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Mallari on Mission

New Hope Uganda Newsletter



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July Dakota Team 2011

In the two weeks that the Dakota Team was in Uganda, we were like family. Some of us didn't even meet until getting to Uganda, yet we bonded so quickly. Days for the team were filled with painting, working in the clinic, maintenance projects, and physical education. Most evenings we would play games at the Ebenezer family or laugh at our inside jokes. I made some life-long friends and I'm so thankful the Lord brought us all together to continue His plan here at New Hope.

Prayer Requests

God's Glory

Each day I grow more in love with the Lord. Seeing all He has done here, I pray to be His hands and feet to further this ministry.

Kobwin Trip

Hannah and I will be hosting a team on Aug. 15th to Kobwin. Pray for safe travels and open hearts of team members and kids.

Ebenezer Family

As part of family unity, we hope to install strong family values and build meaningful relationships with our children.



Meet Some of the Family

In my time here at Kasana Children's Centre, I have been blessed to be part of the Ebenezer Family. This musical family of 17 kids truly knows how to love one another. These are a few of the girls I've come to know well.

Violet

Violet captured my heart the moment we met. She is a fun loving 9-year old with a smile that brightens up the room. Her favorite book is Snow White and she loves to play games with the rest of the Ebenezer Family. I can usually find her swinging on the monkey bars after school. God's love truly shines in this young girl!

Elizabeth

Elizabeth has a laugh that is contagious. When she smiles, you can't help but smile with her. She is very outgoing and does wonderfully in school. She loves to bake and watch movies. We have a great time just being goofy!

Ingrid

As part of a worship team, Ingrid has a heart that is devoted to glorifying God. She says a special quality she has is that she welcomes and loves people. I've been blessed with her kindness and I'm challenged by her knowledge and fear of the Lord. Her favorite thing about the Ebenezer Family is the loving heart she gets from the people around her.

Wendy

Wendy is in her last year at the Secondary New Hope Academy school. As the eldest girl, she mothers and cares for many of the children with such love. She enjoys reading Proverbs, as we know it reaches out to a young woman's heart. She studies hard and has hopes to be a surgeon or dentist.

Names have been changed to protect children's privacy





Healing Hearts in Kobwin

Broken homes and the devastation of war have brought many teens to their new homes at Kobwin Children's Centre. Much like the way Kasana is designed, Kobwin is a place for children to find security, education, and a family foundation they wouldn't otherwise have. So many of these young boys and girls were abductees of the LRA, the Lord's Resistance Army, and struggled to cope with the past they had as a child soldier. Many things we take for granted, like food and shelter, these kids struggled to find. That is until they came to Kobwin.

It was difficult to understand where each of the 21 teens came from, but they have one thing in common, the love for our Lord Jesus. I have never been in a church service where everyone was worshipping and singing praises as much as they did. One of our volunteer staff spent time

there in 2009 and stated that in the time since he can see the joy and softened hearts they have in Him. They smile and rejoice he said.

Compared to seven different family groups at Kasana, there is one family unit with plans to add a second by January as more children come to live on site. There has been progress with building an administration building/clinic nearby. Hannah and I will be bringing a team next week to finish up some projects.

The backdrop of the Kobwin scenery is just as beautiful as the people living there. I am amazed by the strength and courage of the children and staff.

We have a Redeeming God. A God who forgives and carries us amidst the darkness in our lives to a place of contentment. As much as I can be a blessing to them, the children of Kobwin are more of a blessing to me.



Maize Harvest

If you haven't realized, the British influence everything in Uganda. So we drive on the left side of the road, we drink tea and we call say 'maize' instead of 'corn'.

For three days, everyone, from staff to students, were down at Enterprise Farms harvesting maize. We carried a bag down the row of crops and shucked each cob by hand. No combine here! There is 40 acres of maize to harvest and what an accomplishment to have done it all by hand! Praise God!

Animal Sightings

Cruisin' on the Nile River

God's marvelous creativity is so much more evident when you see new things for the first time. I was amazed at all the different plants, wildlife and rock formations on our double-decker boat ride down the Nile River. As you can see in the photo, I even got the chance to drive!



Murchison Falls

At the narrowest width of the Nile River, Murchison Falls is squeezed through a 9 meter gap in the rock. It flows so quickly, there is a constant spray in the air. The beauty of this waterfall was breath-taking! I could only imagine the excitement (and fear) of white water rafting in Uganda. We'll see!

Elephants Attack!

On our game drive on safari, we happened to be driving along the road and an enormous male elephant appeared from behind the bush. We, of course, stopped so everyone could snap some photos, that is, until he "trumpeted" and let out a loud call. Our driver, Richard, hit the gas as elephants can charge at 50 kph!



We get out of the vehicle?!?

In order to see these amazing creatures, we did the unthinkable on a safari. We actually all got out of our Humvee and walked a few yards behind a bush. Very silently we all stood in awe of a family of eight or nine giraffes. They seemed to be so photogenic; turning from side to side and always smiling for their portrait!

