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TWO AWESOME MISSION TRIPS ARE IN THE RECORD BOOKS
ALREADY FOR 2024!! (Wouldn't you like to go on the next one???)



Shown above are the FEBRUARY MISSION TRIP participants:

(Left to right) Top row: Joshua Mast and Sheridan Smoes

Bottom row: Maggie Van Dusseldorp, Pastor Bruce Van Dusseldorp,
Carol Riemersma, Kathy Hassell (CA Board member) and John McGuire.

This mission team had three travelers from Michigan, who experienced the vibrant and colorful culture of Uganda for the first time!! Pastor Bruce formerly served a church in the Coopersville, Michigan area and has shared the story of ChristAid with them, resulting in more than 30 sponsorships from his former church congregation. Way to show up, Michigan!! Thank you for blessing the people of Uganda with your love and generosity.

(Even the bugs are colorful in Uganda...)



The February team helped with logging operations at the heavily wooded land which ChristAid recently purchased for firewood for the school. Next, we will plant maize on the land, to fortify the porridge for our hungry school children. We thank God for His great provision for our kids and teachers.



Below -The mission team and the agricultural students from our Secondary School worked together to weed the pastureland where our "ChristAid cows" will thrive and produce milk! **Thank you to all who donated towards these life-supporting farm operations to help feed our school children in the future.**



Some of the other team activities included dedicating the Teacher Housing building (above right) which will house 12 teachers. They are overjoyed to have safe homes within walking distance of the schools.

The team also planted 83 banana trees at the Grandma Village on land purchased next door. Fencing this new land and planting other crops will allow the Village grandmas to better support themselves. The team went on safari to Murchison Falls and saw some unique and beautiful wildlife!



Sponsorship of needy school kids and Grandmas is the heartbeat of ChristAid. There are many Ugandans featured on the ChristAid Website (including those shown below) who need God's love and someone's assistance to thrive. If God moves your heart to help someone, please call the office or find sponsoring instructions on the website. ❤️ (ChristAidIntl.org/sponsorships)



Susan Kansime just graduated from our Primary School which means she was in our amazing Seventh Grade class that scored perfect results on the National P7 Exams! (See more about this on the last page of the newsletter.) This tells us that she is a very bright student! Her sponsor for recent years is now unable to continue sponsoring her, so we are praying that we will find her a new sponsor at this time. **This would change her life and helps our Secondary school by enrolling another student!**

Susan stays with her Grandmother. She loves science and wants to become a nurse to help the people of her village. Secondary school sponsorship fees for Susan are \$70 per month.

Mackline Kengonzi is a six-year-old little girl living in Kicuna close to the ChristAid Preschool. There are six children in the family and her job is to collect firewood and help carry water for the family's needs from a distant stream. Her father is a day laborer and finds it very difficult to bring home enough income to keep any of the children in school.

Mackline loves being in class and would like to be a teacher someday. If you would be interested in investing in Mackline and her big dreams, the sponsorship fees are \$40 per month for preschool (and primary school students). It would be a big blessing for Mackline to attend preschool, receive her uniforms, be able to play on our playground and receive a loving Christian education.



Grandma Annet Kitembo is 75 years old and has been responsible for supporting three of her grandchildren since the death of her daughter. She has a small piece of land that she farms for their food, but it does not produce enough to sell, so she works in other people's gardens to earn money to buy other necessities to live. It is a struggle and big challenge for her to provide.

If you would consider sponsoring Annet, she would receive cash, pastoral care from the ChristAid staff and health insurance. But **the biggest gifts would be giving her dignity and security.** The cost of sponsorship is \$40 per month for each of our "Grandmas for Jesus". Our Grandmas are the backbone of the community.

JANUARY MISSION TRIP



Shown at right - Terry and Darcy Oman being welcomed "home" by Director Grace, Dr. Moses and their son, Joshua, at MK International Hospital. This is where our "Grandma's for Jesus" receive their health care. During their trip, a 40' container of donated medical supplies from "Project Cure" was received bringing specialized equipment such as oxygen concentrators, a ventilator, surgery table and instruments, wheelchairs, ICU beds, walkers, autoclave, diagnostic lab equipment and much more!



They saw amazing progress on the ChristAid Office building which is like none other in the area! Work is underway to finish the second and third floor apartments so they can be rented for income to the ministry. The view from the roof is beautiful and this level may someday be a restaurant venue! **Thank you to all who are supporting this sustainability project!** It is looking fantastic!



GREAT NEWS! This year our Primary 7 kids did so well on the PLE National Exams that our school was declared the **17th BEST IN THE NATION OF UGANDA!!** That is **17th OUT OF 1,904** primary schools!!!

THIS IS HUGE!!   Congrats to our kids and teachers who put in many hours of study time to be ready for this important test!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual fall **Fundraiser Banquet** which will be held **Friday, October 18th 2024,** at Waterstone Church in Littleton, CO. (BE THERE OR BE... HUNGRY!)