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Reaching Out

SHOW MERCY INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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A Village of Hope

We are excited to announce that we have purchased 20 acres of beautiful and lush land in Uganda where we will establish a family centered "Village of Hope".

Our vision is to develop this property into a place that brings love, hope and a better tomorrow for the surrounding community. The property is situated 10 miles outside of the capital city of Kampala, the largest city in Uganda, in the district of Wakiso. Through this family centered village, we will bring hope to the hopeless in a region of well over 1 million people. The potential uses for the land are numerous. Part of the land will be farmed, to provide food for the children that we are caring for. The children will also have an opportunity to learn farming techniques as well as how to properly care for the land. Other parts of the land will be used to build new children's cottages for more orphans, a medical clinic, a vocational training center, a guest house and recreational areas for the children. This Village of Hope is not just an island of hope. The purpose is also to reach into the local community to encourage the children and adults to work together making their entire region a better place to live.

The first phase of the village will include building a guest house and multiple children's cottages. This guest house will become a temporary home to both long term and short term volunteers. We are experiencing a tremendous interest from individuals all over the United States who have a desire to serve with Show Mercy International in Uganda, some for many months or years at a time. Physical provision for the children is desperately needed and we will continue to provide those resources. However, hands on love and training from people who can physically pour out the love of Jesus to the people of Uganda will make an even bigger impact in their lives in the long run. This base will help accommodate those individuals with a heart to serve the people of Uganda in partnership with Show Mercy International.

Also in this phase, we plan to build numerous children's cottages that will become homes to many more abandoned and orphaned children. These smaller cottages will house between 10-12 children, overseen by a local "mama". These "mama's" will be able to care for the needs of the children as well as helping to train them in tasks that pertain to everyday life. Our heart for the children is to grow up in a family-like community where they will experience provision and love.

Help is on the way for
more orphans very soon!



20 acres of land in Uganda, where many lives will be transformed

In the subsequent phases of this long term project, we plan to build a health clinic that will serve the local village by providing outpatient care to the sick at very low or no cost. This clinic will help treat many of the diseases that are easily cured with minimal care, but that often result in death or long term suffering due to lack of finances. This is a passion for our organization because we have seen first hand people die that we have known and loved for this very reason.

Finally, we plan to build and operate various trade schools on this property that will help equip both the older children in our homes as well as the local villagers. They will learn skills that will prepare them to obtain good paying jobs. This will help them become self sufficient providers for both themselves and their current families. Included in this goal, we will establish a farm on the property that teaches the people principles of agriculture. Our goal has always been to provide aid to the poor while training them to become independent of our financial assistance. As the saying goes, "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day.

Teach a man to fish, and he will eat for a life time." We want to teach your children how to "fish". Since most of the people have experienced many painful life situations, we desire to not only equip them with training, but to impart hope, encouragement, and an

opportunity to experience success in their lives.

Please consider helping us with this "Village of Hope." We will need your financial assistance to make this vision a reality. Every donation, no matter how large or small will help to transform the lives of countless individuals in Uganda.

A Snapshot of Life in Uganda

Show Mercy International is working primarily in Uganda at this time.

Uganda is known as the “Pearl of Africa”. The natural lands as well as the people are so beautiful and full of potential. As you review these facts, we hope that you will get a better perspective of Uganda and the people that we are serving. Life in Uganda is not like life in the Western world. Please join with us as we partner together bringing hope and life to a beautiful country and wonderful people.



Uganda is approximately the same size as the state of Oregon.



“We Almost Gave Up”

Joyce - Teacher and House Mother for Hope Children’s Home

In 2004, Joyce was married for a short 3 months before her husband was killed in a construction accident. Afterwards, Joyce decided to give her life full time to helping the orphaned and abandoned children in her village. She is currently on staff full time as a teacher as well as the house mom at Hope Children’s Home where 58 children live.

Here is her story of how she and others from the church started helping the children.

“About 7 years ago, my pastor had a heart to help the orphans in our village, but she had nothing. She asked me to help her, but I had many questions. Will I be able to do such a thing? Will I be capable of teaching well? I lifted my hands up and said, Lord of Israel, help me to do such a ministry. In fact, this was a ministry and is a ministry. We used to sit in a very small papyrus church building. People used to pass by while mocking us. However, I used to just ignore them. At that time, we were only caring for 8 children in school. I struggled to teach them, because the 8 children were all at different educational levels. We didn’t have any scholastic materials, textbooks, paper, pencils, blackboards, or teaching guides. We had nothing. We used to go to a certain school and borrow some of the teaching guides and after school I would return them. We were worn and tired, but we didn’t give up; at least not yet. We called upon the Living Mighty God to help us to overcome this situation and to help us fulfill our vision of helping the needy. At the time, I was not receiving any compensation, but was patiently waiting on the Lord. The children were not eating well and they would fall asleep during class from lack of food. After 5 years of standing and believing, my Pastor and I were beginning to wonder if we were to even continue. My Pastor had resolved in her heart that she could no longer carry this burden of seeing these children hungry and sick as well as death all around us. We had said in our hearts to God “if you do not send help, we will have to give up.” We were in dire straits, but just that day, we met Mike and Lori Salley from Show Mercy International. Little did we all know, but God had a plan and we were going to be working together to help the people of Uganda. They were an answer to our prayer! We have now partnered with Show Mercy International for over two years and our children have hope. We have hope as well because we know that we will now be able to finish what we have started. We are currently providing education for over 100 children because of this answer to prayer.”

Statistics

Total population of Uganda is 26.8 million

Population by Age

- Children, less than 18 years of age = 15.0 million
- Youths, age 18 - 30 = 6.0 million
- Adults, age 30 - 60 = 4.6 million
- Elderly, 60 years of age and above = 1.2 million

Census highlights

- 97% of households use firewood
- 92% do not have electricity
- 48% of households have a radio
- 49% rely on word of mouth as main source of information
- 17% have no access to toilet facilities
- 56% are children below 18 years
- 12% live in urban areas
- Gender ratio is 95 males to 100 females

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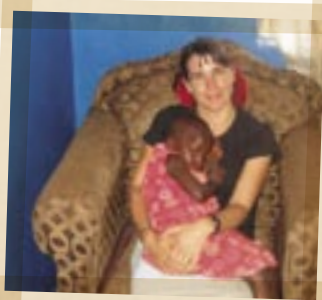
- Average household size is 4.7 persons
- One in every 25 persons has a disability
- Literacy rate 68%
- 61% have access to safe drinking water
- 77% engage in agriculture
- 1.8 million orphans have lost at least one parent
- 75% use kerosene candles (tadooba) as main source of light
- 4.5% have a TV set
- 77.4% live on rammed earth floors with iron roofs

From the Jungles of Indonesia to the “Pearl of Africa”

Meet our Ugandan Missions Directors

When we were 17 years old Brian and I met and got to know each other in the remote jungle of Papua New Guinea. We had come from opposite ends of the U.S and ended up on the same short term mission’s team for youth, working to build a hospital for a missionary who lived there in the jungle. It was a gift to find a best friend so set on going to places that people had not yet heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We fell in love, married and finished school as quick as we could, excited to begin our life together overseas. Brian trained as a “bush pilot”, and we have spent nine wonderful years serving on the Eastern most island of Indonesia. Brian’s days have been very full of flying, negotiating some of the most hostile terrain on earth. There are few roads on our island, making access for missionaries very difficult if not impossible to the interior isolated people groups that have not yet heard the good news of Jesus. There has been great joy in providing emergency medical flights, and bringing missionaries back and forth to their villages.

I (Susan) have spent my days weaving relationships with the people



Embrace of Love

around me, and seeking creative ways to share love with the people. We added four very active boys to our family and found wonderful ways to be able to be involved with a baby on my hip and one tagging along beside me.

We were prepared to settle in for a long, wonderful life serving on our island. We had learned the

language and knew the culture fairly well. Brian’s aviation charts were well worn and he had moved into the chief pilot’s role in our group. Our boys called the island home.....who in their right mind would dare to open the door when “Change” came knocking????!! “Change” did not come to our door and announce itself abruptly, instead it came little by little each day as Brian struggled in his heart each time he had to hurry from one village to the next, due to weather and wind, and he had only brief interaction with the people in each village. Although it was a joy to serve the missionaries here, he longed to be the one dropped off by the airplane to work among

the people, not the one climbing into the cockpit to take off. At home, one by one, little children were brought into our lives, orphaned and hurting. Our hearts were troubled as we sought to find a way to house them, care for them, and help them, but we were so limited



Brian, Ben, Luke, Bryce and Adam

by our flying commitment and all that was involved with it. On our last furlough we came home discouraged. We were weary of the burden on our hearts, with no way to put it into action. We had searched for many options, but come up frustrated each time.

For Christmas 2005, our family gave us tickets to a conference where we heard Mike and Lori Salley sharing and we were introduced to the outreach of Show Mercy

International. As we sought more information, and wise counsel, it became increasingly clear to us that

this was our next path. As we began to research Uganda and the need there, we were increasingly overwhelmed. It is estimated that 10% of Uganda’s population is orphaned due to past civil strife and the growing AIDS problem. Although it seems impossible to solve the problem of the orphans and of AIDS in Africa, we know that God can conquer this problem and change this country through partnering with Show Mercy. As we began to understand the heart of Show Mercy and catch the vision for their work in Uganda, we became more excited by the day.

We will be moving to Uganda in July of this year. It will be a huge transition for our family, we need your prayers! Please pray for our four boys (14, 12, 11 and 7) as they go through this change, for us as parents, and as husband and wife. We are excited about our journey ahead and look forward to helping the people of Uganda, by reaching out in love, one child at a time!



Luke visiting Hope Children’s Home for the first time.



Uganda "Mercy Mission" Deadline Extended

We are pleased to announce that we have been able to extend the deadline for the upcoming Uganda Missions trip to the 20th of March. If you are interested and would like more information about being a part of one of our trips, please visit our Web site at www.showmercy.org or call us at 541-905-0791. We are confident that your life will never be the same after visiting Uganda with us. What a tremendous opportunity to be a hands on expression of love to many wonderful children in Uganda. They need what you have to offer. Take a leap of faith and join us this summer. We still have room available. I think you will also find this trip one of the most affordable trips to Africa that you will ever have the opportunity to be a part of. Be a part of helping us reach out in love, one child at a time. Uganda truly is the "Pearl of Africa".



2007 Winter Mission Team
In front of the Nile River

The Facts

Dates: Leaving Portland on June 17, 2007, arriving in Uganda June 18th. We will leave Uganda on June 29th and be returning to Portland on June 30th.

Cost: \$3000 which will include, RT Airfare from Portland, Hotel Accommodations for 11 nights, Breakfast and Dinner while in Uganda, Bottled Drinking Water, Ground Transportation, Visa Fees, and Misc. Administrative fees.

Payment Schedules

March 20th, 2007- \$500 nonrefundable deposit is due. Checks should be made out to Show Mercy International and mailed to PO Box 607, Albany, Oregon 97321. (Credit cards may be used to pay for this trip, but a 2% fee will be added to the total charge.)

May 1st, 2007- \$1500 nonrefundable payment is due.

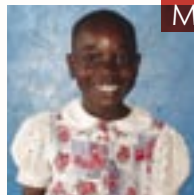
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Sponsor a Child and Bring Hope to the Hopeless

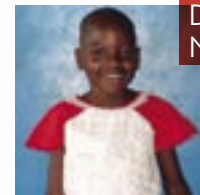
A Few of the Many Children that Need Sponsors - They all Currently go to our Alpha Omega Primary School



Derick Kanya is 4 years old. He is attending our Alpha & Omega Primary School. Both of his parents have died and he is living with some people in the village. He is in need of a sponsorship, so we can help to provide food, clothes and medical care for him



Martha Nantale is 6 years old. She has another sister, but both parents have died and they are in need of a sponsorship.



Doreen Nakayondo is 7 years old; sister to Martha Nantale

From Pain to Kindness Meet Stephen, One of "Your Kids"

Stephen is a 9 year old boy who has been living at Hope Children's Home for 8 months. He has experienced the heartbreak of having his father taken away from his life because of AIDS. When Stephen came to Hope Children's Home, his mother was very sick and not able to care for him. Some one from the village heard about our home and requested that we take him in. The home was originally built for 50 kids and we had reached that capacity. However, Pastor Sanyu's heart was so big, she made room for him. Can you imagine having to turn a child away? We can't even bare the thought of doing that. The need is so great and our newest project will help us to make a place for many more hurting children. Fortunately, we did take him in. Stephen then received the sad news that his mother had also passed away. We are so happy to have him in Hope Children's Home. Stephen loves being at Hope and is really enjoying attending school. When asked what he liked most about Hope, his response was, "I don't get caned anymore and they take such good care of me." Unfortunately, it is very common for children in Uganda to be beaten repeatedly and trained through fear. Fortunately, Stephen is now experiencing the kindness and love of God because of your support instead of the harsh treatment that he was receiving before entering the home.



For a \$35 monthly sponsorship, you will help to provide food, clothes, education and medical care, for these children who so desperately need it.

For more information on child sponsorship, please visit our website.



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