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## **MARCH 2017 MISSION TEAM EXPERIENCES "HISTORY IN THE MAKING!"**



**Standing - left to right: Ed Mighell, Barry Charelle, Pastor Bruce VanDusseldorp, Brad Foes, Maggie VanDusseldorp, Rick and Nancy Hollis, Rodell Moeckly, Jeremy Kelley, Kevin Shane. Front row: Karen Mighell, Maggie Foes, Olivia Shane, Terry Oman**

On March 20th this energetic team set out to attend the Retirement Celebration of David Mporampora, install the new In-Country Director, Grace Karungi Mugasa and dedicate four new Grandma houses!

In their spare time, they painted the Christaid Academy inside and out (including blackboards), put in solar lighting for the kids and cheered the inaugural "whoosh" of the first flush toilets in the village of Kucina and for miles around! **THANK YOU TO OUR HARD WORKING TEAM OF CONSTRUCTION EXPERTS AND PARTY ANIMALS.....**

Read on... to take in the retirement festivities and pictures of the various construction projects giving a better life to the ChristAid students and staff.... We are witnessing **God's Love in Action in Uganda!**

### **WELCOME ...NEW "IN-COUNTRY DIRECTOR"**

#### **GRACE KARUNGI MUGASA**

Shown at right ...our new Director, Grace Mugasa and her husband, Dr. Moses, during her commissioning ceremony on March 27, 2017. Grace and Moses moved from the capital city of Kampala, so that she could accept this important position within ChristAid. They bring new vitality and hearts full of love for serving Jesus and the ChristAid community. She has been in training for several months.

We are blessed indeed by the godly and genuine person God brought us to move ChristAid to the next level. Grace has excellent communication and management skills and good knowledge of the Fort Portal area where she was raised (near Kicuna). **THANK YOU GOD FOR THE AMAZING BLESSING OF "GRACE".**







David's retirement celebration was a beautiful display of gratitude from the many people whose lives have been touched by David's 22 years of service through ChristAid. **He felt truly blessed and shed many tears that day.**

Over 1500 people were in attendance in Kicuna, and were fed a hot meal (without the benefit of electricity). Entertainment and thoughtful presentations to David were enjoyed by all throughout the day. **The Ugandans know how to party!!**

The Board had a pedestal made commemorating David's years of service, which will be placed in the ChristAid school courtyard. There was even a cake made in the shape of a "Grandmas for Jesus" block house!! David received generous gifts from the staff, CA teachers, CA alumni and many others, as shown above. Organizing the party was Grace's first administrative challenge and she did an amazing job! Thank you Grace, and THANK YOU DAVID FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR SO MANY!



The "Grandmas for Jesus" gave David goats, chickens and this special cow, who can wipe its nose without the benefit of a tissue! Thank you to Resty, (shown in dark blue above,) who also helped immensely in planning the big party, with the gift giving and the special programs.



## THE LEAN AND MEAN SHELTERS TEAM STACKS UP FOUR MORE HOUSES!!



House #15 for Grandma Jane Rose Kisembo was built by MaryAnn McGeady. Grandma had been living in a borrowed shed .



House #16 for Grandma Mary Nyanjura was built by New Hope Church. What an amazing blessing !!



House #17 built for Grandma Loy (above) and House #18 for Katalina Kiiza (below) were also provided by MaryAnn McGeady through fund raising efforts. A special thanks to Mary Ann for her commitment to helping our Grandmas! Also, our concern and sympathy go out to MaryAnn who recently lost her husband, Mick. At Mary Ann's direction, ChristAid has received very generous memorial donations honoring Mick, which have been designated towards a pre-school soon to be built in Kicuna. What a loving tribute to an awesome husband and father. Thank you MaryAnn for your thoughtful gifts of love to ChristAid.





# CHRISTMAS IN MARCH - COMES TO KICUNA !

The annual Christmas distribution of gifts from US sponsors was delayed, waiting upon the Mission Team to arrive to do the honorary presentations. Enjoy these pictures of kids and Grandmas joyfully accepting their gifts! **THANK YOU** to the sponsors who make this fun day possible for their Ugandan family members and for those of you who gave cash gifts to be distributed to kids and Grandmas not otherwise receiving anything. Your love is strongly felt and appreciated.



The Mission team getting hugs and rejoicing with all who received blessing from their sponsors...goats, chickens, bikes, cash and mattresses, etc.

Below see painting of the school in progress., using long bamboo poles to reach the high places. Looking good team members!!



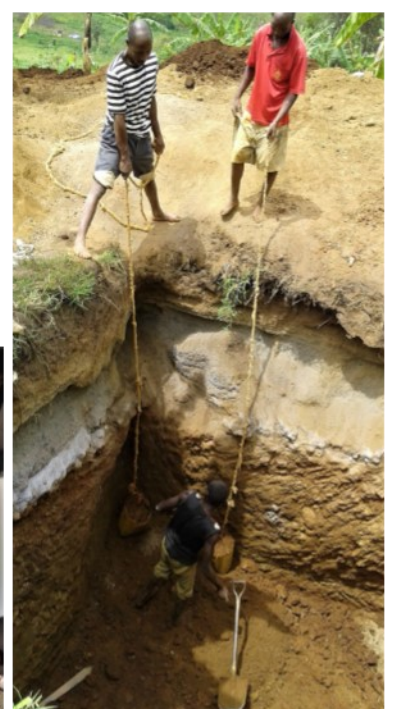


## SOLAR AND SANITATION PROJECTS UNDER WAY FOR THE CHRISTAID ACADEMY



In June of 2013, Barry Charelle joined a mission trip team to help build the first Grandma house in Kucina. As he worked on block production, he used the deplorable “outhouse facilities” that the kids at the school were forced to use. **He declared that he would come home and raise the money to put in flush toilets for the kids!** Not only did he do that, with God’s help he raised enough to put solar collectors on the roofs of each classroom to power solar lights and the computers which had been donated long before. **WAY TO THINK BIG, BARRY!!**

To the Glory of God, , his dream turned into reality on this trip. Shown here the team is digging a trench to pipe water from the spring below to hand-dug holes for the holding tanks to allow for flushing. The “boys” bathrooms were completed first and the first flush was a thing of beauty!! Below...both eyes and cameras are trained on the first solar light to come on in the school. **“Hallelujah, Jesus”**



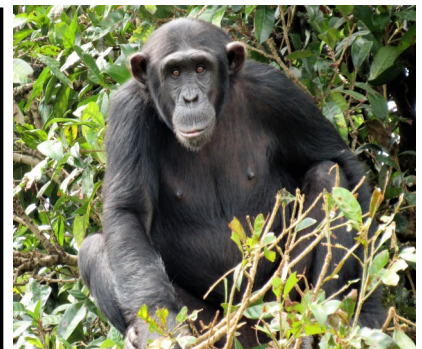




Above...the mission team and Uganda staff enjoy fellowship together before the team leaves for home. On the way to the airport, the team took a side trip to Ngamba Island to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary on Lake Victoria.

This is the first mission trip travelling under the direction of our new Executive Director (on the US side) Pastor Bruce., who began his part-time position on March 1st. (He was most recently the CA Board President.) Thanks Bruce for a safe and productive trip. **Skype June 10th, watch for details.**

Would you like to be included on a future mission trip to Uganda? If you are prepared to work hard, have your heart touched by the love of the Ugandan people and come back a different person, you are invited! One or two mission trips will be scheduled each year and a list of prospective participants is being kept. Contact Bruce at [vandussel@comcast.net](mailto:vandussel@comcast.net) and let him know if you are interested. Information sessions will be scheduled to discuss cost, project work and things you should know to be prepared for international travel.



Welcome Bruce and his wife, Maggie, shown below. This was Bruce's fourth trip to Uganda.



### WHAT IS NEXT AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### PLEASE PRAY:

- \*\* For Grace as she begins her responsibilities as In-Country Director**
- \*\*For the Board as they set future priorities for the ministry of Christaid**
- \*\* For the children and Grandmas in Uganda**
- \*\* For the ChristAid staff and teachers as they reach out with the love of Christ**

PLEASE GIVE: [tinyurl.com/christaid-donate](http://tinyurl.com/christaid-donate)

- \*\* Become a sponsor for an Ahadi Kid or a Grandma, or add an additional one**
- \*\* Support the ministry by making monthly contributions to ChristAid**
- \*\* Contribute to any of the projects presently being funded (preschool, amphitheater, Grandma houses, etc.)**