

## Children's Day July 2015



If you are to carry Jesus to the world, you have to be intentional about laying down your needs and desires and picking up the desires of Jesus and the needs of others. A selfless life leads to "saved lives".

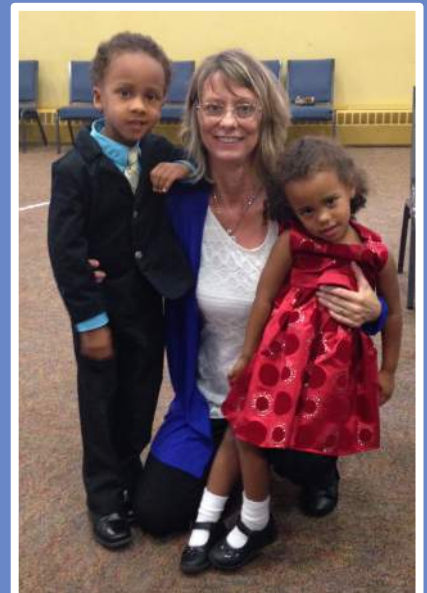
# Messengers of Love

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*The deepest gratitude comes after experiencing life with those who thank God for the little things and not the big things. Blessings some of us would never even think of...*

I always love the Thanksgiving season because it tunes our hearts to the idea of being thankful. We begin to cultivate a heart of gratitude, sometimes even reciting or listing items we are thankful for. Unfortunately, many of us go right back to complaining after the holiday ends. One way I have been deeply affected by living in Africa is in the area of gratitude. Because I have seen children drinking dirty water, I frequently thank God I have clean water to drink-even if I have to boil it first. As a result of seeing families sleeping on a wet floor without a blanket, I thank God for my bed-even if my mattress has a deep valley in it. Due to the fact I woke up one day and couldn't speak or move, almost every day I thank God I can talk and walk-even if I have no car to drive. My children have also echoed this heart of gratitude as they now stay in America. Only two weeks after we arrived, my daughter Vanea exuberantly declared; "Jesus has brought us to a very nice place." All of us have been richly blessed, but we may not recognize it because we are too consumed with everything that is not right. Kyenjojo reminds me everyday that God has richly blessed me, and I should always seek to bless others who are less fortunate than I am. Thank you for applying this principle as you give generously to our ministry. You are undoubtedly giving others more to thank God for.





## US News

It has been wonderful to be in the US and reconnect with so many of you who have been faithfully supporting us. I have had a busy schedule, including traveling to North Dakota, Michigan, Texas, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Our family has felt deeply loved and appreciated, as we have visited various places. All of you are so dear to our hearts, and we have been grateful for the opportunity to share what God has been doing in Uganda through all of our efforts.



**Boys Practicing Carrying Water at a School Assembly**



## Improving Health

Our water project continues to provide clean water to the community. We have been able to repair a total of 11 boreholes this year, which has made clean water accessible to over 1,000 people. This project continues to expand. We have future plans to repair another three boreholes before next spring. This project has blessed the community in many ways, including providing protection for the children because they don't have to walk long distances to fetch water. Our Medical Center is also improving, and our number of patients continues to increase. We have been able to expand our x-ray and ultrasound scan department to a bigger location, which has improved our quality of services.





## Healing the Lives of the Broken-Hearted

We rejoice at all the lives that have been touched as a result of our Sponsorship Program and Children's Homes. The Sponsorship Program has been able to assist over 170 children and empower 71 families. We are assisting children both inside and outside of their homes. It is best to try to empower families and keep them together as much as possible. We have been conducting trainings and giving supplies to our families to enable them to support themselves. Next year, this adult program will be expanding even more, as we continue to offer our guardians opportunities for education and income generating businesses. Some of our children are too vulnerable to remain with their relatives, so they live in our Palace of Treasures. These children are showing tremendous progress physically, socially, and behaviorally. Our hearts break as we continue to see many more children who need to be rescued, but we thank God for you and your compassion for our children. In the next few months, we are hoping to offer a better future to a minimum of 30 new children through sponsorship.



### New Addition to our Palace of Treasures

We thank God because our Palace of Treasures has officially been completed. It will now be able to house a minimum of 80 girls. This is a very big answer to prayer because our girls are especially vulnerable. Sexual abuse, early marriages, and child labor are some of the major challenges our girls face on a regular basis. They need to receive the unconditional love of their Heavenly Father and to be taught about their immeasurable value in Christ. We have seen God do amazing things in the lives of our girls who have been living in our first story building and look forward to the opportunity to leave an eternal impact on the lives of many more girls, raising them up to be victorious and virtuous women. Please continue to pray for them!



## Love Breaks Every Chain

John came to us with eyes of despair and a heart of stone. He didn't seem to respond to anyone, had unacceptable behavior (to describe it nicely), and would give a cold shoulder to whoever tried to reach out to him. It was like pulling teeth simply to get a small smile from him...but slowly by slowly the chisel of love started chipping away at his heart. He started to listen better, to work harder in school, and to smile more. The power of love never ceases to astound me. It is the strongest "change agent" I have ever seen.

# PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



This year we have had numerous opportunities to preach the gospel both inside and outside of Church. We have had Teen, Women, and Mens' Conferences, Sunday services for adults, teens, and children including a free lunch for the children, and home evangelism. We rejoice because we see the hope of Jesus being carried all across Kyenjojo!



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Sparkling Gems has had a wonderful year! We thank God for our permanent Nursery structure, playground equipment, and our first sixth grade field trip. Our class was able to visit Queen Elizabeth National Park, which included stopping at the place that marks the equatorial line, visiting Kilembe Mines where they mine copper, and taking a boat tour on Lake George and Lake Edward Hope. This was an experience they will never forget. They loved it!

# Speechless with Gratitude

We want to once again express our gratitude for all of you who have faithfully given of yourselves to make our mission in Kyenjojo possible. We reflect back over the past six years as God has miraculously brought person after person to cross our path and connect with our hearts. We realize that carrying a “Heart for Uganda” requires sacrifice, commitment, and effort. We have often remained speechless, as we have been approached with an encouraging note or prayer, donation, or voluntary service. These efforts haven't gone unnoticed by us or God. We often remember all of you and your generosity. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and remind you that you will be richly rewarded. God bless you abundantly and give you a glorious New Year as you continue to serve Him and others.



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