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April 2023 Newsletter

Comings and Goings

This month's newsletter is full of comings and goings, some exciting and some sad.

Our exciting news is that plans for a mission trip to Uganda are well under way. We have 18 people who have committed to going on the trip in June, with a few more still deciding. Of the 18, about half are "returnees" and half are "newbies". What a blessing to see that people who visited 3 years ago are still excited, and that their excitement and the excitement of others has rubbed off. This group also has a large number of younger people going, people who will have their lives changed as well as have the opportunity to affect others. We even have people from 3 states on the team (Michigan, Indiana and Iowa)!

We are excited as well to have 5 people with a medical background on the trip. George Tusabomu, Kibbuse Board Chairman, is very excited and has assured us that their time at the Good Samaritan Clinic will be well spent. Teddy Naluyimal, the Clinic "In-charge", is already working on a plan. In fact, the whole team is anxious to actually visit the clinic, now that it is up and running. On our 2020 Team visit we saw the joy of hundreds of people from area villages as they celebrated the official dedication of the building, but it took another year to open.

We will also work at Kibbuse Vocational Technical Center, putting the finishing touches on the long-awaited boys dormitory. There is a celebration in the works for the formal commissioning of that building. We have an electrician joining us who will help get the generator connected to several buildings, including the new dormitory. We will be building a corral and shed for two pregnant milking cows that have already been purchased (thanks to the generosity and hard work of Tom Sterk, a repeating team member). We have team members going with that have a passion to research and design a solar farm that will give the school renewable energy. We will once again worship and learn with 350+ kids at a local elementary school. On top of all that, we always go open and ready to take on unexpected work while we are there.

One of the most meaningful parts of the trip will be worshipping at a local church. It is always a blessing to worship with our brothers and sisters in Uganda!



2020 mission team

A highlight for many of us will be the opportunity to spend time with Rev. James. Although he is still not fully recovered from his accident a year ago January, he will be joining us on much of the trip.

I cannot stress enough how much your prayers are coveted.

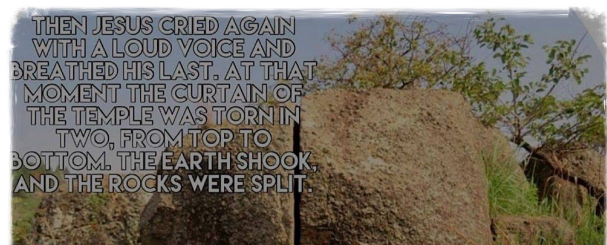
Sad Goodbyes

However, we do have some sad goodbyes. Richard Mugume, principal and member of staff at KVTC for 12 years has resigned his post to take another position. Olivia Nannyango, bursar and music teacher since the founding of the school has also resigned. We are sorry to see them leave, and wish both of them well in their future endeavors. Sadly, the major reason they both gave for leaving was Kibbuse's low salaries. On a whole, our teachers are paid far less than the average teacher in Uganda. We on the board of Friends of Kibbuse are working hard to secure funds to give them all raises. Would you consider making a monthly contribution to assist this process? If we can count on your donation monthly, we will be able to better compensate our teachers for their hard work and dedication to the Christian mission and vision of the Kibbuse Foundation.

Please visit us at www.friendsofkibbuse.com if you want to help, or email us at info@friendsofkibbuse.org for more information.

Easter

As we look forward to Holy Week, we remember the sacrifice our Lord and Savior made for us, and the reason we have the opportunity to visit "the other side of the world". This picture is of a rock in Uganda's Kibaale District, a sight we pass by every day from our hotel to the school. This rock is about ten feet tall and is typical of the Kibaale terrain. In fact, "kibaale" means "big stones." Well, Jesus is OUR big stone! God Bless.





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