



**HERE IT IS – FINISHED, IMPOSING, BEAUTIFUL!  
THE NEW BOYS DORMITORY**

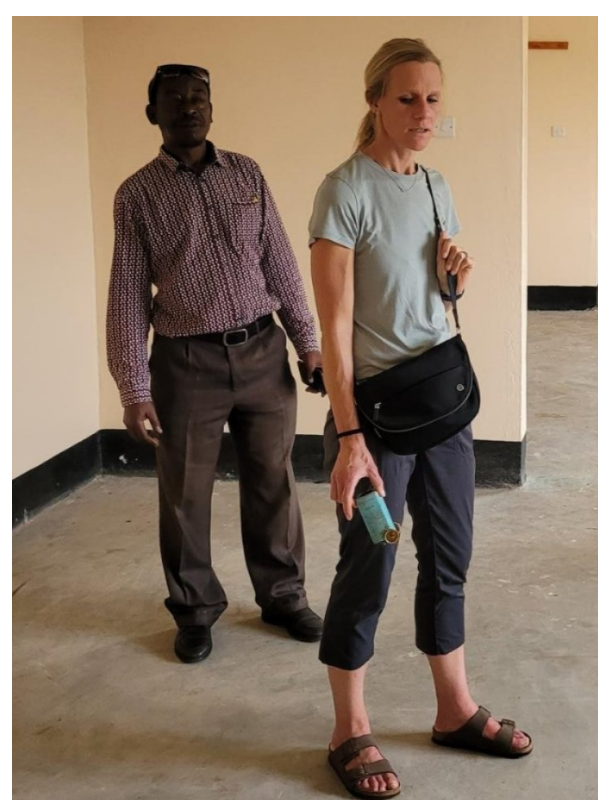
Our big story for 2023 is that the Kibbuse Vocational Center in Nyamarwa now has a wonderful, clean, spacious, well-ventilated boys dormitory. There are three large chambers, each one brightly lit by large windows to either side and separated by solid walls. There is also a private room for the dorm master, usually a faculty member, at the front of the building. In just a month, about 36 young men who want to become job-makers, not just job seekers, will be the first KVTC class to inhabit this beautiful facility.

Friends, this dormitory was constructed by Ugandan tradesmen, but their labor and all materials were purchased through your generous contributions during the past two years. This was additional to your continuing support for teachers and staff salaries! Tuition income is covering more and more of the school's supplies and testing costs, so there is steady progress in building up the school's indigenous income. We expect that the attraction of this new dormitory will enable the school to increase tuition and/or add a housing fee, making the school slowly but surely, and little by little, more self-supporting.

**The Good Samaritan Clinic**

Although much remains to be done to bring the Good Samaritan Clinic in Kabasara up to full effectiveness, the Clinic has with very limited equipment and a small but very faithful staff, managed to treat hundreds of patients, immunize thousands of children and train dozens of enquirers about good health and hygiene practices for themselves and their families. Although your contributions provided the lion's share of expenses (primarily salaries), the clinic is now seeing enough income from patient fees to cover the cost of nearly all of their medications and day-to-day supplies. Please keep on praying and giving! Your contributions are making, and will continue to make, significant and often life-saving differences to the people of Nyamarwa Subcounty.

We Thank you.



Sarah Hoezee tours the new dorm with Rev. James

**The December 2023 Team Trip**

We know you are wondering about the outcome for Tom Sterk. Thanks be to God and the great care given him during the trip by everyone involved, especially Sarah Hoezee, who joined the team specifically to support him. All praise to God, Tom made the journey and returned home not much worse for the wear. Nonetheless he is still dealing with pancreatic cancer, and God has given him months more with us than doctors had predicted. He even came to our January Board meeting to make a personal report, along with a promise of ongoing support for the dairy project.

Unfortunately, for a number of reasons the project had to be put on hold for a few months. When the team arrived, both cows were sick and needed immediate attention from skilled caretakers, so they were returned to the dairy farm from which they were purchased and are now making a comeback. It was clear that the problem was inadequate preparation on many levels for such an ambitious project in a region where domestic cattle are a rarity. Those preparations are now under way, as Rev. James has just visited the Gomba Dairy with his brother Sedraka, who will be involved with the project ongoing, for further training and to check on the condition of the two cows.

**December Team Report**

Everyone on the December Team except Sarah Hoezee had been to Uganda before. Sarah made a personal report to the Board when she returned. An abridged copy is attached [here](#). If you have a special interest in the clinic or are just interested in reading the excited first-hand report of a first-time visitor, we know you will be blessed to read that report. Here's a brief excerpt: "Literally as soon as we arrived (at the clinic) I knew. I knew the Lord had an ulterior motive for my trip. I knew I arrived at a place that would impact my life greatly. I wasn't sure how, but I knew. Within the first five minutes I was changed."

Now click the link ([here](#)), read and be blessed!!

**End-of-year Giving**

Friends, again you have been absolutely wonderful! Nearly \$50,000 came in at the end of December, and again you did this without being dunned by a barrage of year-end appeals. Hallelujah! We are so grateful that our common faith in the living God and the mission we all have as Kingdom builders leads each of us to distribute our excess resources generously – time, talent and money – to the many good works we support.

And we thank YOU for continuing to include Friends of Kibbuse among them!

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