

Jambo Rafiki

Hello Friend



Bob and Linda Isbell Arrive in Uganda!

“For I Know the Plans I have for you...”

Bob and Linda Isbell, of Edwards, Colorado have recently said good-bye to their life in the USA and have traveled over 8,000 miles to make the city of Fort Portal, Uganda their home. They have made a 3 year commitment to live and work with the people in the village of Kicuna. They come to us with great administrative experience as they have worked tirelessly for Vail Christian High School for many years. Bob has served the school as principal, athletic coach and math teacher. Linda was the head of the foreign language department, as well as a French teacher. She was also previously the Vail director for community outreach and was instrumental in founding the original school. They landed in Uganda mid-August and have hit the ground running! Here are a few words from them:

The classroom at the partially completed Christaid Academy is filled with expectation as children come “on stage” for the end of term closing ceremony. Opening prayers are said, then under the direction of hopeful teachers, students walk proudly into the room, eyes big and bright, seeking their mother, father, guardian, family member... someone who they can focus on while they perform their songs and poetry.

To follow are passionate speeches by teachers, encouraging parents to set high standards for their students, to have them study and read over the weeks of holiday, to encourage them to pay fees and buy uniforms as it sets the tone of responsibility. Parents, somewhat shy to follow the educated teachers’ speeches, stand to give testimony to the powerful work that the school is doing and how much improved their children are in academics and behavior. Awards to the top students are handed out and eagerly accepted by pupils who have worked diligently throughout the term. There is much hope in the room for a brighter future.

All this... taking place in a partially completed school block (as they say), rough concrete floors, bare bricks and mortar, no window panes and not quite enough light to see properly. Our arrival happened to coincide with the



Bob and Linda speaking about their upcoming mission

conclusion of the second three month term for the year. It was our privilege to witness the closing ceremony and to begin to understand the hope that Christaid is bringing to the people of Kicuna. Our school is making it possible for Kicuna and surrounding area residents to bring their children to a place not only of education, but of safety, hope and faith in Christ.

There is much work to be done. Our home church, Gracious Savior Lutheran in Edwards, Colorado, has commissioned us to serve Christaid in the capacity of building and staffing the school. We are already busy working with the present staff, preparing for the future growth (pupils will come, without doubt), and hiring contractors to bring the school to completion. Our goal is to complete Building I (4 classrooms) this fall, preparing it for a February 2009 grand opening. Building II (4 more classrooms) will be started when funds are available, hopefully in January or February. We have teacher housing to provide, offices to build, and a soccer stadium and water well to complete. **Every step is supported by prayers and faithful donors whom we deeply appreciate and consider part of our team!**

As you look to your giving for the future, please consider joining us as Christaid Academy settles into the village of Kicuna, bringing education, the message of Christ, and a new hope for the future.

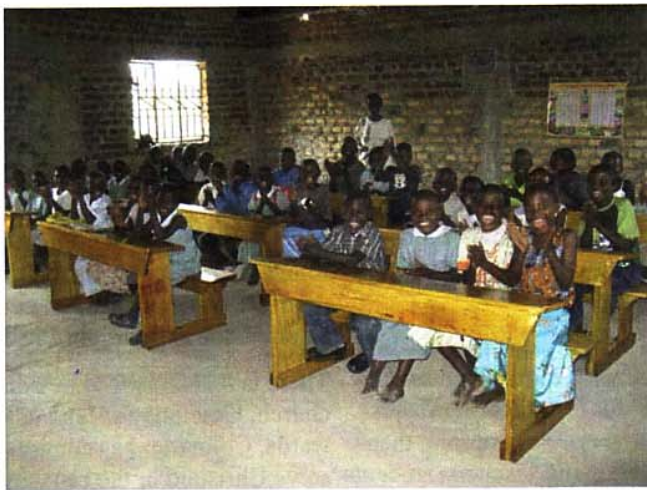
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Bob and Linda Isbell Arrive in Uganda, continued from front page...

In a land of vivid contrasts where people talk on cell phones but live without electricity and running water, God truly has plans to prosper them. Every new Ahadi Kid that is sponsored for the Academy, brings funds to the school for basic needs and even possible improvements. Every dollar donated to the building project helps to add needed classrooms to bring in more pupils. When grades Primary 1 through Primary 7 are in place, we hope to educate between 400 and 500 students.

Finally, we ask you to pray about joining us in Uganda! We have rented a home to host anyone who wants to come and serve Christaid. Contact the office if you are interested in coming and witnessing first hand how God's people are ministering to those in need.

Bob and Linda



The preliminary Christaid, Inc. Academy in action!



Baskets of Love

We have beautiful African baskets! Each basket is hand crafted by the women of Uganda. They are made of papyrus, wrapped with wheat grass and dyed using natural native plants. Each piece is unique and exquisite. On average they take over one week to create. Let us know or stop by our office if you are interested in making a donation and receiving a basket as a thank-you gift. All proceeds go to support the ministry, specifically the Grandmas program to help cover extra medical expenses and funeral costs.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- **Safari of Hope on the Green Golf and Walk Event!**
Thursday, October 2nd. *See next page for details....*
- **Christaid, Inc. Annual African Celebration Banquet!**
Saturday, November 8th, 6:30 pm.
Colorado Community Church, Englewood Campus
3651 S. Colorado Blvd., Englewood, CO 80113

Come enjoy authentic African food, great music, and hear the exciting things the Lord is doing through Christaid, Inc. in Uganda!

We also have many church events scheduled locally throughout the area. Call our office if you are interested in finding out more!



Sifa! Sifa! Africa! Performs at many of our events

- Don't miss out! -



Safari of Hope on the Green

Love the Kids and Grandmas in Uganda?

Here's a fun way to support them!

Our **Golf and walk Event** is coming up!

Contact our office today, sign up and help change lives!

When: Thursday, October 2nd

Where: Fox Hollow Golf Course
13410 Morrison Rd.

Lakewood, CO 80228

Entry Fee: Your goal is to seek sponsorships in support of the ministry of Christaid, Inc.

Golfers give your best effort to raise \$2,500

Walkers give your best effort to raise \$1,000

Time: Golf Event: 7:15 - 8:15 am - Golfer Registration, 8:30 am - Shotgun Start

Walk Event: 10:30 am - Walker Registration, 11:30 am - Walk Begins

If you can't walk or golf, but would like to support this event either personally or through corporate sponsorship, please let us know.

We are counting on this being our big fundraising event for the year!

For More Info., Call Anne Dean @ 303-589-3981 or Christaid, Inc. @ 303-463-2932 / christaid@qwestoffice.net



Great Prizes!! Free BBQ Lunch!!

Music by Sifa! Sifa! Africa!

A Word From the Executive Director



Dear Friends of Christaid, Inc.:

We've come this far by faith, leaning on His word. Yes! We have come this far because we are not alone. You have been there with us through the easy and the hard times. You have been so gracious and deeply understanding of all our challenges. For that I say, thank you from the very bottom of my heart, far more than words can possibly say. God is doing a new thing

around here as he is constantly teaching us great lessons, using us daily, far and beyond our imaginations. When we see lives being transformed each and every day, we think of you. Why? Because there is no way we could make such an impact on God's poor people without your prayer and financial support.

As you read this newsletter, give God the glory for all of the amazing things he has done, continues to do today, and will surely do tomorrow. You are sincerely loved and greatly appreciated. Please pray for us. May the Lord replenish your resources for His glory and may His grace never cease to multiply over you. Amen!

David Mporampora

I can't make it to your events, but I would like to help....

Yes! I would like to support the great work that Christaid, Inc. is doing in Uganda, Africa

Enclosed is my tax deductible donation of:

Comments:

- \$500.00
- \$100.00
- \$50.00
- Other _____

Please complete this form and mail along with your check to :

Christaid, Inc.
P.O. Box 1374
Arvada, CO 80001

Name

Address

Phone/e-mail

Other Needs:

- Prayer! Please pray for our ministry.
- Computer for our office in Arvada / Laptops
- Medical Equipment/books—vocational & children's



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TODAY'S SUCCESS STORY

Former 'Ahaid Kid' Achieves His Dream of Becoming a Doctor

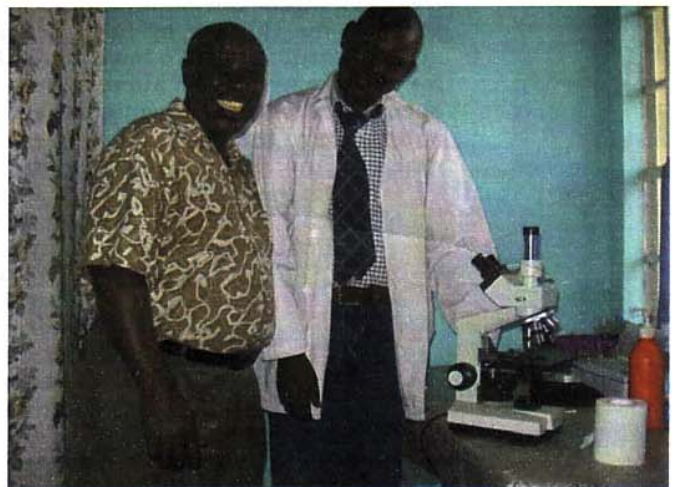
Meet Dr. Festo Magezi

Dr. Magezi was accepted into our 'Ahadi Kids' program several years ago. He became a very diligent student and maintained very high grades. Throughout his childhood, he was always a delight and his faith was enormous. Through Christaid, Inc. sponsorship, he was accepted into the prestigious Makerere University and graduated with a degree in Radiology. In Uganda that allowed him to become a general practitioner.

Today, Dr. Magezi is a success. He has started his own practice and it is growing. With conviction, he says, "Christaid gave me so much. Now it is my turn to give to others". He spends many hours treating the elderly or assisting sick people in the village. He is even able to work during any emergency, as Christaid, Inc. has loaned him a generator with which he is able to have electricity upon demand.

Marriage is next for this talented young man. He will be able to support a wife and children without a doubt.

Dr. Megezi has a true servant heart full of Jesus, and is one to be very proud of.



David Mporampora with Dr. Magezi at his practice in Kyenjojo, Uganda

If you would like more information on how you can help an 'Ahadi Kid' attend college and become a success, please call us! They can't do it without the generous, loving support of people like you!