

Judy Erickson Ministries Inc

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

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In less than 30 days 4 of us will be arriving at Entebbe airport in Uganda for the start of our 3 week mission trip. We are anxious to see all that transpired at the orphanage/school. After 6 years of planning, fund raising and spending we have 8 glorious acres of land with a very complete group of buildings which includes dorms, classrooms, nursery, kitchen, pit toilets, teacher accommodations and large meeting hall. We give God the Glory as He opened the doors to this opportunity. And we give thanks to you, our supporters since none of this would be possible without YOUR support!!

So what's going on this year? A LOT! For the orphanage/school we are bringing an artist to introduce the how to's and can do's of painting, drawing, etc to all the students. It's our hope they can do the much needed decoration of classrooms and buildings. We are also looking to purchase a used motorcycle and hiring a person to teach students their repair and possibly other vocational training. And for me the completion of a water distribution system for the campus. Which means showers for the children and possibly flush type toilets. Unless you have been to a 3rd world country you would not realize there is no electricity (we use solar), and no running water (they switched from the river to a spring fed cistern we had built). If this sounds like primitive camping, it is just that. But in spite of these conditions we have over 200 children who had no place to go but now have a family of peers, safety, security and an education. Praise God. Our estimate for this year is \$24,000 to complete many of their projects.

Page 2 (as Paul Harvey would say). We have the most incredible opportunity to be a partner to a new TV station for Uganda. Yes, the whole country and with bleed over of signals we touch 6 other countries!!! One of the churches we work with, Prayer Palace and Bishop Grivas Musisi has been given permission to secure a TV license. Last year we were able to raise the funds to purchase the license and bring a TV enable camera to Uganda. Now we are on the precipice of putting together the Ugandan team and equipment to operate the TV station. Of course this means we have to raise the funds to get started. But once begun the advertising revenue should offset operating expenses allowing the station to grow in programming and audience. What will be unique is his plan to not only provide Christian programming but also programs to teach people how to farm, build, repair, etc. Make themselves self-sufficient. Although sorely needed no one is doing this and there is significant interest even from the government to see this effort succeed. As to cost, our estimate is \$120,000US but if we can raise \$30,000 we can get started.

Last year we purchased a modest piece of land in a very needy area to start a church for Pastor Louis. By beginning with just a raised roof and pit toilets (estimate \$6000) we can get started, then complete the building as future funds are secured. We plan to hold a healing crusade there on this mission trip.

And of course we will be returning to the Antioch church and Pastor Gideon. This was the church which first invited Judy to come to Uganda and will always have a special place in our heart. I had asked them for a picture of their church. The picture they sent was of a metal building that appeared to be falling down such as you might find on an abandoned farm property. I emailed them back and told them we received a picture of a metal building but wanted a picture of their church building. They answered back, "that is the church building". Needless to say when we arrived we found the inside to be filled with bright lights, big smiles and much love. Now they are building around the original structure and adding a second floor. This was the church where we would purchase bicycles and bibles and give out to pastors. I will never forget the tears and hugs. Such kind people.

So we do have a lot of needs and if you feel inclined please forward your donations to JEM (Judy Erickson Ministries Inc.) We are a 501 C 3 and all donations will be received. God bless you.

(By the way Judy and I just turned 74, this September will be our 54th anniversary.)

Much love,

Judy and Art Erickson

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Pastor Lewis's Church Land



Art Off Duty



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Current Building



Gideon's Church



Children



Roof Under Construction



Weaving Baskets



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