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THE ENTIRE CHRISTAID BOARD OF DIRECTORS (and other guests) in Uganda



Left to right, back row: Kathy Hassell, Nancy and Rick Hollis, and Terry Oman. Front row: Art and Marcee Martin, Darcy Oman, Lisa Balstad, Maggie and Bruce Van Dusseldorp. It was a **busy agenda** for the team, attending the dedication of the Grandma Village, the Inauguration of the new Secondary School and seeing serious progress on the ChristAid office building. **WOW!!** Have we got a lot to show you at our Fundraiser Banquet. **SEE PAGE TWO FOR IMPORTANT BANQUET DETAILS!!**

Kudos to Lisa Balstad (shown at right) who is our ChristAid "Social Media Advisor" hailing from Sheridan, Wyoming. She was tenacious in capturing spectacular photography for use on our ChristAid Facebook page which she manages for us. Kathy Hassell also used her powerful zoom lens to great advantage on our photo safari and shared her results with us, creating fond memories of our amazing trip! Thanks, Ladies! You're the best!!



Here is a sneak peek for those who might not make it to the banquet. Shown below is the Grandma Village Dedication showing Grandmas celebrating with boundless joy and gratitude !!



CHRISTAID FALL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30TH 5:30 PM

THEME: GOD IS GOOD!! (...AND WE HAVE PROOF !!)

The Fundraiser Banquet will be held at Waterstone Community Church again this year, at 5890 South Alkire Street, Littleton, CO 80127. Doors open at 5:30 for shopping at the Silent Auction and the delicious African buffet begins at 6:30.

Our entire fundraising effort is directed to the new Secondary School.

The school is open and has 290 students in the first three classes (S-1, S-2, and S-3). The cost of nearly everything in Uganda has gone sky-high during recent months due to the fuel and transportation prices going crazy. (For example: the cost of maize alone for the porridge the kids eat has **tripled** along with many other food supplies.) **Gas is about \$7 a gallon!!** The school administration recently had to make a decision between feeding the children and paying the teachers. They chose to feed the kids and ask ChristAid's help to continue paying the teachers for the remainder of this term. Please prayerfully consider how you might help.



At left, is one of the school's two giant soup pots with the opening at the bottom for firewood or charcoal to be added during cooking.

THE BANQUET GOAL: \$50,000

All funds will be directed to the Secondary School, prioritized as follows:

- \$10,000 for teacher housing
- \$5,000 for the remodel of former teacher housing for classroom use
- \$16,000 for teacher salaries through December
- \$10,000 for the S-4 Curriculum
- \$9,000 for the Science and Agricultural lab equipment

These items are critically needed right now. Opening a new school is a massive undertaking, then toss in COVID and fuel shortages to complicate matters. Please plan to join us at the banquet or send ChristAid a gift for the school and give to help us meet our goals.

Here are the details you need to know about attending the banquet. The cost for an individual meal is \$40 and a table of eight can be purchased for \$300. Please purchase your tickets or contact the CA office to RSVP for the banquet by September 20th so we can tell the caterer how many people to expect. (THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT!) You may pay in advance by sending a check to the office or online via our fundraiser website.

christaid.schoolauction.net/godisgood

We will have another fun and exciting silent auction prior to the program. This year some items will be viewable online for pre-banquet bidding before the event as we did last year. Other items will be on a table for bidding with "bid sheets" as we have done prior to last year.



Special Honoring of ChristAid's Founder, David Mporampora

Prior to the grand opening celebration of the Secondary School, the Board participated in the placement of a traditional Ugandan wreath in the mausoleum which contains the body of our Founder, David Mporampora. This beautiful structure sits on David's land near our schools. David would be ecstatic to see what progress continues to be made in the ministry that he started many years ago. May he rest in God's eternal peace...



*** Important reading for all sponsors of Grandmas ***

Thank you for the love and support you give your Grandma(s). After serious discussion and contemplation, the Board has come to the conclusion that on January 1, 2023, it will be necessary to raise the sponsorship amount for the Grandmas from \$35 per month to \$40. There are three factors contributing to this necessary adjustment to better care for our Grandmas.

COVID has caused the food prices in Uganda to go up at an alarming rate. Also the war in Ukraine has contributed to higher food costs as much of Uganda's wheat consumption and petroleum needs used to be available from Russia but are no longer.

Healthcare has also gone up, so we have done a detailed study of the costs actually being incurred by the Grandmas as a group. There are an average of 10 Grandmas getting care each month and at least two require hospital stays that last an average of 5½ days. This gets very expensive. Pastor Bruce has written a detailed letter which each Grandma's sponsor will receive which discusses all pertinent details, well in advance of the January 1st change. If for any reason you do not receive it, please feel free to call the office with any questions you may have.

DID WE MENTION THERE IS A FUNDRAISING BANQUET ON THE 30th ???

We brought back suitcases FULL of gifts from our sponsored kids and grandmas in Uganda to YOU - their sponsors. Please come to the banquet to see if you have something to pick up from your Ugandan family! **Also, we have great items for our silent auction, such as Colorado Avalanche and Broncos tickets, museum passes, a private birthday party for a child at a Fire Station, zoo tickets, shadowing a veterinarian for a day, hand-made quilts and so much more!!



Just a quick note about progress on the Office Building project we are building for the sustainability of ChristAid. The third level is rising with the slab about to be poured for the roof! Come to the banquet to see more pictures and details! It looks very impressive!!



If it is true that a picture is worth a thousand words, then below are approximately 9,000 words describing the grand opening of the ChristAid Secondary School. It was a **ROCKIN' CELEBRATION** complete with a **MARCHING BAND** and a cake shaped like the school building, that had live fireworks shooting out the top at one point! **These people know how to party!!**



The marching band honoring us with OUR National Anthem; Headmaster William and his family; and finally the Mission Team touring the school and girl's dormitory before the celebration.



Dancers and musicians from the Ugandan Cultural Center and the exploding cake!



Fort Portal's Representative to the Ugandan National Parliament in Kampala, Mr. Alex Ruhunda, is shown here with Director Grace during the event. He drove five hours to be present with us and thinks ChristAid's contribution to the Kicuna community is highly valued! Also, shown are the Secondary School teachers and Rick and Nancy Hollis enjoying the delicious banquet that was provided for the several hundred people who came to celebrate the school. We praise God for such a memorable and blessed day!