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ChristAid -October 2018 Fundraiser Banquet in the Rear View Mirror.....

A big "Thank You" to the many people who made the Fundraiser Banquet on October 26th a success!! The Board so appreciates all the people and businesses who donated silent auction items (and those who purchased them) which contributes to the ChristAid administration budget for 2019. Please see the next page for a listing of the businesses who gave us donations for the auction. Each annual silent auction has more interesting and fun items !!

At the banquet we had much to celebrate ...in the form of four new Grandma houses dedicated and amazing progress on the Preschool building which is ready for the kids.

Our African caterer did another "delicious job" of satisfying us with savory samosas, tasty chicken, rice dishes, chapati bread and beef stew. If you have never had "mandazi" (sweet African do-nuts)...then you need to come to the **2019 BANQUET ON OCTOBER 25th...JUST FOR THAT !!!** **Mark it on your calendar—the date is SET!!** (Last Friday in October)





Thank you to the many individuals who contributed unique items to the Silent Auction in October. The following businesses also gave us items and/or gift certificates to auction off. We appreciate their generous gifts very much!! Alamo Draughthouse, Bed Bath and Beyond, the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, the Denver Zoo, Family Veterinary Hospital, Highland Haven Creekside Inn, Home Depot, iCapelli Salon, Masterpiece Cakeshop, Mr. K's Flowers, the Museum of Nature and Science and Pot Luck.



ChristAid T-shirts made their debut at the banquet this year. They have the CA logo on the front and "God's Love in Action" UGANDA on the back.



Christmas Gift Choices for your African Family Members



The ChristAid website has a drop-down box named "Gift List" which gives thoughtful ideas for Christmas gifts each year. Cash in any amount, is always a huge blessing since it can be used for the need of highest priority. The Uganda ChristAid staff does stay involved to be sure a cash gift is used to its greatest benefit. Other good ideas include hygiene kits, Bibles, mosquito nets, foam mattresses, bedding, pillows, bicycles or water tank collection systems. The funds for any gift you choose can be sent

in at any time during December—the sooner the better—to give the Uganda staff time to purchase and deliver items that are requested. A really special blessing is a 5 light solar kit for the home of a Grandma or student. Please see the website for details and other ideas. (All extra gift giving is optional.)





Dear supporters and sponsors of ChristAid International,

As we approach year's end, we often look back and remember the successes and the challenges of the prior year. As I consider the ministry of ChristAid during 2018, I am amazed at what God has done through all who are involved to bring hope and faith to the people of Uganda.

2018 began with a mission team traveling to Uganda to give of their time and energy to make ChristAid Academy safer and cleaner. The team laid concrete pavers between the two school buildings in order to reduce the dust in the dry season and eliminate the mud in the rainy season. What a difference for the children and teachers to have a safe and clean place to learn and teach.

We planned to build and open the preschool during this year as well. While our intent was to construct the building and then open the preschool, the need was so great that the preschool instruction began in a temporary structure before we even started to build the preschool. The school was opened in February with 120 children enrolled. Seeing their smiles and hearing their songs was confirmation that the preschool is a valuable asset for the education of the children of Kicuna. The preschool is now completed and the children have moved out of the temporary location and into their beautiful new building. Funds for education supplies and playground equipment were also donated providing the children with a wonderful preschool opportunity.

Many individuals have asked about the Christian education being offered at the school. While a weekly chapel service has always been a part of the schedule at the school, we are working to increase the impact we can have on the spiritual lives of the children. Discussions are being held concerning regular Bible classes for the children and materials for those classes are being considered. Not wanting to offer Christian growth opportunities only to the children, opportunities for faith development are also being planned for our staff and teachers. Already Grace meets monthly with the Grandmas for a time of praise, prayer and testimonies meaning we will be doing all we can to positively affect the spiritual lives of all those touched by the ministry of ChristAid.

We request that you please consider a year-end gift for ChristAid as we continue to meet the challenges of ministry to the people of Uganda. As we increase our ministry presence in Uganda in numerous ways, the cost of funding that ministry also increases. We depend on you, our loyal supporters and sponsors, to make it possible to continue the good work that is being accomplished. We also thank you for your generous support throughout the year, and humbly request you consider a year-end gift to facilitate the work of ChristAid International.

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year,

Bruce Van Dusseldorp
Executive Director, ChristAid International

A, B, C, D, E, F, G.....WON'T YOU CELEBRATE WITH ME???

CHRISTAID PRESCHOOL DOORS ARE OPEN!!

LET THE LEARNING BEGIN.....



In November, a mission team from Church of the Cross, Evergreen, went to Uganda to facilitate the opening of the **ChristAid Preschool!** Although the formal dedication does not take place until January when another mission team is present, this team helped prepare the playground for the children and worked on the construction of a future Grandma house.

You can imagine unspeakable joy in the hearts of the little ones who have never seen a playground before! It was pure delight for them to sail down the slides and frolic in their new school uniforms—the finest clothes they have ever owned. Notice the love and care in the hand-made teaching materials on the walls. God’s hand is clearly at work here.

The mission team gave the ChristAid teachers training and teaching guides for the kids using the curriculum “The Story of the Bible” for little ones. The team also did worship and devotion daily with the CA staff. It is our goal this year to better facilitate Christian education within the school.

Mission team participants- left to right-back row- Marcee Martin, Pastor Philip and son Peter, Mary Reinert, Art Martin, (an un-named Fort Portal dignitary), CA employee- Emmanuel Isagara and Eric Esau. Front row—Hannah Esau and Elizabeth Reimers God bless your efforts!!

**Shown below—
“Rose”**

**Head Teacher at the
Preschool**



A WORD FROM PASTOR BRUCE.....

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHRISTAID INTERNATIONAL

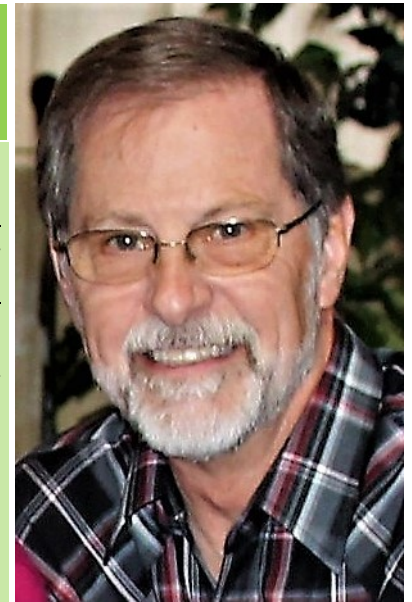
Recently I re-watched the movie, "Schindler's List". In it a line from the Jewish Talmud is quoted or at least paraphrased. Schindler is being encouraged by the words, "He who saves the life of one man saves the world entire." While the exact nuances of that statement may be debated, the general point is clear: saving one life is meaningful and makes a huge difference.

I am sometimes asked about the enormity of the need in Uganda and the limited number of people that we, as ChristAid, are able to help. It is true that the need will always be greater than the resources. The truth is that ChristAid along with all of the other agencies working to help the people of Uganda will not be able to eliminate the poverty, illiteracy and hopelessness. We can and do, however, make a difference and that difference extends far beyond the Ahadi Kid or Grandma that you sponsor or financial support you provide.

When you sponsor an Ahadi Kid, you provide hope for him/her and for his/her family. You provide the opportunity for the child to get an education and someday a better paying job making it possible for him to help his parents, siblings and perhaps eventually children to have a better life.

When you sponsor a Grandma, you provide for her and those family members she cares for. You help other family members who would otherwise worry about her health and welfare, and for neighbors or friends who would feel the need to provide for her.

When you support ChristAid with your donations and your prayers, you make a difference in everyone who is touched by the work of ChristAid in any way, which is thousands of individuals. Together we are changing lives, and that changes the nation of Uganda and the world. Thank you for your continued participation in the work of ChristAid International. May God richly bless you!



Left to right— in our African finery—Kent Stannard- Programs Manager, Rick Hollis- Vice President, Nancy Hollis— Secretary, Marcee Martin— Education Advisor on the Board, Michelle Chaffin- Accountant, Darcy Oman-Treasurer, Terry Oman- President, Maggie Van Dusseldorp-Sponsor Communications and Bruce Van Dusseldorp- Executive Director.

WE ARE BLESSED TO SERVE A POWERFUL AND LOVING GOD.

This Christmas may you have His uplifting joy in your life, His peace deep down in your soul and His love in your heart!

Merry Christmas from the ChristAid Board of Directors and Staff

