



The Miracles of God Continue in Uganda

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Way too much time has passed since I've sat down to communicate with all of our Hands Across Nations Supporters.

We have promised our home team that we would catch up on all of our book keeping while taking time for Keith and I to reunite, rest a bit and catch up with each other after 4 months apart. In the last 4 years, we've spent more than a year apart.

I hope you will forgive the time that has passed, as we have also been keeping up with the amazing progress in both the villages and prisons who have classes to learn to read and write.



Our trusty "old beater" 1993 Toyota is amazing as we often have to travel through narrow paths to get to the villages where literacy classes are held.



We're told it is important to the teachers and learners that the "Mzungus" (white people), show up and talk to them so they feel motivated and strengthened to continue to the hard tasks of reading and writing.

Some have struggled to keep going while others have completed the 72 lessons and taken the examinations. Follow up visits are critical to the success of the teachers and learners. During the visits, we brain storm together to find solutions to their challenges and to celebrate their achievements.



Learners are now reading well enough in many classes that they bring their coins and line up to individually purchase their copies of the booklets of James and 1 John, for a mere 6 cents each. Printing them in our living room makes them very affordable!



For those who have completed at least 10 lessons, they are tested and given reading glasses. In some cases they are unable to see even the largest print on the test sheet but with the glasses of extremely

high strength donated by the Roanoke, Virginia Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center, they are able to see even the smallest print on the test! Their reactions are priceless!



Women are the majority of the learners. They are finding a new sense of purpose and respect for themselves as they are able to read to their families and churches. Many are becoming women's leaders in their churches. We're so grateful for the men and women who have been willing to give their time and energy to helping "the least of their brothers and sisters".



Peter works with the teachers to improve their skills and help them keep their learners moving toward completing both primers. In this village, the members of the church have made their bricks and are building the walls of their future church building around their grass thatch church building.



It is always difficult to leave after hours of working together. These elderly learners were the most thankful for their “new sight” with the donated glasses, and their very own books. Thank you to all who sponsored boxes of glasses at the fundraiser. We brought over more than 3,000 pairs in November and will have more coming in the spring.

Now I would like to go back to a very special, wonderful, memorable, blessed event..... The Hands Across Nations Benefit Dinner held in October....many of you were there. But I’ve been told that I should shorten my newsletters.....so I am going to write a separate newsletter with lots of photos so that you can re-enjoy what went on that night.

We hope all of you had a special Thanksgiving, and are preparing for the celebration of the birth of our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Our hearts are both here and there with you. It is our privilege to be here “Sharing the Love of Christ in practical ways”. Thank you for making it possible through contributing to Hands Across Nations.

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