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Dear Family and Friends,

Wow, we are back from our 2015 Uganda mission trip. When we left on August 21st little did we realize we would miss our originating flight to Dulles, so we flew to Chicago and on to Heath Row but missed our flight to Entebbe, so we flew to Cairo and on to Entebbe but lost our baggage finally arriving at our destination hotel in Kampala at 6 am, 7 hours later than expected. (Actual clock time was 45 hours)

On Monday Dayna, Judy and I drove to the orphanage and were greeted by 147 wildly cheering children age 3-14. What a day! Singing songs, telling bible stories, watching the delivery of 30 new desks for 2 classrooms, setting up a TV to new solar power and walking through a partially completed building with 7 classrooms, we were touched. We couldn't believe our eyes. And the chickens, 9 pigs, and the rebuilding of a well now 85 feet deep was unbelievable. What a privilege to see such accomplishment in only 2 short years. Tuesday we met with Bishop Grivas and delivered a 16 channel mixer and 10 microphones which was needed for the 25th year Pastor's conference. Each day we shared speaking assignments as the crowds grew from 1500 to 3000. Because of the increasing turnout each day on Friday the final conference meeting was held at the Freedom Center. They estimated over 5000 were in attendance when Judy and an Apostle from Nairobi were featured speakers. Each day the praise and worship was exceptional and all were touched by the anointing. What an opportunity to speak into the lives of Pastors from 258 churches spread out over Uganda. Many had walked to Kampala with their families knowing the Bishop would put them up and feed them while they attended the conference.



On Friday, Cindy and Maura joined us for the final conference celebration at Freedom Center. Then Saturday they visited the orphanage and began their preparation to teach a new curriculum to the teachers. Cindy had investigated the latest teaching aids used in the US and brought the materials with her to be left for the teachers. We were delighted to see how enthusiastic and accepting the teachers were to these new methods. You could see how anxious they were to begin to use these tools with their students. It is our hope this instruction will become a model for other orphanages in Uganda. Before leaving we all met with the Pastors from the inner city Antioch church and on Sunday Judy managed to speak at 3 of their churches before leaving for the US.



Looking ahead our goal is to complete the new classroom building, construct a kitchen building, purchase a cow and focus on finding new income producing activities to make them more self-sufficient. We realize this is a daunting under taking which we estimate will require \$25,000 US.

We want to thank all of you for your continued support of the orphanage and churches we visit on each mission trip. We welcome your prayers and financial support. We realize in Gods economy it is the Holy Spirit that touches and speaks to people's hearts to help and support missions such as ours. It is only through the willingness of many people like yourself who contribute in any small way that we are able to make these trips and help those in need. And when it comes to children I believe there is a double blessing. It's said: if you can save a child you can change a Nation. Right now we have over 150 children at your orphanage. Consider yourself Blessed. We do!

Judy and Art Erickson
Onboard Uganda Team



3rd building under construction with 7 classrooms



Final conference meeting at Freedom Center



At Antioch Church



2015 Onboard Uganda Team



Bishop Grivas' Nakessa Medical Clinic