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2020... A DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING YEAR



We extend prayers and Christian love to those in our ChristAid community, both here and in Uganda, who have suffered loss of life among family or friends during this Covid-19 pandemic. We pray blessings on those who have and continue to suffer serious hardship in providing for their families, even for the most basic necessities. However, we serve a big God who is in control in every circumstance. He is our hope and salvation.

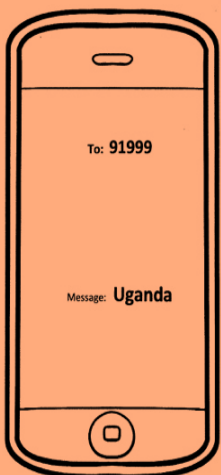
CHRISTAID VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 2, 2020

With the theme..... **“COVID CAN’T STOP GOD”**

“Covid Can’t Stop God”... That is both the truth and the name of our upcoming virtual gala event scheduled for **Friday, October 2, 2020**. During the virtual event streaming live on our ChristAid website (ChristAidintl.org) you will have the opportunity to see and hear how the Ministry of ChristAid continues to bless the people of Uganda. **Come join us online for all or part of this event!**

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM... MOUNTAIN TIME

While you are watching the virtual fundraiser on your computer, phone or other digital device, you can donate to ChristAid using your cell phone. See example and simple instructions below:



Simply start as you normally would to send a new text message -

- 1) In the block where you usually type the address, name or phone number, type the number - **“91999”**.
- 2) In the message block, type - **“Uganda”**
- 3) Hit **“Send”** and you will shortly receive a message back that will let you donate with your credit card information through our secure site.
- 4) After you have completed all fields, you will receive a **thank you message** to confirm it was received.
- 5) Check back on the ChristAid website to see your gift added to our **Goal Thermometer** - with donor names scrolling on the right!

SCHEDULE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR EACH HOUR OF THE VIRTUAL EVENT:



The **FIRST HOUR** from 6:00 to 7:00 PM (Mountain Time) will be focused on the “**Grandmas for Jesus**” which is an awesome ministry. We will be encouraging sponsorship of a loving Grandma for \$35 per month, blessing her with funds for food, medications and other personal needs she may have. It also covers health insurance for each sponsored Grandma at the MK Clinic. (This alone is worth the cost of the sponsorship!)

Streaming ON THE WEBSITE, will be a welcome from Director Grace in Uganda, and greetings from Beatrice, another well-loved employee of ChristAid, who spends her time interacting with our 120+ Grandmas.

View a recorded message from the Grandmas themselves – guaranteed to make you smile even though you don’t speak their language. (Or maybe you do...because it is the language of love!) Board members and others who have personally visited the Grandmas will share their experiences. Please consider sponsoring a “Grandma”.



HOUR TWO of the virtual event will focus on the foundation of ChristAid, which is the **sponsoring of Ahadi kids** to attend school. With the addition of the Preschool (shown right) in 2019, ChristAid students can move from preschool, through the ChristAid Primary School and in January 2022.....attend the **new ChristAid Secondary School** currently under construction!! Great Christian education from Age 4 through High School. Hallelujah!

During the live event enjoy commentary from Richard Mutegeki, the Headmaster of ChristAid Primary School, and two of ChristAid Uganda’s longest-term employees, Resty and Jennifer, will speak about their decades of work with our students. They will tell about hopeless despair within impoverished families where school sponsorship becomes a life changing event for the child and the whole family.

In addition, ChristAid Board members and others who have made mission trips to work in the school will share insights and stories.



The **FINAL HOUR** of the virtual event (8:00 to 9:00 PM) will be dedicated to **various building projects making the lives of the ChristAid community better**. This will include our Grandma housing efforts which have resulted in the building of 30 Grandma houses in the last seven years. (More on the way!! Yeah!)

Also, we will highlight the building of a large office building for ChristAid to provide office space for the Uganda staff and create an abundance of rentable apartments and a banquet room for lease, giving ChristAid Uganda a big boost forward in achieving self-sustainability!! The staff is moved in, but we are only **HALF-WAY THERE** on this project and **NEED YOUR HELP** to push forward to finish the building. (pictured at left)

The live hosts for the event (Exec. Director Pastor Bruce VanDusseldorp and CA President, Terry Oman) will give updates of all projects with input from past mission trip travelers who have been involved with the construction work and fund raising, as well. **Tune in for all the latest news about ChristAid!**



Watch for more detailed info regarding speakers and activities taking place during the virtual event coming through Facebook and our email contact list between now and October 2nd!! (It is going to be fun!)



A CLOSER LOOK.... AT DR. KATHY HASSELL CHRISTAID BOARD MEMBER AND MEDICAL ADVISOR

Kathy met ChristAid Director Grace and her husband Dr. Moses when they visited her home church in Evergreen, CO in October 2017. As a doctor and long-time sponsor in the Grandmas for Jesus program, she was excited to hear more about the health care program Dr. Moses planned for the Grandmas. After just a few minutes of conversation, God revealed His plans to them both.... and in February of 2018, Kathy flew to Uganda. There she spent two weeks working alongside Dr. Moses to complete health check-ups and establish health care for all the Grandmas for Jesus in his MK Clinic.

Several days were spent “in the field” visiting weaker Grandmas in their remote homes. This sealed Kathy’s dedication and love for the ministry of ChristAid, and she was honored to join the ChristAid Board of Directors in 2019. She is eager to return to Fort Portal to serve with ChristAid brothers and sisters again.

Kathy and her husband, Roger, have lived in Colorado since 1989, a “midway point” between Kathy’s home state of Minnesota and Roger’s home state of Texas. They raised two sons: Matt, age 25, who lives in Durango, and Daniel, age 23, who lives in Golden. She works at the University of Colorado as a hematologist and professor of medicine, where she specializes in the care of adults with blood disorders like sickle cell disease and blood clotting conditions.

She is a clinical researcher, testing treatments for blood diseases, and teaches at the University and in various regional and national/international venues. Working with the University of Colorado Hospital, state and federal agencies, she seeks to improve the quality of healthcare services locally and nationally.

Uganda was not Kathy’s first mission call. After her first international mission trip to Jamaica with her sons and church youth in 2012, God made it clear that she was expected to serve in the international field. Since then, Kathy has taken more than 30 short-term mission trips to Honduras and Belize. She serves on the Board of Directors of World Gospel Outreach (WGO) a Christian ministry working in Central America and is the North American-based medical director for WGO in Belize.

Remarkably, there are still enough hours in the day and days in a week for Roger, a retired engineer, and Kathy to enjoy time together, and with their sons to gather with family and travel to interesting places near and far.

Kathy would say that God never asks more of us than we are able to give with His help and is anchored in God’s promise from Isaiah: “But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.” Isaiah 40:31

Catch Dr. Kathy’s words of wisdom during the ChristAid Virtual Event on October 2, 2020 6:00 to 9:00 PM (MT)



Dr. Kathy shown above with her sons , Matt and Daniel, and husband Roger.



A Message from Our Executive Director - Pastor Bruce Van Dusseldorp - ChristAid's Assistance to Uganda during the Covid Pandemic



Perhaps the most significant way ChristAid has effectively helped the people of Uganda survive the pandemic has been through extra funds sent to the kids, Grandmas and ChristAid Primary school teachers. Here in the US, we have experienced the reality of job loss, closed businesses, schools and churches, scarcity of food and cleaning supplies and increased food costs. As difficult as those have been in the US, the same issues in Uganda are multiplied in their severity and impact on the lives of people.

Food prices soared in Uganda in March and April making the purchase of food almost impossible. That, combined with the shut-down of transportation systems and closed businesses, led to the possibility of starvation for many people. With your support, ChristAid stepped into the situation for the members of the Ugandan ChristAid family. Extra funds, above the normal monthly amount, were sent to the Grandmas on two occasions, Covid relief funds were provided to every Ahadi Kid's family and our Primary and Preschool teachers were paid a percentage of their salaries even though no tuition was being paid by the students.

Normally the teachers are paid from the ChristAid school budget and not from ChristAid directly. With the schools being closed, there were not funds for teacher salaries, so the Board stepped in and paid the teachers directly. Many teachers in other schools in Uganda were going hungry or trying to find other employment. Our teachers were VERY appreciative of the support they received from ChristAid!

Thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters who made all that possible. Without your continued support, the ministry of ChristAid would cease to happen.

This leads me back to the virtual event scheduled for October 2. Typically, our fall banquet is an important time to share and celebrate the achievements of the last year and to provide information about the future direction of ChristAid. It is also our time to raise funds for the continued operation and programs of ChristAid. This year that has to be done virtually, so please join us on the ChristAid website: ChristAidintl.org on Friday evening, October 2, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 – 9:00 (Mountain Time).

Invite your friends to join us on the website also, to see what ChristAid is about and to whom we provide assistance in Uganda. We have set a goal of finding new sponsors for 15 Ahadi kids to attend school and seven more people to sponsor a "Grandma for Jesus". The need is great in Uganda and we have a passion to help as many people as we possibly can. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOU DO TO BE A BLESSING TO GOD'S PEOPLE. Peace, Pastor Bruce

Pastor Bruce and ChristAid President, Terry Oman, will be in person "on the air" for the three hours of the virtual event. There will be live guests as well as videos from other Board members and also from Director Grace, Country Director in Uganda. In addition, guest sponsors from across the US will be sharing their ChristAid experiences.

Please consider a gift to help with Covid relief and our regular operating expenses as we serve the loving and beautiful people in the ChristAid community in Uganda in God's name!! Help us take the leap to "virtual" until such a time we can meet in person again at ChristAidintl.org

Thank You and God Bless!!