

“The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project”



NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

~ PROVERBS 22:6 ~

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

THE WIDE PATH THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION

Our normal practice is to focus on all the positive results concerning our children in Uganda but because sin abounds we have to deal with the consequences of some of the children choosing rebellious paths. We wish that everything would run smooth and all of our children would lead honorable and outstanding lives but we know that is and will never be the case. The evil one is always on the prowl ready to devour at every turn. Such is the case with a few of our wayward children. Please pray, pray and pray that they would repent of their rebellious ways and come back to Jesus!

A number of months ago we were confronted at a missions conference with the fact that we seemed to have an attitude about the children. This came about as we described that we require the children to meet a set of standards relating to personal behavior, moral, and academic achievement. I guess they sensed that we were being too harsh with these children who are so disadvantaged. How could we set such standards? Well Pastor Sam through a telephone call which was followed up with an e-mail on how the Good Samaritan Advisory Committee made up of volunteer local teachers and church officers had to discipline so many of our children. It seems, not to our surprise, that sin abounds everywhere whether you live in a 2 million dollar castle or a mud and wattle hut in a banana plantation. It truly breaks our hearts to tell you of the following circumstances, but we must be good stewards of the resources God has given us to glorify Him or we would not be honoring to our heavenly Father. The advisory committee does not take any of this discipline lightly and you can imagine how heart wrenching it is to come to these decisions. The children are given every benefit of the doubt in the sense they are counseled to repent and turn away from their wicked ways but when they refuse and return to their evil ways they leave us with no choice but to dismiss them from the project. We have many joys and glorious achievements by our children but what you will read below are the heartaches. Please be in prayer for the following children that the Holy Spirit would convict them of their evil ways. Now we must write to their sponsors with the heart breaking news.

Pastor Sam writes to us: “The Advisory committee of the Good Samaritan Project had a long meeting and came up with the following recommendations. We have had problems with the under listed sponsored children, have talked to them several times and they have not exhibited any remorse for their misconduct. Due to their misconduct, they have put the name of Christ, the Church and the Project to shame. We therefore recommended that they are discontinued from the Project. This as you are aware is a painful decision but we feel it has to be done to remove this disgrace and to warn others on the project who may be thinking of indulging in such misconducts.” The students are:

Charles Tusiime in Senior-6

Richard Kwezi in Senior-1

Sylvia Kamakune in Primary-7

Grace Kemigisa in Senior-6

Moses Byamukama in Primary-6

Florence Kaahwa in Senior-2

Josephat Murorwa in Senior-1

Josephat Pulili in Primary-1

Fred Rugumayo in Senior-6

The above students have been given counsel but continue to be involved in one or more of the following sinful acts: Indulged in sexual immorality, have stolen property, run away from school or guardians, arrested and in prison, stolen from school, grandparents, neighbors, became pregnant and ran away, never reported grades and has disappeared.

We feel it is not good at all to continue using God’s money on these students who have abused the love and compassion of God’s people.

Please be in prayer for them that the Lord would lead them out of their improprieties. Barbara and I will be going over to Uganda for two weeks in October and hope to track down and meet some of these children. They will pay a terrible price for their indiscretions but we desire to extend this effort of love on their behalf. We lean on the Lord’s word to extract these children from the destructive path they have chosen to walk.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Gifts

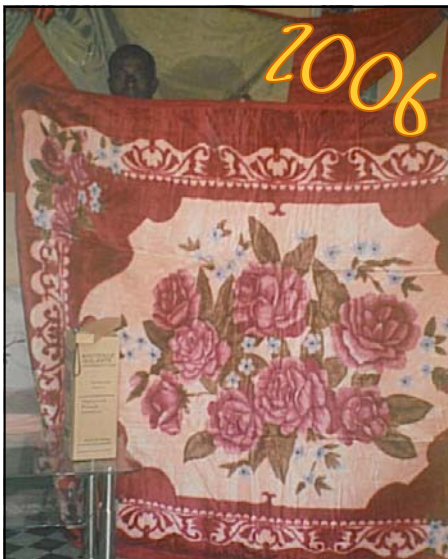
Food

Fellowship

Yes, we know you say how could we be thinking of Christmas already but we must! You see in order to have a party and gifts and program for the children and guests (350 attended last year) plans have to be made and the gifts purchased in advance and that is where we are right now. This year, Praise the Lord, Pastor Sam and Zoe and ourselves with the Lord's direction have elected to give the children BAGS OF RICE AND SOAP. Again, these are very practical and useful gifts and will be received with great joy and thanksgiving.

The cost will again be \$25 per student and please mark you checks for GSSP Christmas party. We fully appreciate your

faithfulness in this Christmas project each year as all who attend have a full day of excitement and celebration. The children also will prepare a drama skit, sing, recite memorized scripture and give testimonies. There is always a special invited guest who is usually a government official. So thank you so very much for your support of this event every year.



In His Arms,

**Pastor Sam & Zoe Kasule
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