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MISSIONARIES TO UGANDA



NEWS ON THE NILE

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A BUSY SEASON of MINISTRY TEAMS



JULIE WITH A SPONSOR CHILD, KEN PREACHING IN KIGALI CHOG, FARA TEAM PHOTO IN KAMPALA, VISITATION OF THE JAJAJA HOME.

The FARA team, led by Julie and Ken Weibe, had specific agendas during their visit. They connected with sponsor children, assessed their well-being, and strengthened the relationship between the organization and the supported children. The team conducted virtual interviews with sponsor children in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and students in the South Sudanese refugee camp in Moyo. They also reviewed program changes, updated sponsorship forms, and identified areas for improvement. The team participated in a seminar in Kibale, Kibooga, in Central Uganda, and engaged with the church and school, resulting in a radio interview about the program's impact on strengthening families and promoting positive change within the community. Additionally, two team members visited a grandmother's house sponsored by a family member in the western part of the country. We are grateful for the teams that witness the growth and needs of the church.

LEADERSHIP FOCUS MODULES CONTINUE



Pastor Roy and Tim keep the focus forward as graduation for some candidates approaches this year in October

I CAN SEE...



EYE CLINICS, NY GROUP PHOTO, SUNGLASSES ARE A HIT!

The New York team held eye clinics in three locations in April: two urban areas and one rural site. They provided a range of eye care services, including surgical solutions for diagnosed eye conditions, prescription glasses, protective sunglasses, and reading glasses. Bringing clarity and vision to people's lives has a transformative effect on their overall well-being, improving their quality of life. Testimonials from individuals who previously had limited vision but could now see clearly and students who could now read their assignments showed the positive impact on their lives and educational performance. The experience was remarkable and touching. The team is already planning their next mission trip for 2025. Wonderful!



Taking donated food relief from Kinderhilfswerk Global Care to Buvuna Island and the welcome upon arrival

JAM-PACKED AGENDA WITH KINDERHILFSWERK MISSION TEAM



GERMAN TEAM AT BUKASA, PASTOR ROBERT AND HEAD TEACHER CHRISTINE

The German team, led by Pastor Froese, brought enthusiasm and readiness to work during their visit. A significant 25-year celebration took place at the Bukasa church site, highlighting Germany's strong influence in the area, particularly through the Naomi Froese N/P School and Siegfried High School. The celebration included testimonies, messages, choirs, dances, food, and fellowship, with special recognition given to the long-serving headteachers who dedicated 25 years to their roles. Their commitment is commendable.

The team divided into two groups for their work. One group visited the Palorinya refugee camp in Moyo, where they witnessed the Nile High CHOG School project supported by Kinderhilfswerk Global Care (KHW/GC). They also visited other projects, such as a pineapple farm and Ongengo Primary School, which provide valuable support to the local communities.

The remaining members stayed in Kampala, working on four building projects and conducting interviews with over 100 sponsor children.

They also participated in the Kampala 25 music festival, offering a range of valuable experiences for the youth program.

The German team actively engaged with local communities, fostering connections between Germany and Uganda. A big shout-out goes to Kinderhilfswerk with the ongoing food relief efforts that began in October last year and many people are extremely grateful for this support.

OPPORTUNITY:

Ways to give for sponsorship:

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

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

Children of Promise - childrenofpromise.global



SPONSORSHIP VISIT, CURIOUS ON-LOOKERS, BUILDING PROJECT, AND UNDER THE FIG TREE IN THE REFUGEE CAMP

RURAL COMMUNITIES BLESSED BY U.S MEDICAL TEAM



PATIENTS WAITING TO BE SEEN, TEAM PHOTO, CHURCH SERVICE, PHYSICAL THERAPY



Led by Dr. Bill Johanson from the USA, the medical team's work was busy and impactful. Despite logistical challenges, they quickly assessed available supplies, purchased what was needed, and started their work at the Mutungo church site. The diverse team, consisting of seven doctors, one eye-glass consultant, one physical therapist, and one teacher for triage, addressed various health issues in urban and rural areas. They provided services like lab testing, ultrasound scanning, biopsies, HIV and pregnancy testing, and life-saving treatments. In spite of limited resources, the team treated over 1,000 patients in three areas, showcasing their dedication and making a significant impact on the communities served. These services are desperately needed and we are grateful that these medical professionals take time to come and serve others in need.

HERITAGE INT'L SCHOOL GRADUATION & OUR DAUGHTER NATASHA VISITS





GRADUATION DIPLOMAS PRESENTED, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON HERITAGE CAMPUS, WITH JESSE AND NATASHA, TIM & NATASHA IN FRONT OF THE MINI CHAPEL, THE SANCTUARY

Heritage International School celebrated its largest graduating class with great excitement. The graduates showcased their class spirit and readiness for the future through impressive presentations and speeches. Tim, the Board Chairman, delivered a challenging speech for their next stage of life. If you're interested in overseas opportunities in teaching, administration, or missions, visit this webpage: <https://heritage.co.ug/>. We were thrilled to have our daughter Natasha, visit briefly. She successfully finalized her Ugandan citizenship during her visit. She also had a chance to spend time with her brother, Jesse, who works at Heritage and took a small break with us.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Christian Women's Connection (CWC) celebrates 90 years and is fundraising to empower women in Uganda and Congo through vocational training. The funds raised have been used to initiate four sewing centers, two of which are currently under construction. One center is in Kwar Kwar village in North Eastern Uganda, and another is being established in Kikondo village in the Eastern region. These communities eagerly await the opening of the centers, as they offer valuable skills and tools for sustainable income and a better quality of life. Visit the CWC webpage for more on women's advancement: <https://christianwomenconnection.org>.



KIKONDO AND KWAR KWAR SEWING CENTERS BEING BUILT

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating special occasions is a family tradition! In recent months, we've had significant birthdays for Colleen's parents in their 90s, our daughters' special days, and our retirement from Global Strategy after 37 years of service.

This season of life has been a mix of highs and lows, and we sense God's calling to continue serving in Africa. As we embark on the next chapter of our lives, we are experiencing more opportunities than ever!

We are immensely grateful for the incredible support we've received from you, some of whom have been with us since the beginning of our ministry.

These significant events create a time of immense celebration for our family and ministry friends, where we come together to cherish each other's presence and honor the milestones achieved. We celebrate all that God has accomplished and still is doing in the ministry we serve. We look ahead with optimism, knowing that God has a purpose in all things. So much to look forward to as we continue work in Uganda with the Church of God. Stay tuned for more from the Stevensons!

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

In His service and with thankfulness -

Tim & Colleen

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