



## Hands Across Nations Newsletter

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News from “Under the Mango Tree” Benefit Dinner and Auction!

This is long but is mostly photos!



Dreams DID become a Reality at the Benefit Dinner and Auction for Hands Across Nations (HAN). ***"Under the Mango Tree, Dreams Become Reality"*** was an event blessed beyond expectations. Almost 200 people came together to support the Lango people of N. Uganda in their struggle to rise from the ashes of war and illiteracy.



From the opening song, Jambo karibu kwa Africa (Hello, Welcome to Africa), to the close of the evening, there was an air of joy and a joining together of hearts to improve the lives of the Lango people of N. Uganda.



Our MC, Brock McMillan, and Auctioneer, Jay Lancaster, hosted the night, keeping the focus on the ministry that has been going on through HAN over the last year, and the plans for the coming year.

Chef Terry Trefz and his team once again provided the marvelous cuisine for the night. Three types of pasta, Terry's special meatballs and African samosas were the main course fare. Fifteen servers volunteered their night to make the evening enjoyable for all who came. Not only did they serve food, they helped with beverages, clearing tables and helping our auctioneer to keep up with bids by taking winner slips to each bid winner.













It was a momentous night to have most of our Advisory Committee members together! L to R: Jean Homer, Carmen Deal, Rachelle Boone, Kemper Rojas, Carolyn Jones, Greg Scott, Carol Nitschke, Michelle and Jay Lancaster. Missing from photo: Josiah Boone, Keith Jones (in Africa), Stan Salapka (recently passed away)



The Moyer family won the beautiful donated antique quilt (hanging in the background) made by the mother of Lolita Lyon, second person from the right. Dee Ward (center) skillfully crafted a beautiful hickory bookcase, in the photo below, auctioned off to a very fortunate bidder!



17 year old, Luke Miller, son of Dave and Karen (Settle) Miller and grandson to Mike and Sharon Dunniway, handcrafted a hard sought after American flag.....many of us still honor what it stands for.....and it went for a pretty price along with a ceramic eagle and "Mom's Apple Pie"!





I'm leaving you with a couple of photos to give you the sense of joy and happiness, the overpowering atmosphere, evident throughout the evening. The entire crowd shared in the pleasure of doing something great for the "least of these" and had a grand time together doing it!





We so appreciate the people of Chewelah, Stevens County and the many who traveled from as far away as Bellevue, WA, to attend the event. Everyone who took part in the annual benefit has a stake in the improvement of the lives of the Lango people HAN serves. Thank you for giving to the Lord!

We have many great photos of just about everyone that came to the Benefit. So if you would like a photo of your group or someone else, feel free to contact me, Carolyn, in the next couple of weeks at my email address below, and I will send a digital copy to you that you can print out! It would be my pleasure to do that.

Sharing the Love of Christ in Practical Ways,

Keith and Carolyn Jones

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