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The news from the Bush

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Dear Friends,

It has been very long since we informed you how and where we are now since last December 2012. As most of you probably could have read from our past newsletter, we moved on from our previous work place very successfully. Our family is ok and everyone seems to catch so well. Haggai is now running, talking and a companion.

Early January 2013, we moved into an apartment in Kampala city, an area we had in our hearts to live in for some time. After two months we relocated back to Mukono town close to where we lived and worked before. Close to the transition we had plans to set up more agriculture in our cattle farm, the plan was to include poultry - chicken for eggs and piggery mainly to raise money. However, God -He sees the end in the beginning, in the mean time as we built the houses for the chicken, we held a 2nd Christmas party for the kids and the people in that area, an event which has completely changed the course of our lives. All old plans changed and we begun to walk a new path.



The church in the bush-Kito Pentecostal Church

This is the church we are now helping to raise in the bush farm.

How did it start?

It's a bright Monday morning and everything is set for the second Xmas party (21st December 2012) at the bush farm. The local leaders have spread all the invitations for it to several homes and then children begin to gather from different direction to the cattle stable where Jesus is to be celebrated. They all look bright and expecting, even us we. Then the music begins to play, Samuel has spent most of the morning try into prepare the food and the music for this special event. Finally the party begins and there now about 200 Kids gathered together seated on the grass and plastic mats. We dance, sing and eat food.

The final part is to explain the meaning of Xmas, so Drusilla takes the kids with some helpers and Samuel stays with the men and women of the village.

Questions on Jesus arise we answer but the demand for more information on the Jewish man is rising. At this point, one man almost dressed in rugs and Drunk, rises up and challenges our well thought after plan. *He asked us- Bringing food and drinks once a year is ok, But why don't you consider organizing us and teaching us the word of God?.* We answer him with little commitment. Then in the end during the salvation call, he makes his point clear, this time more demanding- *Today we are receiving Jesus Christ in our hearts, BUT where are you placing us, who is going to tell us more about Jesus?* Our hearts are rent, we know *Abba* is changing now our course, He is asking for more not just rice and meat for the poor. Ooh !!He has now spoken through the mouth of a drunkard, at least not a donkey!!! That day 19 adults got saved with a big number of kids.



On our way to the Bush for the church opening 6th January 2013.



Such a cool highway (auto Bann) to the bush school

Already we had been building a foundation for the chicken house with a great expectation of making more money selling eggs. Now HE has interrupted, we fight back, but no victory to our way. Then He makes a bold demand, ***dismantle part of the wall, make one longer room and use it as a church shelter for the community.*** We did this and set a date for the beginning of the church on 6th January 2013.

By then we have not yet roofed the house, but with encouragement of our friends (Clara, Mucu, Morris, Pastor Catherine), early morning in the rain, we made the trek to the bush and launched- **Kito Pentecostal Church- the bush church with an open roof.**



Raising the shade for the first sunday service 6th January 2013.

His plan is the best, now within 4 months; we have out grown that room. We are too squeezed and others have to stand all through the worship service. Together with the people, we have set big plans to build a larger church facility. Through contributions from the people in the village and friends, we have managed to buy 50 iron sheets for the roof. Currently we are still raising more funds for the poles and timber. Every Sunday, the people from the village bring in gifts like avocado, sweet potatoes and other fruits and we sell them to raise a small pole of (5,000 Ugx 2 dollars or a bigger one of 4 dollars (10,000 ugx).



A classroom block which is used for also Sunday meetings.



Some of the gifts items given for building the churches.

Alpha course

To disciple the church in the bush we have started the alpha course, and also worship/Music training. We cannot wait to the Holy Spirit to fall mightily among these people. We already see a difference in this village and we look forward to seeing an entire community transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Bush School - Kito Parents Bush School



The children play in the compound, in the background is the block we built with gifts from friends.

We believe many of you have already heard about this school. But it has also come just like the bush church. After saying yes to starting the church, two Sundays passed, and then we also realized the children do not go school. We find out the reason is that there is no public school in the nearest 5 Kilometers, the only one nearby is a run down Muslim Education centre, to which most parents though not going to church would not allow their children study for fear of being converted to Islam.

Overwhelmed already with the church plans, we are almost shaking on our knees, *Abba speaks again very clearly that- use the current church room as a class for the children to study during the week.* This is very perfect, we call the villagers, share with them the idea, they completely rejoice over it. When we interview the children, we realize that we cannot just have one grade; we need to establish at least three classes. Again through interventions from friends we have been able to build and open up four basic classrooms.



Bon Voyage, It is time to fly on the desert hawk. Some of the children in the school.



Primary two class standing in front of their class.

Today we have 41 children studying in the school; the voices of these little ones in class just send lots of joy into our hearts. ***God is really amazing, we hoped to make a chicken business but HE has given us the opportunity to help the children.*** End of April, we had a school day, the children sang and danced, their parents rejoiced and shouted. What an amazing experience!



Primary one getting ready to sing at the 1st Parents day (20th April 2013).

In the school, the children learn different things like writing; counting and during break time they eat some porridge- a meal made of corn. They also have small gardens for learning skills like agriculture because we wish these children to become very responsible and hard working young girls and boys.



Maize (corn) garden planted by the kids at school.

As you know we are not well trained in teaching, but God brought very good, gifted teachers who are doing an amazing work there at the bush school. Each of them has an amazing testimony on how they met Jesus Christ.

The gospel Missions



The mission truck and youth camp team 2013 (13th May 2013)

In our hearts is the desire to reach the unreached, so the bush church and school should be really areas where people who are passionate about the lost souls can be raised. Between 4th -13th May, we travelled to the east of Uganda with a team of 37 Youth, the teachers and three bush church members. We did night gospel meetings for eight nights with both Pentecostal, Anglican and catholic churches in Serere. Two days we did separate meetings for the children and the youth in the village. This community is so passionate about the gospel and the hunger here keeps fanning the flames of revival. Three other days made out reaches to the prisons and the local health facility.



The children ministry, camp team and others

It has been the 7th time we have gone there and the family that hosts us each time has freely offered us about 3 acres of land so we can build a youth centre in it in the future.



Youth team praying at the Land given for the youth centre

What are our future plans?

We request for your prayer and support because to support the work in the bush, we have set in plan to do the following:-

Milk cows (2)

We want to buy again two milk cows, so that part of the milk can be used for breakfast for the children at school and the remaining we could sell off so as to facilitate the teachers. A cross breed Friesian cow that is in-calf costs about 650 USD (1.700.000Ugx) and can generate up to 20 Liters per day against the local cows here which yield not more than 2 litres a day.



This is the type of Freisian cow we want to buy to provide milk for the children.

From one cow, if half of the milk is sold each day, we estimate to generate minimum of 5 US dollars a day.

A cow to a family

Besides, we want to start a milk cow for a family program to support each Child's home with an income where by a family that shows commitment and receives one cow, can pass on its calf to the next. This will boost incomes and health of each family where the children come from.

Poultry (chicken for Eggs)

We still long to start the poultry so that we can provide eggs for the children but also sell the rest so as to support the school and the church.

These two would improve the nutrition of the children since most of them survive on one meal a day.

Through these we could also transform the agriculture system in the village besides the children could also learn from these at school.

To start this would require about 4000 USD (11,000,000 UGX) and would generate on average 400 USD (1,100,000 shs) monthly.

Music and art

A very gifted man has joined us and he is training the children in various African music and dance. These children are so gifted; we cannot wait for such talent to be released in them.

Also one teacher already is offering basic hand craft skills to the children in knitting, making mats among others. Everything is happening in the shortest time that we could never imagine!!!!

Good news

We would like to let you know that God has been so good, He made great provisions through sacrificial gifts through friends like Steffi and Ken Onyango (**Uganda**), Erika Stroerer (**Fill the Gap Uganda**), Tanja Dietzel (**NTS- Uganda**), Carrola Tengler (**Uganda**), David and Mirjam and Friends in (**Switzerland**) Susanne and Kurt and family (**Switzerland**), Nelli Sattler and Fabian Pohler (**Germany**), Josephine (**the Fortress Uganda**); Dr. Luke & family, Dr. Stephen Ayella & family among several others.

This gifts have enabled us to build 2 classrooms, buy books and pencils, Make corn meal for Kids break time, Pay some allowances to the teachers, medical

rescue for the kids, buy iron sheets for the church building and the overall school operations.

Also with this help we are now in the process of cementing two classrooms, buying shoes for the kids. May God bless those generous hands abundantly!!!!

Request for prayer

We urgently need prayer for our two wonderful kids in the school-Doreen and Moses.

Doreen 5 years, got a big swelling on her head. It was so painful, her mother is a widow and we had no money for a better hospital in Kampala, but thank fully Dr Cleophas, Ugandan Doctor at the **“Vision for Africa”** clinic offered to help her, Doreen has now got the operation but the pain is still much. Please pray that Doreen gets completely healed.

Mubiru Moses 4 ½ years, he gasps a lot for breath and cannot rise up whenever he falls down while playing and is ever sick with very high fevers. It has given us a lot of concern; recently he has lost so much weight. The ECG results indicate a slight problem with Moses Heart. The Doctor has referred us to Mulago National Hospital for **A cardio vascular test** to ascertain the actual problem. Moses is such a sweet and bright boy. Please pray for provision for this medical examinations and that God completely touches him and heals him.

The Jiggers (Bugs) Please pray for God to give us wisdom and provision on how to eradicate these dangerous bugs from the whole village. Some kids have been attacked and all of us have at least got one or two in our legs, including our son Haggai. They are so itchy and painful removing. So far we are buying shoes for the children and also did fumigation of the classrooms and compound. The whole plan is to cement all the classrooms, fumigate regularly and make visits to the children homes to help guide their families on hygiene. see more information on this bugs www.digidrift.com/jiggers.

Would you like to get involved with the work in the Bush?

We would love to connect with you in the bush work and there are several opportunities for you to get involved

Short term and long term volunteer opportunities

We are in urgent need for individuals who are laid down to help the most in need. So you can come as;

- A teacher or a helper for the kids classes during the week.
- A teacher or helper during kids bible class sessions on Sunday.
- A community health nurse

A trainer for the teachers

We urgently need a person who can help train the teachers in the most effective and child based learning methods rather than cram work. This is a one week or two week involvement. We can make arrangements for your stay while with us.

Sponsor a child

All of the children in the school are in need, please you can consider helping one of them get an opportunity to continue with school. To keep one child at school would require approximately 20 Dollars per month. This covers School Uniform, books and other study materials, basic meal and medical first aid.

Send a gift

Small gifts like clothes, colored pencils and shoes do wonders in the lives of these children. Many of them walk on bare foot since child bath and of recent have been attacked by bugs (jiggers) on their feet, so a pair of shoes makes a big difference.

Tell your friends

Here you can simply share with your friends about the bush work, receive our newsletter and pray for this work.

We want to thank you very much for your prayers, support and encouragement.

With love

Samuel, Drusilla, Haggai and the Bush work team

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