

FILLING HIS NETS

JINJA, UGANDA - EAST AFRICA

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TRACE CREEK BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL

Richard returned to Uganda February 5th and began the construction of the new school building at Trace Creek Baptist Mission. The new building will be completed approximately at the end of July for the beginning of the new term in August. So many children were having classes outside and others in a tent for lack of room in the ten classrooms we already have. As of today, the construction crew is getting ready to start the ring beam and the roof.

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Embracing The Children

As of March 25, 2008 we only have 52 sponsored children. Many sponsors have dropped out after sponsoring for a year. We encourage everyone to sponsor a child. Your child will get a secular education and one hour of The Life of Christ. What a blessing it would be to know that one day your child may receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. I have emailed and talked with Pastor Paul and Headmaster George and have given them a list of sponsored children. Richard also had Pastor Fred start taking pictures of all these children. Because of the mail system in Uganda, it is many weeks before we get any post from them. We will send out report cards and photos as soon as we receive them.

Mosquito Nets

Richard and the pastors hand out mosquito nets. Richard was able to purchase 100 nets with the financial support of Mt.HavenBaptistChurch, OaklawnBaptistChurch, BaltimoreBaptistChurch and Charles and Gay Willett – The Good News Shop. The families were so excited.



There are 3,000 children a day dying from malaria. Malaria is a parasite that affects your liver, brain and other areas of your body that can possibly cause death. The parasite is carried by the female mosquito and passed off to humans once she bites you. Please pray about supplying a family in one of our missions with a mosquito net. You WILL be saving a life. We will be purchasing more nets with the balance that was left.)

The Missions and Schools

Poplar Spring Baptist Mission in Busowobi Village - There are around 224 children attending the newly constructed school and around 140 people attending church. Here is an awesome story from Busowobi:

A man ("James") of the church who had been attending the church for seven years was found to have constructed idols behind his house and was worshipping them. The people of the village and church told Pastor Fred Musisi. The man has a daughter ("Rose") who is married to a man who is crippled from polio. James summoned Rose to come and worship these idols. Her father and members of the clan came to Rose's house to get her when she didn't show up for the ceremony. There were seven members (men) of her family who went to her home. They pushed Rose's husband to the ground. Rose fought them and told them that she worshipped one God and one God only and His name is Jehovah. The clan dragged her out of her house and beat the husband. She fought them off and eventually they left. Rose says that the Spirit of God gave her strength to fight them off. She has now been disfellowshipped from her clan. The church members have confronted her father, James, and church discipline has been given. James no longer can come to church until he repents and removes the idols. This man is lost claiming to be a saved man.

Enon Baptist Mission in Wairama Village and Olive Branch Baptist Church in Munyonyi Village – Pastor David Bagye and his wife Ida have been excommunicated from both their families and from a majority of the village. Pastor David made a stand against the clan that has divided Olive Branch Baptist Mission.

David had told another clan of the corruption that was going on inside that church. He said that the leadership was claiming to be Christians but were not according to their deeds. (This other church was being held right beside our mission church). David and the church members of Olive Branch have moved the church and school building to the new property that was purchased in 2004 where there is a well already. The well was sabotaged by the members of this clan but has been fixed by the villagers in this area. We have had to close the school at Enon Baptist Mission because of lack of funds to help with feeding the children and paying schoolteachers. The school at Olive Branch Mission is still ongoing.

Trace Creek Baptist Mission in Ntafungirwa Village – Pastor Paul Weni got married to Irene on March 1, 2008. Here is what happened and is happening today. This is an email we received from Paul and Irene.

The wife of Paul Weni, Irene, was born and raised by her mom after being divorced by Kabali Juma a Muslim. From childhood, Juma tried to get Irene to his home and nature her in the Islamic faith. When Irene was at Star College, she gave her life to Jesus Christ as her personal savior. She became a member at Trace Creek. For the last five years, the Lord has been gracious to her. Irene heads our children's ministry.

Here is what happened during the Introduction and wedding of Paul and Irene. Since childhood Juma wanted Irene into the Islamic faith and now it was his sole responsibility as a father to host the introduction and give a way his daughter for marriage. Irene had chosen a pastor as her husband to be, Juma would not go against his faith to okay it. With much pleading by Irene's mom and maternal uncles Juma finally agreed to okay the marriage that would be a disgrace to the Muslims. Though the wedding began late due to the schemes of the enemy, we were able to be welcomed for the introduction. We rushed through the Introduction quickly and drove back to Trace Creek

for the Wedding that evening. Now Juma is isolated, neglected and considered unclean by his own people. None of Irene's brothers or sisters will visit and eat with us.

Many of God's people throughout the world are facing rejection, but what did He predict beforehand, "Do not supposed that I have come to bring peace on earth I did not come to bring peace but a sword for I have come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother a daughter in law against her mother in law (Mat 10:34-35).

Therefore, let us not loose heart when our Lord's word finds fulfillment in our lives, by this we testify to the truth. Please pray for Paul and Irene that the Lord will continue to bless us in this new bond of marriage and that we may be able to love Juma and his people to the savior and don't forget all those that undergo the same trials.

From Pastor Paul and Irene Weni

Pastor David performed the wedding ceremony. Richard was unable to perform the ceremony as to the hour was getting late and as those of you who have been to Uganda know when it gets dark it is dark without street lights and Richard has poor sight at night anyway. Also the wedding would not have taken place at all if Juma knew that Richard was performing the ceremony because of Richard being an ordained minister and a servant of God.

US GRANT FOR FOOD

We received word from Gary Warren in Georgia that the Ugandan authorities approved the US World Missions grant for food to the villages and orphanages of Uganda. We were among several who will receive this food for our school children. The food will arrive in Entebbe in June 2008.

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. Some share through giving (our gratitude belongs to you), some through coming on a mission trip (our appreciation is yours), and many through interceding for us (from our hearts to yours, thank you so much).

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