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MISSIONARIES TO UGANDA



NEWS ON THE NILE

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION RIGHT AT OUR FINGERTIPS

The way we experience God's daily mastery in His creation is the way others see it in their artwork. Tumaini Aids Prevention program (TAPP) reaches out to those who live with HIV/Aids. This year, we have seen tremendous growth in our social and handwork activities, outreach visitation and establishment of new cells, in addition to the collaboration with the Church of God medical program in acquiring free medicines (ARVs) and care. We have our NGO registration, and a team of avid supporters who are working on networking and establishing an updated web page that will bring innovative partnerships. TAPP programs are expanding into rural projects and cottage industries, which create quality of life for our clients. Our vocational training schools assist our client base to learn sewing and design, leather working, food catering and hair dressing. It is very exciting to witness and see God at work! There are endless ways to get involved in these programs, either with a personal visit or by supporting a project, or student.

Promoting these programs and bringing awareness to those who face so many hardships is vital in making a difference for the future, and we are thankful to our visiting teams and partners who work hard to bring new ideas and tirelessly connect through shows and local markets. Through their sharing and exposure of the beautiful handmade TAPP creations, they are changing lives one person at a time. This is what ministry is all about! Standing in unity to make a difference for those who have little or no voice!



UNITED FOR UGANDA (U4U) is a compilation of our supporting churches and members that meet regularly with us on Zoom to encourage, pray and stand with us in ministry. This is partnership! A big shout out to all of you who walk along side!

OPPORTUNITIES:

If interested in being involved:

Tumaini Adis Prevention Program: (TAPP) 42.30623
<https://chogglobal.org/tapp/>

Or sponsoring a child, contact:

Children of Promise (USA)
<https://childrenofpromise.global/>
Furaha (Canada)
<https://farelief.com/>
KHW Global Care (Germany)
<https://global-care.de/>



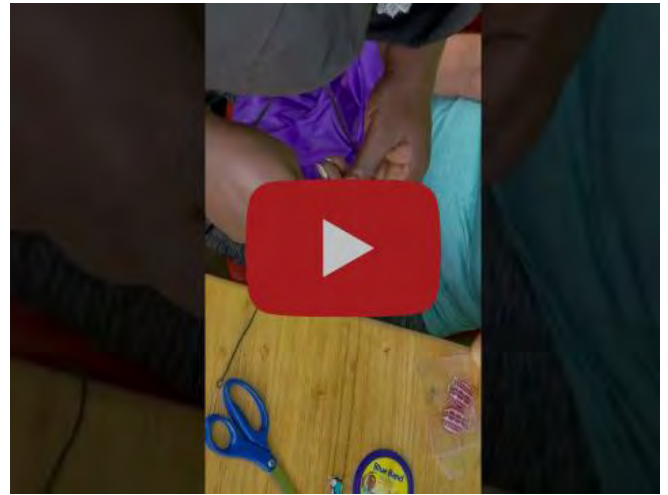
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Creativity in covering bottle tops and sewing crafts to sell

Projects such as goat rearing and tree planting sustain TAPP clients.



TIM'S VISIT TO CANADA AND FAMILY BIRTHDAY MONTHS



Tim with the Hoffmans and our kids.



Our grandchildren



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Jesse



Logan and Jessie

September to December are busy birthday months where celebrations are the order of the day! We salute our son Logan, who turned 28 in September and his first as a married man - and his wife Jessie, also celebrated hers! October is the month for our grand-daughters Sahara and Malindi, who enjoyed their birthdays with family and friends. November is our grandson Sable's special day and December is for Jesse, our son. We are so proud of our growing family! Tim was able to return to Canada to assist Colleen's parents, the Hoffmans, who have since become residents in an assisted living lodge. This has been a process and our children have helped a lot during this huge transition.

KANSAS LADIES MINISTRY TEAM



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Two U.S. teams came alongside the ministry in Uganda, assisting where needed. The Kansas team emphasized empowering for high school students in respectful treatment of one another, programs of helping girls stay in school with the availability of feminine hygiene products, conducting marriage seminars, visitation of the vulnerable, and entertaining times with their sponsor kids.

The East Canton team was part of a new church plant in Arua town in the West Nile region close to the Sudan and Congo border. They equipped pastors with Core Discipleship training, enjoyed sessions with women, children and youth, door to door evangelism in the villages, and held baptism and child dedication.

These teams are such an encouragement to the work here in Uganda and we are so grateful for their participation and visits.

E. CANTON, OHIO TEAMS - BACK TO BACK VISITS



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ORLANDO BEAUTY - OUTSIDE & INSIDE THE CONFERENCE CENTER

Colleen's trip to Orlando to participate in the CWC/NAWCG Convention was truly a meshing of new friendships, renewing previous relationships and enjoying exceptional speakers, music and discussions. Her new role on the CWC Board gave opportunity to share mission involvement in the presentation of the 90th CWC anniversary promotion for sewing centres in Uganda and Congo. It was a lovely time to connect with some of the retired missionary nurses that were present, and to connect on a deeper level with the newly appointed CWC Executive Director, Dr. Kimberly S. Majeski.

OPPORTUNITY:

Ways to get involved in the CWC 90th Anniversary Campaign
<https://christianwomenconnection.org/give/>



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EBOLA OUTBREAK CAUSES CONCERN

Due to some families in specified districts of Ugandan being affected with Ebola, there have been some lockdowns and travel restrictions. We are thankful that no one we are acquainted with has been contaminated. We continually touch base with the church districts that have the travel bans enforced and make sure they are maintaining a semblance of optimism. Sadly, the students have been affected by the early closure of schools, and we ask that you pray for the long school break and the side effects that this might have in their homes. The lack of sufficient food is one reason closures have occurred. Here is an article about the Ebola outbreak:.

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/news-events/ebola-outbreak-uganda>



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CONGO AND UGANDA RELIEF EFFORTS - JUST AT THE RIGHT TIME!

UGANDA: Hunger relief distribution have been underway for the last month in an effort to alleviate some of the hardships from long drought seasons and flooding. Three major distributions were held in the West Nile, North Eastern region and in the Mt. Elgon region. This has been a life-line to many who have been surviving on roots, green fruit, and wild berries. We are grateful to Kinderhilfswerk Global Care, who have funded these wonderful efforts to sustain health and hope!

CONGO: In the DRC, there has been assistance from the Disaster Relief fund through Church of God Ministries. The rebel group M23 (also known as the Congolese Revolutionary Army) has been causing devastation and havoc in the Kivu province of the DRC, displacing thousands of families.. Please pray for our churches as they deal with all of these upheavals. Please read more in this article:

New clashes erupt between DR Congo army and M23 rebels

<https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/tea/news/east-africa/drc-army-m23-in-new-clashes-4040004>

OPPORTUNITY:

Ways to give for relief and disaster:

Kinderhilfswerk Global Care <https://global-care.de/>

Disaster Relief Project <https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/disaster-relief-and-restoration/>

FARA (Canada) <https://fararelief.com/>



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Food relief packages distributed in Uganda's northeastern region



Families in Kivu province, DRC, staying in makeshift tents while they wait for the turmoil to end. They are so thankful for the food relief that will help them survive.



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**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!
2022 IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE!**

It is hard to believe the end of 2022 is upon us! So much has taken place this year, and we are immensely grateful for God's protection on our lives. There have been days when we felt weary, burdened, overwhelmed and challenged with the circumstances before us; but that is when we have seen Jesus at work! Your prayers and support, your notes and phone calls make such a difference! THANK YOU!

As we see the hustle and bustle of life around us, gearing up for the big holiday season, we pause to reflect on the birth of Jesus. "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:6-7).

This moment in time, changed the course of history! This humble birth gives us reason to celebrate the "Light of the World" which dims the darkness of hard reality and sin. What a gift! What a deeply profound miracle and opportunity for us to share with those who are hurting and alone. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy family and friends and the knowledge that you are loved!

In His service,
Tim & Colleen

OPPORTUNITY:

If you would like to be part of our Living Link support team: Give to Tim and Colleen Stevenson, Church of God Ministries, Project #: 42.10078, www.chogglobal.org/team/tcstevenson.

Merry
Christmas



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