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Dear Friends,

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Recently a longtime friend sent me an email asking why Judy and I take mission trips to Uganda when there is so much need here in the US. After thinking about it my short answer was "because that was where the Lord had directed us". However my long answer begins with the recognition that Judy has a Call on her life, that she experienced healing from MS 30 years ago but then set aside her ministry to raise 2 grandchildren. She resumed ministry following a call to Australia and Vanuatu which led to an invitation to Uganda.

This October our team will be returning to Uganda for the third time. Last year we had the unexpected privilege to begin construction of an orphanage for over 100 children with monies donated by team members. This past June the children moved in but the official dedication is scheduled Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> at the orphanage and will include local government officials. And we have just received word a local organization is donating monies to pay for 50 bunk beds, mattresses and mosquito nets. We are so grateful but still need sheets, blankets, etc. Now at least the children will not be sleeping on the floor.

During our two weeks In Uganda we will also be ministering at pastoral conferences for two churches. This mission is especially significant because we are returning to churches where we have established relationship with their leaders allowing us to build on that foundation. Our goals are to provide the following:

- Daily Pastor and leadership training for over 800 Christian pastors
- The dedication service at Life Mercy Orphanage and delivery of bedding
- Ministry to widow and orphans at Jinja in Northern Uganda
- Updated radio equipment for Prayer Palace radio station
- Delivery of Bibles and Bicycles, a continuing need for pastors
- Delivery of 9 sewing machines as an income resource for church and orphanage
- Clothing, classroom and kitchen furnishings for the orphanage

In order to make these mission trips and bring provision to the people in Uganda we are responsible to raise our own funds. Although our church continues to be a significant support there are always additional needs. Our goal is to raise \$29,000 which will cover mission expense and allow us to meet our goals. If you can help us, checks should be made payable to JEM (Judy Erickson Ministries) a registered 501 c 3 organization and are tax deductible.

To all of you who have supported us financially and prayed for us, you have made these mission trips possible. We thank you and declare God's blessing and favor over you. We may never know how many lives have been healed, changed and saved but rest assured God does. And we count it a privilege and a blessing to be a part of His economy.

God Bless,

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