

“The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project”



NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrew as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.” ~ Matthew 10:16-20

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As we draw to the conclusion of another year it is always good to go back and look and remember the great things that our Lord Jesus has done for all of us. Next month we will be beginning our fifteenth year with the Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project and surely we could have never anticipated or planned this great work of the Lord's. So we thought to go back a few years and summary just a few of the highlights of the past years.

THE YEAR 1999

- The Lord provided the financial resources to buy 14 acres of land to build a permanent brick and mortar Hope Primary School.
- The great joy of seeing Augustine, a practicing witchdoctor become a brother in the Lord and his testimony the following Sunday asking forgiveness.

THE YEAR 2000

- Hope Primary School is transformed from a “log cabin structure” to a permanent brick and mortar school.
- Hundreds of books are collected and mailed via “slow boat” to the library at Hope school creating the largest reference library in the Ft. Portal area.

THE YEAR 2001

- The official opening of the permanent Hope Primary school on April 7 with over 900 people in attendance.
- The discovery and treatment of ulcers in Pastor John Kalenzi thanks to visiting pharmacist Peter Galanos.

THE YEAR 2002

- Start of Scout Troop #113 at Hope School with the assistance of Scout Troop #113, Weirsdale, FL.
- Medical fund created for all of the Good Samaritan children for treatment of malaria and other maladies.

THE YEAR 2003

- Water piped from main road to the village of Busoro including the Hope school, Pastor Sam's church and residence. The Scout Troop #113 dug the trench the whole one mile to the village, thanks for the assistance of US troop #113, Weirsdale.
- Pastor Sam and Zoe visit the US in October for two weeks.
- The formation of the advisory committee for the Good Samaritan Project to monitor the physical, spiritual, emotional, and academic development of the students.

THE YEAR 2004

- With help from Boy Scout Troop #113 from the US electricity comes to the village of Busoro, Hope school, New Life Presbyterian Church and Pastor Sam's residence. Remember though, only a single light bulb per room but better than candles and torches.
- Creation of a new house church in Kiko tea plantation after the death of our dear sister Gorrett whom we only knew on this earth for one week but God had much bigger plans.
- Graduation of our first three Good Samaritan students from Ndejje University as professional teachers: Fred Asiimwe, Charles Asiimwe and Saul Riyumba.

THE YEAR 2005

- The year starts with dear deacon, friend and co-worker for the Lord Francis Kusemererwa becoming Pastor of the new church plant in Mabaale a two hour drive north of Ft. Portal.
- The new church in Rwengoma, Ft. Portal is constructed for the glory of God. The congregation goes from worshipping in an old cow stable to a beautiful sanctuary.

THE YEAR 2006

- The first medical team goes to Ft. Portal from Grace Presbyterian church and does four medical clinics throughout the area. In all, 1,000 children and adults were either given Tetanus shots, examined, given medicine or a combination of all three. Pastor Carl did a three day seminar on basic Christianity to over 100 church members and officers of the New Life Presbyterian church plants.
- Hill Top Nursery School was established at Rwengoma in Ft. Portal at the new, New Life church under the leadership of Pastor John Kalenzi. The nursery grows to over 60 children.

THE YEAR 2007

- First ever mass wedding in Busoro, at Pastor Sam's New Life Presbyterian church with eight couples marrying and 18 couples renewing their vows. Pastor Keeth Staton from Springs Presbyterian in Durnellon officiated at the wedding as well as did pre-marital counseling to the newly married couples.
- Second medical team goes to Ft. Portal with First Aid kits and Scout First aid books and Dr. Picky gives medical clinics and seminars and does minor operations. He establishes much creditability in the community in health issues and the people are free to discuss health conditions with him.

THE YEAR 2008

- The marriage of Night Grace, Pastor Sam and Zoe's daughter and the first graduate of the Good Samaritan project in the vocation of seamstress to Richard Tusiime an elder candidate in Busoro church. He soon after starts training at Westminster Theological seminar to be a pastor.
- Four new students headed to the University for studies: Richard Sevjovu, Susan Nyangoma, Robert Kasiyja and Fred Rugumayo.
- Hope Primary school now grown to 636 students and new T-shirts delivered to them and the Scout Troop during our October trip.

THE YEAR 2009

- Our first Good Samaritan student begins at African Bible University in Kampala to train for four years to be a Pastor to his people of Uganda. Praise our living and giving and loving Savior.
- We Praise our Savior for Pastor Sam and Zoe for all of their faithful years of service. They constantly go up and down the roads of Uganda and have been sick at times and suffer with all of the afflictions that our weak bodies are subjected too. However this fall Pastor Sam fell in a pothole and broke his right leg which has slowed him down just a bit. Please pray for his health and a speedy recovery. Of course Zoe is his care giver and a good one!



And finally, we can praise God for over 200 children who have been educated through the Good Samaritan Project. This has been the goal of the project all along, to share Jesus and to educate them so they have the opportunity to grow strong spiritually, academically and physically.

As you can read God has been good and faithful over the years. But we are continuing to try to be faithful servants for Jesus for His glory only. Thank you for your faithfulness to Him.

**In His Arms,
Pastor Sam & Zoe Kasule Dick and Barb Johnson**