

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our heavenly Father is this: to visit the widow and orphan in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. ~James 1:27

## We thank God for You!

**F2F** wants to thank each and everyone one of our supporters for your generous donations, sponsorships, and prayers on behalf of Father to the Fatherless, the children, the staff, and the Mulumba family. Bless you all!



### Please Pray For Us!

- ⇒ For health & wisdom of our board members, both here and in Uganda.
- ⇒ For the Mulumba family for health, stamina, jobs, and school-life for their children.
- ⇒ Overall F2F ministry, for continued growth, serving the needs of widows, orphans, and the homeless.
- ⇒ For Acram Katongole, our Executive Director in Uganda, and Elizabeth, School Secretary, that they may have wisdom beyond their years and run things accordingly with integrity.
- ⇒ For us to be able to raise money for a tractor (and training) for the agricultural projects at the Center.



### TRACTOR PROJECT!!

F2F has nearly 50 acres of farmable land, but only hand tools to manage it (think hoes, shovels, etc).

Therefore, we are looking to purchase a tractor (with all the attachments) to help

cultivate the land and make the best use of our resources! This investment comes with a hefty price tag... nearly **\$35,000**.

We have already had several generous donations towards its purchase, but we still have quite a ways to go! You can designate your donation to the **"Tractor Fund"** when you give!

### Have You Considered...?

**Teachers and Administrators** who are looking for a mission field in which to serve may find their home at F2F! If you would like to talk about spending a year or more at the F2F campus, contact us! You might find that this is the place to which God has been calling...

### QUICK UPDATES!

**In Uganda:** it's a new season for planting and the rains have been coming steady so far (Praise God)! The Guesthouse is still getting worked on as money becomes available. At F2F Academy Primary School, 250 students have finished their second term of the school year and will be entering the final (third) term on September 16th. The school has been officially registered and will be operating under the name "Paradise Hill Primary School" in the Mubende District.

**In USA:** in an effort to be wise stewards of the money given to F2F, we have discontinued the office-space we had occupied in Grand Junction, CO. We are using a board member's shed for storage for now.

**Upcoming Events:** The Justice Run (10k, 5k, & fun-run) will be happening at Hudson Gardens in Littleton on Sunday, September 29th—they have adopted us as the kid's run sponsor. So if you are in the Denver area, come out and support us! (Find the event online!) Okwebwaza "Thanksgiving" Dinner—November (TBD)! More info in the FALL Newsletter!

**NEW OPPORTUNITY: CLASSROOM SPONSORSHIP** Would you like to personally (or as part of a team) sponsor a classroom? \$400 per quarter pays the salary for the teacher and all of the supplies needed for teaching. Email us through our website to let us know you are interested.

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**Reflections.** By Rev. Alane Currier Griggs

Just two short months ago, I was packing up for my first trip to Africa. I was frantically writing devotional and worship schedules for our mission team, writing sermons, studying scripture and praying over our team and all the people we would meet at the Father to the Fatherless ministries in Namuganga, Uganda. I consider myself an experienced traveler. I'm not too thrilled with flying but love to travel and learn about God's creation and the people in it. I felt I was prepared for our mission experience, but knew as soon as we landed in Entebbe that it is impossible to fully prepare for experiencing the poverty of a developing country first hand. It was emotionally, mentally, and physically overwhelming and exhausting. I felt in a daze for the first week, at least. All the preparations I made were off the mark culturally and practically. My learning curve was immense. In spite of myself, God had a hand in it all. I formed relationships with the various ministries F2F touches. Sunday morning worship with a congregation of over 200 set the tone for our time there. It was fast paced and over four hours long. If you plan to go, get in shape now! To say that it was cardio work out would be an understatement. It was heart strengthening and heart warming. With the help of Mathias, this manuscript preacher struggled with a little more exhortation. We developed a rhythm and the Spirit moved. The second Sunday, we put out an invitation for baptism. There were at least 34 who were baptized by immersion that day in a little waterhole by the side of the busy road. I wasn't sure how we would all get there...

Two vans and a truck, that's how!



Here are all the baptized with their baptismal certificates (below). What life-giving moments, those were!



What struck me most while I was living on the campus of F2F is just how hard everyone works to survive and provide for their loved ones. Seldom did I see anyone sitting. Cooking is done mostly on an open fire.

Water must be hauled up the hill. Fruits and vegetables must be harvest daily. Meat is available only when one of the precious animals gets slaughtered. Any construction or excavation is done by hand. All of this made me aware of my dependence on power tools, heavy equipment, appliances, variety in foods, hot running water, trash

disposal, sewage disposal and the availability of anything imaginable at anytime. When life is that hard, faith in God is precarious. F2f provides a safe place of provision, support, and guidance so that children can learn and break the cycle of violence, addiction, and poverty. And it's working! Children are learning with full tummies. Single mothers are working and helping each other. Men have work and are teaching younger men the value of work. In partnership with Days For Girls International, girls are staying in school and women are missing less work. Life in community is expanding from the ministry of the church on site.

I cherish my experience at the F2F site in Namuganga, Uganda and I have made it a personal goal to invite each and every church in the Grand Junction, Colorado area to be in relationship with F2F. Every dollar makes a difference. Every prayer makes a difference.

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