honestly, sometimes all of that "growth" scares me. There are more decisions to make, more responsibilities for me to do, more people "depending" on me. And this "white woman from Dallas" sometimes feels overwhelmed and very inadequate to be called "Director." It is easy to lose focus and forget who is REALLY building this Village.

"Think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise...influential...

BUT God chose the weak ..so that no one can boast" I Corinthians 1: 26-31

God keeps reminding me that it really ISN'T about what I can or can't do... it is about Him and being a part of His awesome work that HE IS DOING! That way, He gets ALL the GLORY!!! "Wow, look what God has done!"



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