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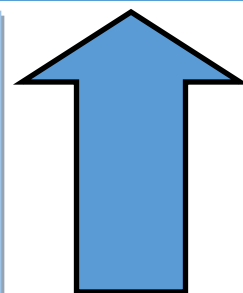
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CHRISTAID ... MOVING UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL !!

What does the “Next Level” look like? Executive Director, Pastor Bruce Van Dusseldorp shares these words about what he is observing.....

2017 and 2018 have been overflowing with activity for ChristAid!! It began with the installation of solar power and sanitary restrooms at ChristAid Academy. It included the retirement celebration of our long-time leader of ChristAid, David Mporampora.



This was followed by the commissioning of the new Uganda Director, Grace Mugasa, who speaks frequently about moving us “to the Next Level”. Grace is showing us what that means to her. She has implemented financial accountability and policy changes which have greatly improved the efficiency of ChristAid. Her staff has responded with appreciation to those efforts and they compliment Grace profusely on her “grace”, leadership and wisdom.

“The Next Level” is seen even more concretely (pun intended) in construction projects that are presently in various stages of implementation such as the Preschool now going up, a ChristAid office building being planned and on the horizon.....a ChristAid Secondary School!! (Watch for details here and in the following pages.)

For years, the Board has discussed the need to find ways to facilitate ChristAid Uganda being more self-sustaining. The ministry cannot rely solely on funds from the US, but must have ways in which funds can be generated in Uganda. Thanks to the hard work of ChristAid supporters, that is becoming a possibility!!

Plans are being drawn up for a three story building on land we recently purchased within the town of Fort Portal.

When completed the office building will house the CA offices, saving us our monthly lease payments.



Most importantly, it will ALSO provide rental space for other businesses, a large meeting hall, 12 apartments, and possibly a restaurant—all of which will generate income for the ministry of ChristAid!!! A large team of friends and family are currently fund raising for this building and are planning a mission trip in January of 2019 to help construct it.

This will truly take ChristAid “to the Next Level” and will help us with funds to support our other branches of our ministry in Kicuna.

Turn the page and check out information on the new Preschool!

At left, Bruce, shown speaking at a Grandma House Dedication.

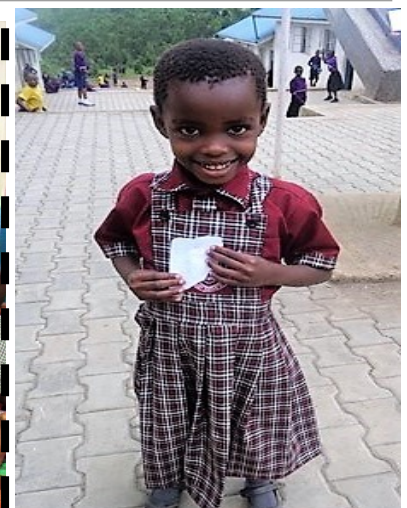


“IT’S CRAZY MAN!! —WE’RE DIGGIN’ THAT CHRISTAID PRESCHOOL FOUNDATION.....”

As shown above, there is “cool” progress on the ChristAid Preschool building, shown here with the foundation preparations underway. At the back of the second picture, notice the close proximity of the existing ChristAid Academy Primary School building as it steps on down the mountainside. The ChristAid community in Uganda is so excited to have the preschool opportunity available, that they have already started preschool classes in a temporary structure nearby!

The same dedicated teacher (Rose) who taught the first three ChristAid sponsored kids ever (in 1995) under a tree on what would become the current school campus, is the new Director of the Preschool. There are adorable preschool kids now available for sponsorship, some shown below dressed in the new uniforms that were designed for the kids by ChristAid Director, Grace. (Does this feel like we might be going to “the Next Level??)

If your heart leads you to help one of these impoverished children get a running start in life, with the gift of life-changing education, the sponsorship is the same cost (\$40 per month) as for the Primary school children. Contact Kent Stannard using the contact information shown on page 1 of the newsletter, if you would like to assist any of the Preschoolers shown on our ChristAid website.



This engaging smile belongs to Violet Kembabazi who is four years old. Check out her profile on the CA website, as well as many others who need your love and assistance!

Big Dreams coming true.....Ministry support from “Cunina” for a ChristAid Secondary School

For years, ChristAid has had a ministry partner from Belgium called Cunina. Cunina is a non-profit organization that supports education in several developing countries around the world. Our ChristAid Academy (primary school) is one of two schools in all of Uganda that Cunina chooses to support. They began several years ago by sponsoring 20 of our children. Today they sponsor more than 100 at ChristAid Academy. Cunina is very impressed with Grace as our new Director, and we have been greatly blessed by their partnership with us.

We are presently in conversation with Cunina about the possibility of building a secondary school. They approached us with the idea several months ago, and three Board members met with them in Uganda in March to learn more. The costs and details of operation are being firmed up and we are very optimistic about this possibility as we move forward with the due diligence required for such a project. **This project, also, moves ChristAid to “the Next Level”!**

We thank God and His Grace (pun intended again) for His blessings poured out on us during this last year.



Pictured at left, are Terry Oman, ChristAid President, and our awesome Ugandan Engineer, **Emah Kasaija**. Emah came on staff about a year ago after being a General Contractor for us, building the Teacher's Housing Project, and doing some design work for us. Above all, Emah is a godly servant and a patient man, being responsible for the training and on-site management of our amazing home-grown “Shelters in the Storm” construction crew. God Bless you, Emah!!

As you have read in this issue, we have GIGANTIC plans in process for building the Preschool, the CA Office building and Secondary School. **Emah is God's gift to us to make all this possible.** Emah understands “American” construction terminology which makes him invaluable!!

TWO MORE GRANDMA HOUSES DEDICATEDTO BRING OUR 2018 TOTAL TO FOUR!!!



A word from Maggie Van Dusseldorp about communication with our African family members...

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors and supporters of ChristAid! The positive Christian impact you are making in the lives of your Ahadi Kids or Grandmas extends into their families and communities.

When you send a letter to your Ahadi Kid or Grandma, it encourages them and shares God's love in a special way. Since the beginning of this year, **161** letters have come over from our kids, and we have sent back **29**. The Grandmas have sent **83** but only **16** have received letters back from us. **Let's get our pencils or keyboards moving to show our "family" that we care! !**

It means so much for our Kids and Grandmas to hear from you. They love to hear about you, your family, where you live and what you do, etc. We have the opportunity to share with and encourage our brothers and sisters even though we are many miles apart. We are all One in Christ!

You can email a letter to christaid@christaidintl.org or send a physical letter to our Arvada Post Office box, shown on the cover of the newsletter. In either case, it will be joyfully scanned and sent over for delivery to your sponsored person(s). **Just a few minutes of your time will mean so much!**

Thank you and God bless you!!! Maggie

CHRISTAID ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BANQUET —OCTOBER 26, 2018

It is **NOT TOO EARLY** for you to make your plans to attend the next **CHRISTAID ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BANQUET**. This year we will be returning to WaterStone Community Church in west Littleton for the Friday night event.

We have invited the same African caterer to prepare a savory meal for us similar to what we enjoyed last year, and we are already collecting interesting and unusual silent auction items for everyone to bid on. We made over \$5,000 last year on the auction and hope to double our receipts this year. (If you have any items or services you would like to donate to the auction, please contact us by the phone, email, or letter addresses shown on the front page.)

It's a secret, so please don't tell anyone, but this year we will be selling ChristAid T-Shirts and 2019 ChristAid calendars. Who knew you could get your Christmas shopping done in October!!!! We hope you will mark your calendars and join us!! After all, we are "God's Love in Action"!!

Saving the best for last.... There is great excitement in the ChristAid community for the approaching birth of the first child of Director Grace and her husband, Dr. Moses!! Shown at right are Board of Director, Marcee Martin, and Grace, with a stash of cute baby clothes brought over by the March mission team.

"OUR BABY" is due in late August and the gender is as yet unknown. Grace has had some painful complications requiring trips over very bumpy roads to the best hospital in Kampala, and remains under a doctor's watch. Please pray for Grace, Moses and the baby during this special time in the life of their family.

