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August Mission team...(left to right) Rick and Nancy Hollis, Tom Breeze, Pastor Brandon Goad, Bruce and Maggie Van Dusseldorp, Kim Mesa and Terry Oman- Thanks for your hard work!

This year's team got to experience a rare leopard sighting on the photo safari at Mweya! Also, some huge and gnarly crocs looking for American "fast food". (It really doesn't matter how fast you can run, unless you are the slowest one !!)



There was a big celebration at the ChristAid Academy when the 280 memorial bibles donated for the schoolchildren were distributed! God was in the House!!! Amen and Amen!! Also, school supplies donated by Skyview Presbyterian Church in Denver were enthusiastically received. Thanks Kim Mesa for heading up this effort!!



Thoughts from Pastor Bruce Executive Director of ChristAid

For some time, the need to make ChristAid Uganda more self-sustaining has been a topic of conversation. Presently, there are two avenues of self-sustainability in place: 1) The ChristAid lorry (truck), and 2) the office and apartment building. The lorry, purchased in January this year, is already being used in both our Grandma house construction and to produce revenue for the ministry of ChristAid. It is a valuable asset.

The office and apartment building are presently under construction as you can see. The ground floor is nearing completion with a couple of windows, some interior doors, restroom fixtures, flooring and lighting still to be done. In addition, the next floor walls are about 50% complete.

In August, the mission team from the Denver area helped paint the ground floor interior walls of what will be the ChristAid office space and conference hall. Both areas are spacious and looked amazing after the painting was done. Our Director, Grace, had two walls of her office painted in what has become known as "Grace's green".

Grace says the bright green color helps her to relax and think clearly, which is important for her as she provides leadership for the ministry. Thanks to all those on the team who grabbed paint brushes or rollers and used make-shift ladders and scaffolding to make the space look great.

The next two floors when completed, will be home to 12 apartments. The rent from those apartments will provide a steady revenue for the continuously expanding ministry of ChristAid. The ground floor conference hall will also be rentable space providing needed income.

Construction is presently halted as we wait to raise additional funds to continue the work. Our prayer is that we will be able to complete the office space this year so that our staff can move in and save the monthly office rent payments. Income from our "live" and silent auctions at this year's Annual Fundraiser Banquet will be used to support further construction. Please plan to attend as a fun and exciting time is planned--with delicious African cuisine as well!!

A grand welcome for the team!



Staff office space!



Views from the upper level...



Did someone say, "THERE'S A FUNDRAISER BANQUET COMING UP???"

(I BELIEVE THEY DID!!!)

THIS IS ONE OF THE LAST REMINDERS YOU WILL GET ABOUT SENDING IN YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE OCTOBER 25, 2019 FUNDRAISER BANQUET.

The banquet is at WaterStone Community Church again this year, located at 5890 South Alkire Street, Littleton, CO. 80127. Here is a rundown of the schedule:

(You get to miss the part where the Board members eat doughnuts and set up lots of tables and information booths all afternoon!!)

5:30 Silent Auction begins- (where else can you shop to the beat of African drums??)

6:30 Banquet Buffet Begins – (where else can you savor delicious samosas and steaming chai tea while eyeing whomever is over there outbidding you on the silent auction items you really like....and you are going to love the slide show!)

7:30 The abbreviated program starts including the "live auction," video from Director Grace in Uganda, and a quick overview of what's exciting in Uganda right now!

Thank you plaques will be given for **FOUR** new homes dedicated this year!

WE HAVE LITTLE GRANDMAS ROLLING AROUND IN THE GRASS AND PRAISING GOD- they are so excited to be receiving a new house!! (We have proof of this!!)

Here is what to do next..... email Pastor Bruce at ChristAid.Bruce@gmail.com to tell him you are headed to the banquet to hear what amazing news we have to share this year about Grandmas and Ahadi kids being blessed like never before! Send in your \$35 per plate or \$250 for a table of eight for a fun evening and a great meal! Show up with your generous heart to help ChristAid fund the ministry for 2020! (We need your RSVP's by Thursday 10-10 please). Hope to see you there!

This section is called “the fine print”.....Are you wishing you had the inside track on some of the items going on the live auction block? **If you promise not to tell anyone**..... I will tell you that you can have a crack at a signed and framed autograph picture of Phillip Lindsey of the Denver Broncos. You know, he is our Denver home grown hero who is so small he looks like he is out there playing with his older brothers. Also, other Denver sports memorabilia as well such as a signed baseball by Kyle Freeman will be offered..... also Broncos tickets, etc.

Have you ever wanted to get out of town without anyone knowing where you are??? We can fix that.... We have more than one exotic getaway to auction off. We have an amazing donation from the Highland Haven Creekside Inn (Evergreen- next to Bear Creek) for their luxury three story “Treehouse” suite. The stay includes a full hot buffet breakfast and close access to shops and unique restaurants.

Or maybe you like the views in Estes Park! We have been given a weekend in a stunning condo in Estes which sleeps six and has gorgeous views and wonderful amenities!! This comes with a gift certificate to “Smokin’ Dave’s Barbecue and Brews” in Estes. What a peaceful getaway for your family!!

Do you have a large group to feed for some event before the end of the year? We have a “sweet” idea available on the auction. Someone has donated a 10 pack of meals at a well know salad bar in Denver. (Sweet Tomatoes) Imagine how much food ten people can eat there!!! And you don’t have to cook any of it!Your kind of auction item!!!

We have received an “oil and marble dust painting” for the auction by an internationally known Cherry Creek artist named Pawel Kontny. Other artwork of this now deceased artist is on display and for sale at Saks Galleries in Cherry Creek. Our painting is named by him as “Mexican Scarecrow” and is highly textured and quite beautiful. It measures 21 by 16. If you are (or know) someone who understand the value and uniqueness of this offering, please keep your eyes out for this exceptional piece of art in the live auction.

One more thing -“African Eyes” Travel Inc. is donating a highly discounted photo safari tour in South Africa. See our detailed display on this opportunity at the banquet....(Go on a mission trip and add this on! WOW...)

All live auction items will be on display on the stage at the auction starting at 5:30.

On the silent auction, we also have new items to mention.... Hand-made jewelry, clothing items from a Colorado mountain boutique, hand-made aprons of all kinds, “computer assistance” certificates for help with ipads, phones or computers, hand-made big screen TV....(just kidding-seeing if you are paying attention), a rustic barnwood message board-you guessed it....one of a kind! Maybe you would be interested in a pass for 4 to the Denver Museum! Many other awesome items will be available.

If you have any items you would like to still donate to this year’s auction, please get in touch through the ChristAid website shown at the top of the newsletter. We welcome your ideas and donations!!



Happy Birthday to the son of Director Grace and Dr. Moses. Joshua turned one while the mission team was in Uganda in August. He was just trying to trust himself to start walking when the team was there. He is reportedly running everywhere now!! What a blessing!