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Putting Christ into the Crisis of Uganda

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ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE SITTING IN THE EMPTY CHAIR????



At the January ChristAid Board of Directors meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the 2014 term. Front row: Darcy Oman, Treasurer, **(EMPTY CHAIR NEEDING TO BE FILLED BY A NEW BOARD MEMBER)** and Diana Wallace, Board President. Back row: Terry Oman, Pastor, Bruce Van Dusseldorp, Vice President and Arlen Nordhagen, Secretary. There are no specific requirements for the Board service, other than a sincere love for the Lord and a desire to put effort into helping the poverty stricken people of God, in Uganda. If ever you have wished to better understand the life challenges of your African family members (Ahadi Kids or Grandmas for Jesus) look no further than sitting on the Board. We undertake to prioritize all manner of projects affecting the health, education, spiritual life and social well-being of our sponsored loved ones. The rewards of being part of

the solution to their most devastating problems will also be eye opening and life changing for you.

If you are interested in Board participation, please email Darcy Oman at omanterry@msn.com and ask for a copy of the application paperwork to be completed. She will also answer any questions you may have about the process of applying to participate on the Board or about the work and activities of the Board.

WHAT A CONTRIBUTION, PASTOR PAUL !!

Pastor Paul Ehizuelen, (pictured here with his wife, Evelyn) is originally from Nigeria, and has been a faithful member of the ChristAid Board of Directors for many years. He is stepping down this year after having served the Board as Treasurer for more than four years.

In January of this year, Pastor Paul joined the mission team bound for Africa to give both "his time and his treasure", and to observe the meaningful work being accomplished there by our dedicated staff in Fort Portal, Uganda. He donated a new laptop computer and software for use by our resident Finance Manager, Resty Mutorro, and taught "QuickBooks" to her and other staff members to allow them to do more detailed record keeping.

While on the trip, Pastor Paul spoke to a gathering of over 100 local pastors on the subject of leading with integrity and also preached on Sunday morning, in the Kicuna church where many of our ChristAid families attend. It was a highlight of his trip to observe the joyful celebration of the (2013) Christmas Gift Distribution where our Ahadi Kids and Grandmas for Jesus received the gifts their sponsors have sent over during the prior Christmas season.

Thank you Pastor Paul for your wisdom and thoughtful insight at countless Board meetings across the years. May God richly bless you and your family in the years to come!!



News from our Country Director, David Mporampora

Dear Co-Servants, Friends and Family of Christaid,

Warm greetings from Uganda (the harvest field) to you, our supporters, who make all the sacrifices and make it happen. I am talking about you co servants and laborers indeed who make this great harvest worth every effort. The peace of our Lord Jesus (our great commissioner) be multiplied to you and your families. God bless and prosper the labor of your hands day in and day out.. I can't help but keep on upholding you before His throne of grace because there's always something special to remind me of you just about everywhere I look. There's an imprint of your sacrifices, prayers, grace and generosity all over this community. Without a doubt we are proclaiming His legacy of love from year to year.

Those are the attributes that keep us compelled to sustain His legacy of immeasurable compassion among his needy people in Uganda. Thank you for your persistence, thank you for the sacrifices and blessings to you for giving to the Lord. Your deep understanding and choosing Christaid is invaluable. I wish I had time to present every single praise report but I would need to write a book. I hope the following images will bring the message of His legacy deep in your big hearts. Please enjoy as we magnify and exalt His name together.

"Then He said to His disciples, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore to send out workers into HisHarvest field...Mathew 9:37 (NIV)"

HARVEST #1

"Shelters in the Storm" -Just since our last newsletter, our home building project has resulted in three sturdy homes built for grannies who never expected a miracle this huge in their lives. The Block Press project and "Shelters in the Storm" started by our visionaries, Pastor Bruce Van Dusseldorp and Terry Oman, have made this possible by their commitment and determination to see this idea to its completion. Only a fool can say that there is no God, because indeed this is Him in action.



Meet Grandma Imelda. Who said that you only smile if you have 32 full dental package? When you get a new house, you gotta show whatever is left. God bless the Amazing Foos family who generously sponsored the house for Imelda. See grandma's new house to the right.



HARVEST #2

Three **board members** of Christaid visited Uganda to see this work they have so much sacrificed for. It was such an amazing time together. Two of them (Arlen Nordhagen, and Pastor Paul) have never been here before so it was such a great time of deep fellowship, adventure and ministry. They taught us some great things in the areas of advancing His legacy to the next level and they gave from the bottom of their hearts. we will never be the same again because of their counsel and big encouragement. Pastor Darrin Kessler was also a guest on this trip. He is a missionary Pastor in the Dominican Republic.

HARVEST #3 Our 7th graders performed SO WELL in a most intimidating, national exam that advances them from middle school to high school. This was the first national exam our kids have done and according to statistics and popular thought, our kids were not yet ready for the league of the elite. But our kids walked into the exam rooms with the words; **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me... Philippians 4:13"** written on their hearts. The Lord who never disappoints came through and our school out performed very reputable schools in the region who have done the same exam for years (and this was the very first time for our young school). The kids performed so well that they deserved going to those high schools where kids of the rich go. But of course they were so poor that I wrote to their sponsors with fear and trembling because that would call for doubling their support. Guess what?? Most of the sponsors of these **"valedictorian"** style kids very kindly agreed. Now they are in the best "rich kid" schools and you cannot tell the difference between the kid of a member of parliament and a poor kid from the bush. Isn't God so good?!!

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAJOR CELEBRATION WE HAD PROCLAIMING GOD'S VICTORY AFTER OUR SCHOOL KICKED BUTT. WE HAD A BIG PRAISING AND WORSHIP-PING MARCH ALL OVER TOWN AND COMMUNITY. GREAT GODLY BREAKTHROUGHS SHOULD BE CELEBRATED!! GLORY BE TO GOD!! TAKE A LOOK!!



HARVEST #4

Because of the great things that the Lord has done in the region through Christaid, land has become a gold mine. Most of the people we help are poor and cannot afford land to grow food. A



good friend of Christaid has for the last two years offered twelve acres of (lush soil) land, divided it into plots, (didn't rent it out) but felt led by the Holy Spirit to offer it to some poor farmers. (They have organized themselves into a farming operation that we call **"Kalidali Farmer's Association"**). The owner's only request was that they contribute a small portion of their harvest to Christ Aid primary school. Last year we could not afford to feed our kids well, most especially the new P7 2014 national exam candidates. We are calling this the **"KALIDALI PROJECT"** meaning, **(the mustard seed project)** you all know the Bible reference of the mustard seed.

Check out how this

sequence of blessings has evolved;



Some great mom went to be with Jesus and willed

12 acres of land to her son.

The son chose to put it up for poor people to farm, 35 families to be exact.

The families are feeding their kids and selling some of their harvest to survive.

Consequently, some 350 people who would otherwise be starving have food to eat.

The school benefits at least 10% of the harvest from every farmer.

So, finally, kids at the school get some good food at no cost.. ALL GLORY TO WHOM IT'S ALL ABOUT... JESUS OUR LORD, SAVIOR AND KING!!



HARVEST #5



Christaid academy now has a brand new **"one of a kind health clinic"** for our school kids like you cannot find in most schools in the region. This was by courtesy of my very dear friends Dan and Sabine Zaugg of Wheatridge, Co. Dan

was my roommate at Colorado Christian University who taught me how to shovel snow and to work hard (American style) in order to pay for my college. He was a landscaping contractor who earned his way through College by working like a bulldozer. Imagine a Ugandan, fresh from the equatorial hot weather shoveling snow in below zero Colorado weather on campus!!

My first week was something to behold!! Dan was my boss and he was one heck of a tough guy but kind and Godly. I quit several times but he always came and yanked me out of bed (I didn't quite like that) until he made me a tough guy who finally finished college debt free. Thumbs up for you brother Dan as you read this newsletter. We have been the greatest friends ever since college and their support has never stopped flowing.



Recently, one of Dan's parents went to be with Jesus and the family decided to do something in memory of the beloved parent. They donated a good chunk of money for us to finish the school clinic. The 2013 team brought us plenty of medications which have helped, and now we are ready for a full time nurse for only \$150 per month. One of the candidates we could hire is our very own graduate who (Christaid sponsored her education through some Godly American sponsors) Ruth is a qualified nurse looking for a job. I love giving jobs to our very own kids who now are young adults. Did I hear someone say that I am kind of prejudiced? Who? Me?



Ruth (kid's nurse) and Frank (academy principal) both are success stories of Christaid once our sponsored kids, graduated from college and now serving their mother ministry... Christaid. Amen!

School clinic complete!

HARVEST #6

There was a sharing **extravaganza of Christmas / New Year gifts** from very many American sponsors and the love of Christ was shared in a most exciting way. Our board was on site and we made them very busy giving away a myriad of gifts like cash, bicycles, beds and beddings, solar systems and much more. They also gave away pigs from our piggery project **(an extension of income generating project that was envisioned and graciously sponsored by our previous president, Brad Foos)** It was just amazing indeed to see very generous showers of blessings from our beloved American sponsors sent for Christmas and new year blessings. That means we had our Christmas in mid January... that is when Santa made it on the hemisphere beyond the equator (kind of on African Uganda time) Ho, ho, ho!! (Of course there were so many more gifts than I could document).



An "oink-ie" for a Grandma who is thrilled!



Board member, Arlen Nordhagen gives away a solar system!



A soccer ball for a happy student!



One happy Grandma receiving new bedding!



The Roth's family in Highlands Ranch Colorado made sure grandmas who did not have gifts from their sponsors got some cash..... There was much rejoicing!



A bible gift from an American parent.

HARVEST #7



All year around future leaders of Uganda are graduating from great universities and trade schools like never before through our hard work in ministry. Please meet some of our most recent brilliant and Godly graduates from some of the great universities ready to take Uganda by the storm and because of the blessings and great start they have received through Christaid (and some big hearted American sponsoring parents).



HARVEST #8

ChristAid was blessed with two dirt bikes. One was for me and the other for Frank, the Principal of our school, ChristAid Academy. Why? In a country where a gallon of fuel is around \$8, you have to use the most fuel efficient means to save God's money so that every dollar can do the most good for His people. My bike was simply a surprise that I never expected. The day Terry Oman handed it to me he called me pretending that something was wrong and I had to answer for it. I felt I was really in trouble until they brought this amazing bike from where they had hidden it. This would have fitted perfectly with "April fool's day" only that it was October. My staff just sat there watched me going absolutely nuts with excitement. We do have a jeep that consumes more fuel than the Titanic consumed water! But, now all I do is fill up my tank for \$10 and for nearly three weeks I don't have to look at the meter...Hallelujah! I can go almost anywhere to find any kid or grandma's place where a jeep could never venture to go. Thank you, Carla Worley, who donated funds which purchased this bike.

The other bike, similar to mine was from our amazing Board to the Principal of our school who has been so faithful. I presented this huge need to our Board and they did not disappoint. When I announced to the principal that he was getting the bike, he too went absolutely nuts and when we handed it to him, he went out of control with rejoicing. Yes! We do have a "dream team" of Board members and we cannot thank them well enough. Check out the images below;



Laughing? That's me alright! When everything else fails to help you not eat dust for breakfast, lunch and dinner on a bike, try Colorado skiing goggles!



ChristAid Academy principal on his new bike. Thanks for your Godly care of our ChristAid students Frank.



I think you can all see who really owns this bike!

HARVEST #9

Our block press machine is getting a new solid and covered "home" where we can also store all our building materials and tools. For some time it has been sitting outside which is risky, but God has kept everything secure. The building should be all done in two weeks from now and we cannot wait. This time around **a donor did actually donate the piece of land** and handed it to Christaid... praise the living God! This is where this amazing equipment is where hundreds of thousands of bricks will be made, kept safe and transported to wherever the next grandma house will be built. God is good all the time!! **(Thank you David...who is too humble to say he has given this land, and also the garden plots mentioned in Harvest #4 to ChristAid).**



HARVEST #10

Because of the block press activity- ChristAid is creating many jobs all over Kicuna and improving the lives of many in the community. Local businesses are making good money from ChristAid's purchases of building materials. All this is simply miraculous says one of the "Shelter in the Storm" workers. ***"I now can save a little bit and invest it in something that will help my wife and kids and I don't have to travel far away to get a job"*** One of the youths has actually been able to build his own small mud house and has moved in already. Several are paying school fees for their kids and putting food on the table for their families. More than anything, we have access to the workers, meaning that we are able to minister the love of Christ to them daily.



Here are some of the hard working "Shelters in the Storm" crew members.



We agree! Lets build something to the Glory of God!

We are building with our own blocks from the block press.

Terry with his crew which he trained to construct the homes.



VERY URGENT HARVEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU:

I could go on and on my friends counting our blessings and naming them one by one. I can't wait till the next newsletter to tell you more of our Lords faithfulness. Here are some very urgent prayer needs that you could be part of today as a matter of fact; May the good Lord speak to your hearts.

PLEASE SPONSOR "A VALEDICTORIAN" KID TODAY!

These kids are some of those who scored our very amazing academic performance national victory. Yes, you could call them "valedictorians" but they are so poor and may never continue unless a miracle happens. \$88 per month will guarantee them amazing things.



NAME: KOBUSINGE DAPHINE
D.O.B: 23/04/2000
SCHOOL: DEVINE MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL
GRADE: SENIOR ONE
RESIDENCE: KICUNA

Daphine stays with her father who suffered from stroke. He does not work because of the weakness and some of his parts paralyzation. Daphine is such a brilliant girl who loves studying very much and she excelled in her primary leaving examination by getting excellent grades. We pray for her to get a good sponsor to assist her in her Education. God bless you.

NAME: MUGERWA DAVIS
D.O.B: 18/08/1999
SCHOOL: NYAKASURA SCHOOL
GRADE: SENIOR ONE
RESIDENCE: KICUNA

Davis stays with his Grandma who does small scale farming. She is weak and has no income generating activity. Davis is a promising boy and he loves studying very much. But his Grandma is un able to rise money for his Educational needs. We pray for him to get a good Samaritan to assist him. God bless you.



NAME: KANGUME JOSELINE
D.O.B: 10/07/2001
SCHOOL: NYAKASURA SCHOOL
GRADE: SENIOR ONE
RESIDENCE: MUMBAGANE

Joseline stays with her mom. She is a very bright girl in class. She passed her primary leaving examination with better grades. Her mother has a lot of dependents and cannot afford to take Joseline to a better school. Joseline loves God and she is a promising girl. We pray for her to get a help to assist her in her education. God bless you.



CHRISTAID TAKES ON A BIG CHALLENGE TO HELP OUR CHRISTAID ACADEMY TEACHERS !!

In most of the schools in Uganda, the teachers are given housing near the schools as a supplement to their small salaries. Our excellent teachers do not receive this benefit, and are currently walking great distances to ChristAid Academy and having to use nearly all their salary for meager living situations at long distances from the school.

It is our NEXT BIG PROJECT to construct a set of homes like we have started building for the "Grandmas for Jesus" in close proximity to the school for the benefit of the teachers. The homes would be divided in half (like a duplex) so that 6 to 8 buildings could provide homes for the entire teaching staff.

We currently have \$21,000 donated to this project and drawings are being finalized now, for how the teacher's housing complex will be arranged. We urgently ask for donations to this project so that land adjacent to the school may be purchased and construction might begin using the block press and crews currently trained to build "Grandma homes". The cost of this entire project is estimated to be approximately \$80,000. You have read earlier in the newsletter (page 2) that our 7th grade class did phenomenally well in their first Uganda national exam for high school placement this year. This is by direct influence of our amazing teachers (many of whom are own ChristAid graduates). We feel that providing simple but sturdy homes near the school will allow us to retain the best teachers and continue to provide excellent teachers for our kids.

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Please donate today at www.christaidintl.org toward this exciting and beneficial project!!

SPONSOR THE NEXT HOME FOR A NEEDY GRANDMA!

Amazing what \$7,000 can do in a life of a homeless grandma or one living in a death trap (literally) that she calls a house! In the USA, \$7000.00 is only good enough to process paperwork, licensing, permits and other pre construction requirements. In Uganda you can build a three bedroom, sitting room and porch (permanent and beautiful) home for some grandma that will bring a permanent smile on her face. **You could make this a personal or family project, a church project or even a company one** when you team up with a few other friends or family of the same big heart as yours. That way it is a so much easier and a fun challenge.

If you are blessed enough to donate a whole house, imagine how God would smile at that! Please donate at www.christaidintl.org

IN CONCLUSION:

Please pray for me and my health as well as God's protection and safety. Not everybody is happy and thrilled with all these amazing things God is doing. The accuser of the brethren is roaming to and fro looking for whom he may devour, but greater is He that is in us than He that is in the world. His grace has sustained me through your fervent prayers, heartfelt love and financial support. I am so thankful and proud of you like no words could express. I have no clue where I would be without your consistent love and support. Blessings and more of His grace over you.

Yours for His glory,

**David Mporampora
(At the Uganda harvest side)**

Meet the ChristAid Accounting Staff!!

Pictured here are Michelle Chaffin, our awesome Accountant, and Kent Stannard, our amazingly talented Programs Manager. Together they ensure that your support money, which is a life line to our sponsored African family members, gets to them in a timely manner. If you have questions for either of them during the year, you can reach Michelle at 303-579-5459 and email mchaffin@gmail.com (OR) Kent at 303-463-2932 and email christaid@christaidintl.org. Kent also handles our ChristAid website. If you have not taken a look at all the videos and pictures on the site, you are missing out!!!

Both of these staff members are highly efficient and very organized! Thanks Kent and Michelle for your significant contributions to ChristAid!!



Our Apologies...

In our previous newsletter, when we were mentioning medical equipment which was donated to be included in our February "container" to Uganda, (which also included the block press machine). We failed to mention that we also received a significant amount of medical equipment from the Salud Family Health Centers near Fort Lupton, CO.

Their donation included such things as Xray equipment, crutches, baby scales, an autoclave, wheel chairs and so much more. Thank you Salud Family for these greatly appreciated medical supplies and equipment. These kinds of things are urgently needed in Uganda and your generosity is making a real difference in people's lives there. Thank you and God Bless!!

Help reduce expenses, please send us your email address instead of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter. Thanks!



Bye, Bye, for now!



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