

JINJA, UGANDA --- EAST AFRICA
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If you have not heard or read about the crisis in Kenya, here is a small rundown of what has been happening. Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki is in a bitter standoff with Opposition leader Raila Odinga over disputed presidential elections. Odinga, who says Kibaki robbed him of the presidency by rigging the December 27 polls, has refused to sit down one-on-one with his rival unless Kibaki acknowledges that he cheated and steps down. The nationwide unrest sparked by Kibaki's re-election victory has left some 600 people dead and around 250,000 more displaced. Kibaki and Odinga belong to different tribes and the post-election violence had taken on a specifically ethnic dimension.

What does this have to do with FHN in Uganda? Kenya borders Uganda. Because of the unrest, all transports from the port of Mombassa in Kenya have completely stopped. Fuel shortages have increased (all fuel is shipped in on tanker trucks) and at the present time, there is no fuel to be found in Kampala, the capital of Uganda. If you do find gas, diesel is \$3.69 a liter. So for one gallon of gas it will approximately cost \$16.77. All food and other items are transported from Kenya to Uganda.

We ask that you be in prayer for Richard as he returns to Uganda on February 5th. Richard Powell is returning with Richard to help. Richard Powell came to Uganda in 2004 and stayed with us for 9.5 weeks. He began the prison ministry there for Filling His Nets.

Richard and I have been busy here in America with ailing parents. Richard's mother, Nancy just got out of the hospital with the flu and diverticulitis. Sherry's mother has been in and out of the hospital for anemia and blood transfusion and several outpatient surgeries. So we covet your prayers for our continued health to help with our parents.

Richard's health has improved!!! He went to his respiratory doctor in Paducah and his lung function had increased to the good and the lining of his lungs has started to heal. The doctor stopped his medicine and put him on a less strong medicine that would continue to help with the COPD. He continues with Coumadin and his INR seems to be holding steady at a normal level. We thank each of you who helped him get the INR machine. He will take it with him again in February. It is a lifesaver to be able to monitor his blood right there.

We also want to thank New Beginning Community Church here in Mayfield for their donation to Filling His Nets. The donation was just the correct amount for FHN to purchase a motorcycle for Pastor Fred Musisi. He is the pastor at Poplar Spring Baptist Mission in Busowobi Village. When Richard told him that money had come in for a motorcycle for him, he was overcome with joy. Pastor Fred travels 14 kilometers to the church/school every day on a bicycle.

We began a new program for Embracing the Children. Recently I saw an ad on TV about how mosquito nets can save lives. Malaria is the No. 1 killer of children in Africa. We certainly know about malaria and have seen many children die from contracting it. If you are interested in donating \$10.00 for a mosquito net, we will disburse them out to as many families as we can. Baltimore

Baptist Church already has donated \$50.00 for the first five nets. Just make a note on the memo line of your check for MOSQUITO NETS.

Thanks to all the people who have donated clothing, furniture, and knick-knacks and etc. Heart To Hand has been an asset in the growth of the ministry in Uganda. We ask all pastors to inform their church members to bring any items that are not needed anymore to Heart To Hand. Heart To Hand is located in Mayfield at 518 Beech Street. This is where the old Graves County Co-Op was. We can be reached at 270-247-0181.

We ask that you continue to pray for school buildings needed at Trace Creek Baptist Mission and Sedalia Baptist Mission. Both of these schools are holding classes outside, as there is no room for all the students. Again we want to thank Poplar Spring Baptist Church in Murray, Ky for their support of building the church and school in Busowobi Village. (See November Update)

When Richard returns to Uganda in February, he will be marrying Paul and Irene. Paul is the pastor at Trace Creek Baptist Mission. Paul and Irene are both virgins and have never held hands or kissed each other. If you would like to send Paul and Irene a greeting or money for starting their new lives together, please send them to our Mayfield address and Richard will see that Paul and Irene receive them. What a testimony in this day and age for this young couple to other young couples.

As you can see that there is still so much to do. Seeds have been planted and Filling His Nets is watering those seeds. We continue to ask for your prayers and your financial support. We have seen what God is doing. Not just once. Not even twice, but time after time he has shown Himself faithful in this ministry we share in Uganda.

If you would like to contribute to Filling His Nets Ministry, please make your check payable to FILLING HIS NETS and mail to PO Box 763, Mayfield, KY 42066. If you would like to designate your donation to a project or expense, please notify on the memo of your check. You can email us at rsnbrowning@yahoo.com or at the address. When we are in Uganda: PO Box 1543, Jinja Uganda, Africa. You can also check our website at www.fillinghisnets.com.

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