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FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS INTERNATIONAL

# A ministry to the street children, orphans and widows of Uganda

## January Mission Trip Update

*'You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted, you encourage them and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed so that earthly mortals will never again strike terror. Psalm 10 17-18*

This verse means even more to us at Father to the Fatherless these days after our recent trip to Uganda this past January.

One thing that we learned is that Namuganga, the village that God so miraculously brought us to last April, is known for witchcraft.

In fact, there is even a tree on our land that people brought sacrifices to as an act of worship. We believe that God planted us in this very dark place to be a light - this became more and more evident as we talked with the local people during our stay there.

God worked in so many powerful ways this trip. We had a beautiful week-long outreach on the land that no words can fully describe! The weather held out all week and we had around 30 volunteers - guest pastors, musicians, and helpers who really did an incredible job. Forty-one people of all different backgrounds came forward to accept Christ that week. People were healed and so many were encouraged - we were really able to connect with the community. There was even one prayer and worship event that lasted all night long. On the fourth day of the crusade we felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit lead us to walk around the full perimeter of the land, pray over it, break the chains of the enemy and dedicate it to God for His use. Many volunteers, staff and local prayer warriors joined us. As everyone prayed and walked and walked (83 acres is a long way!),

a light rain started to fall. But the rain only lasted a couple of minutes. What happened next was simply awesome! A spectacular rainbow appeared over the land as though God was bringing a fresh start, restoration, healing and revival to this village once known for witchcraft.

The blessings of the trip did not stop there! On the last day of our outreach we dedicated our first building on the land and had a ribbon cutting ceremony with Local Council leaders and the community. It was another magnificent event, with more worship and praise, speeches and even a local comedian performing. We fed everyone lunch and enjoyed another day of good weather by God's grace.

That same day, we were honored to be able to host our sponsor kids from Kampala, bussing them over (about an hour and a half drive). They had a good day celebrating with us and also received gifts during our annual Christmas gift distribution. Many children received gifts from their sponsors and those that did not received a flashlight and a warm blanket. It was another wonderful day had by all.

One final thing to mention is that we were able to hook up solar light in the new building on this trip. The day of the dedication - right down to the last hour - the workers finished installing the wiring, switches and all other components of the system. This allowed us to joyously 'flip the switch' for the very first time as people toured the new building as part of our dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. So much more happened on this trip but there is not enough space to explain it all in this newsletter!

We thank you more than words can say for your prayers. As you can see God answered ALL of them - beyond our greatest expectations! God bless you and your family and thank you for all that you do for our ministry. *(See the next page for some great trip photos!)*

## We Urgently Need Your Help!!

We are praying for God's provision for a water project on our land. It will cost an estimated \$5,000 - \$10,000 to drill a well and have clean water for our projects and the local community.

This is a photo of the current water source where the community fetches water from. Villagers just dip their water cans into the pool. It is a natural spring, but as you can see it is contaminated and a healthy alternative is desperately needed!



**Please pray about how you can help!!!**

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## Father to the Fatherless • January Mission Trip Photo Album



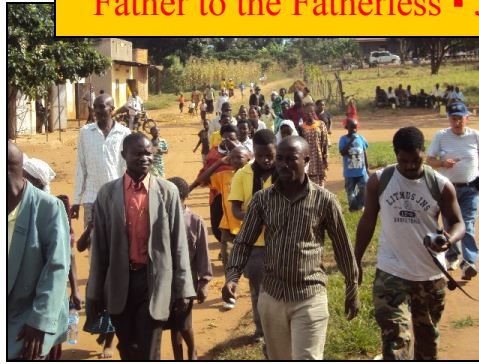
Weary Travelers Arrive in Uganda



Brian and LC3 Cut the Ribbon!



Bus of Sponsor Kids Fully Loaded!



Walking and Praying Around the Land...



Spending Time with Kids During Our Outreach



Sponsor Children Gift Distribution - a Celebration!



Let There be Light! Solar Light That is...



Mathias Feeds the Community on Building Dedication Day

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### SPONSORSHIP FOCUS!

Meet Joel Byaruhanga.

*Joel is HIV positive. His father died of AIDS and his mother left him with his grandma who is also HIV positive. Joel is somewhat mentally disabled, but he is a very joyful boy despite his troubles. He loves to play soccer.*

For just \$35 per month you can help Joel (or a child like him) go to school and experience the love and care only a sponsor can provide through prayers, correspondence and financial support.

Click on the GET INVOLVED tab on our website for more information or to sponsor a child today!

### eMi - Amazing Opportunity

Thank you eMi (Engineering Ministries International) for agreeing to help us master plan the projects on our land! eMi volunteers have already been to the land on two separate occasions reviewing the overall project and doing a thorough survey of the land. We are honored that they have agreed to work with us and we are excited to have them come back in September to start their huge work. Their expertise in engineering and architectural design will help us create a well planned and organized project. Overall, their work would have cost us over \$50,000, but because they do this as a ministry, they only ask for \$8,000 in order to facilitate the volunteers during the entire course of their months-long work.

**Many thanks to Faith Community Church of Longmont, CO for their recent grant of \$3,750 toward this project!**

**That means that we only have \$4,250 left to raise. If you feel led to help with this project, please let us know!**



eMi volunteer Alan, worked through hot midday sun, rain (notice the soaked clothes) and then late into the evening to get the job done. We are so blessed by his and all of the other eMi volunteers great work and dedication! Here Alan is shown with our wonderful land caretaker Mpagi.