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Dear Friends,

Have you ever had the distinct pleasure of knowing you were an essential part of an extraordinary series of events? Well you should because you have. In God's economy we all share in the fruits of our labor. And October's mission trip to Albania and Uganda was no exception. Without your prayers and financial support our On Board Uganda team could not have made the journey.

Although Albania reports to be over 90% Moslem, our team spoke at 2 churches, ministered 7 times in these churches and held a conference in Tirana on "God's Imagination" from Friday through Sunday. We led in praise and worship and provided word based ministry and prayer at each meeting. During the week a most rewarding time of ministry occurred when we went to a local gypsy camp. Our host, the International Protestant Church of Tirana visits this gypsy camp each Thursday. They provide food, medicine when needed and pray for many of the families. The gypsies we met are wonderful people but live in the most squalid conditions. It was a great encouragement that they accepted us, allowed us to pray for them and to receive Jesus. Curiously Pastor Barry Odgen's church is located directly across from the Iranian Embassy. Confirming there are no coincidences with God.

After the week in Albania our team reorganized and moved on to Uganda. In addition to speaking at 2 pastoral conferences we were initially scheduled to visit a ministry in Jinja where we donated 2 sewing machines and mathematica kits for 70 students. These kits are required in order to take the test for secondary school advancement. And it is our hope that by sharing the sewing machines they will be able to accept work which will provide income to many families.

Our first pastoral conference was at the Antioch Church which is located in a very impoverished area of Kampala. Each year they hold a conference for pastors and provide them housing and food. Over 300 pastors attended from all parts of Uganda. Our team provided multiple messages each morning and afternoon. We held healing lines and prayed over each pastor. In addition we were able to purchase 20 bicycles which were given to pastors, 60 bibles and 4 sewing machines. Incredible as it sounds, in Uganda a bicycle is like a pick-up truck in the US. Not only does it allow pastors to ride (since everyone walks) to visit their members but they can carry food, water, firewood, building supplies, even transport sick people to clinics on their bikes!

Our second pastoral conference was at Prayer Palace with Apostle Grivas Musisi. They had over 1200 pastors from 258 churches attending. They also provide them with food and lodging. Our team ministered both morning and afternoon each day. We brought pallet amplifiers for their radio equipment and provided monies to repair the antenna. By the end of the week they were broadcasting at full strength over all of Uganda. And we delivered 3 sewing machines. At the final meeting Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> Judy had an incredible prophecy confirming their plans to build a new Church building but also 4 regional centers to serve all 258 pastors. Each regional center would have a similar building for use by the pastors in that region to be able to meet together and be renewed in the word and the Glory of God. And in addition to their radio ministry she prophesied they would have a TV ministry similar to TBN. The congregation's reaction was incredibly jubilant!

Last year just before we left Uganda, Pastor David Matovu took us to his 5 acre property outside Kampala which he believed one day would have an orphanage and school. With financial help from team members and our supporters we were able to build an orphanage building with 2 classrooms, a boy's dorm, a girl's dorm and administrator's office. With permission from the government, this past June 108 children moved into their new orphanage. We were delighted with the news since we were in full preparation

for a return mission trip in October. Subsequently we learned the official dedication of the orphanage was planned for us on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> and would include a Ugandan Cabinet official. And then just before we left a local non-profit organization whose goal is to help children and protect them from malaria offered to pay for beds, mattresses and mosquito nets. This would allow the children to get off the floor and sleep safely in a bed. Can you imagine, for many it would be the first time they had ever slept on a bed!

Of course there are many needs but we are so grateful to all of you and members of New Life Church for support. God is good. Now 108 kids are living in a beautiful country setting, out in the fresh air, planting banana trees, going to school and sleeping on a bed. We were very fortunate to bring with us donated beanie babies for the girls (don't tell but the boys like them too), hot wheel cars for the boys, and some soccer balls. At the orphanage they have installed a solar panel for electricity but have been told the government is bringing a main line thru their area in the next 6-9 months which they will access. We also paid to dig a well and they have recently installed a manual water pump system which is uncommon in their area due to cost. Most people are served by nearby springs. Our next goal is to purchase chairs and desks for the class rooms and classroom supplies. We did bring them a sewing machine and purchased materials for them to make uniforms for the children since each child has only 1 set of clothes.

I am so thankful to have made the trip this year and I look forward to returning in 2015. Our team is the best. I have never worked with such an unselfish group. Each year I am not surprised, I am amazed how the Lord touches people's heart to give which makes these trips possible! As I said in my note last year and I feel bear's repeating:

We will never know how many lives have been healed, changed and saved but rest assured God does and it's all part of His economy. How privileged and blessed we are to be part of it.

God bless you,

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