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YEAR-END NEWSLETTER - 2016

AN EXCELLENT FUNDRAISER BANQUET "IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR"...

AN EXCITING 2017 "IN THE HEADLIGHTS"!!



The October 15th Banquet was well attended and the first annual Silent Auction was a great success!! We also sold baskets and crafts that were hand-made by our "Grandmas for Jesus", shown here in the foreground. THANK YOU to all who contributed by attending and sharing your blessings to fund ChristAid into the new year.

We enjoyed authentic African cuisine served up by the ChristAid Board members. SO TASTY!!



The program featured a live skype session with Grace Karungi, the future In-Country Director of ChristAid, following David's retirement in the spring. Her godly gifts and enthusiasm were obvious! David also sent a video (showing below) that was watched with great interest as he described his future plans and thanked his many friends for their heartfelt support of the ministry and of him personally for all these 21 years.

Pastor Bruce, filling our new Executive Director position starting in the spring, outlined the exciting projects that will soon transpire in Uganda. The 15 person mission trip leaves March 20th to dedicate the solar and sanitation project for the ChristAid school and to preside over a retirement gathering for David. This celebrates his many years of service to God and the people of Uganda. Our next goal of building a ChristAid Preschool will be the next focus, with ground-breaking possibly happening during the trip.





The ChristAid Board says a fond farewell to two Board members at the end of this year. Carol Blechschmidt (shown left) has served for two years, deeply involved in the University Scholarship program. As a former teacher, she has committed generous amounts of time and resources to furthering the educational program at ChristAid.

Diana Bailey (shown right) retires from the Board after six years of service including Board President in 2014 and 2015. Diana and her husband, Craig, travelled to Uganda in 2015 on a mission trip of a lifetime. May God bless you Carol and Diana, for the love and dedication you have shown to the people of Uganda.



CHRISTMAS TIME IN UGANDA

APPROACHES!! If you would like to send a Christmas gift to your African family member or to an unsponsored Grandma or child in Kicuna, please check out the ChristAid website for ideas at tinyurl.com/christaid-gifts Your gift may be given at tinyurl.com/christaid-donate or by sending a check to the office PO Box. Our dollars and our love go a long way in Uganda! **THANK YOU!!**



CHRISTAID HAS A BRAND NEW LOOK IN 2017

With David's retirement in March of 2017, many things change...not just for David, but for the ministry of ChristAid. While David did fundraising for himself in the 13 years he lived in the US which has continued and sustained him for all these years, the new Director (Grace) does not have that opportunity. Her full time salary must be raised by ChristAid on a monthly basis beginning in February.

Meeting this brand new expense is now a top priority for us. The very best way you could help is to pledge a monthly gift **in any amount** to be designated for "administration". This would give us some comfort that we have regular gifts coming in (like monthly tuition payments for our Ahadi kids) that we can depend on to help with this critical new expenditure. **Please consider helping with this salary expense on a monthly basis.**

(As an option and for your convenience only, Michelle can send a billing statement for it, like the ones she sends for Ahadi kids and Grandma support, if you would like to be reminded each month). We would also greatly appreciate any lump sum year-end gifts that people may want to give for this purpose. ChristAid is a 501c3 corporation and sends the tax deduction statements at the end of each year.



The other big change is the hiring of Pastor Bruce Van Dusseldorp, (our current CA President) as the part-time Executive Director of ChristAid on the US side. The time commitment to keep ChristAid business running smoothly has gone far beyond what the volunteer Board of Directors can effectively manage. In one of His signature moves, God has timed Bruce's retirement from serving his church for 26 years at just the time ChristAid desperately needs his attention. For this reason as well, we would so welcome any monthly commitments to "administration". May God give you love and hope.... peace and good health in abundance, in the coming year. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from ChristAid!!! May God bless us...One and All!!**