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June 9, 2023 Prayer and Newsletter



Preparations for a pig roast in Uganda



Second team preparing to leave for Uganda (6/9/23)

Plans have firmed up wonderfully for all the moving parts of the 2023 Team Trip to the Kibaale District and Nyamarwa Subcounty. There are many “firsts” with this trip, each of which has required special preparations both here in the States and In Uganda, so we request every friend of this ministry to be mindful of the following needs and join the FOK Board in lifting them to the Lord:

- MILK COWS AND TOM STERK: Pray for Tom, who has paused chemo treatments preliminary to surgery for pancreatic cancer; pray God will daily renew his strength and keep the cancer at bay. Pray also for his daughter Nikki Hoekstra, herself a nurse, and their several responsibilities on this trip. Tom and friends have purchased two pregnant

high-producing milking cows to be delivered to Nyamarwa before the team’s arrival. Local carpenters and students will join Nate Kamps and Tom’s team to build a cow-shed for all FOUR cows (looking forward to the pregnant cows to deliver healthy offspring). Nikki is a nurse and will be with her directly watching over her dad’s health, as well as helping with the Good Samaritan Clinic outreaches. Pray God’s gracious favor on these precious servants.

- YOUTH EMPHASIS: Pray for the record number of young people on this Team. Not only are all four Kamps children on the team, seven others, all in their teens or early twenties, are going. They will serve in a variety of roles; at the vocational center, digging trenches and making the electrical hookups to the new generator as well as interacting with the Kibbuse vocational students. They will be helping with classes and immunization work at the Good Samaritan Clinic and bringing an abbreviated VBS program to a local primary school. All this while learning the culture and interacting personally with Kibbuse students, faculty and staff members. They will be busy and they will be stretched! Pray God will fill them with the Holy Spirit and enable them to be faithful ambassadors of Christ. And pray for their health. Teens can easily get careless about what they eat and drink. Pray God will protect those who are momentarily careless or unwary.

- GENERATOR HOOK-UP and SOLAR ARRAY PLANNING: Pray for Clayton Kamps and Rob DeBoer as they work on a plan to eventually set up a real solar array on campus that would provide low-voltage electricity for lights, phone charging and some computer use. This would be a great complement to the anticipated generator hookup, reducing the need to burn expensive diesel fuel to charge batteries, something that a good solar and backup battery array could easily provide.

- TEAM LEADERSHIP: Pray for Nate and Kara Kamps, Amy Pollock and Rob DeBoer, the four adult leaders. Pray for Nate and Kara as they work to coordinate all these moving parts and people! Pray for Amy and Rob, who will oversee, help hold together and guide the other members of the team as they navigate the long two flights and unexpected layover, a 46-hour journey! UGANDAN PARTNERS: Pray for George Willy, Peter, Rev. James, Joseph (Driver and Taxi Service), Stella (KVTC Principa) and Teddy (GSC “In-Charge”), who are doing a great deal of prep work even now so that things will go well when the team arrives. Especially pray God’s blessing on preparations for the Dormitory Dedication.

- DEPARTURES: The Kamps family departed on June 4th; the rest of the team yesterday, on June 8th. Pray for the whole team, of course, but also the security people, customs agents, baggage handlers, stewards and all others whose skillful service makes such journeys possible. The team will return on Monday, June 19.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP: If you are willing to take this on as a concerted prayer ministry, you could mark your calendars for the next two weeks, focusing on just one item for each day.

- SAT, safe arrival and adjusting to a new timetable because of the day-long delay in Brussels

- SUN, a meaningful time of worship as they join Rev. James at his church in Mityana

- MON, the team leaders, air and land travel to Kibaale

- TUES, Tom Sterk, sustained health and his work to set up a small dairy “farm” at KVTC, immunizations and counseling programs at the Good Samaritan Clinic; the team putting finishing touches on the cow shed.

- WED, Ugandan Leaders and the community-wide Dormitory Dedication and Outreach

- THURS, VBS program led by team youth at the Primary School, generator trenching, wiring and hookup, solar planning; the Clinic Team and their work at the Good Samaritan Clinic.

- FRI, farewell program at KVTC and travel to Murchison Falls Game Park

- SAT, a great “safari” experience for everyone, timely return to Entebbe for the flight home and safe travels throughout.

Finally, with inflation happening all around the world, it will not surprise you that we are still taking donations to cover some of our project costs. Just annotate your check or online payment “UME 2023” and it will go, 100%, to Dormitory construction, the Cow Shed, the Generator Hookup or the Community Outreach Dormitory Dedication.

Breaking news

DELAYED FLIGHT FROM CHICAGO CAUSES MISSED FLIGHT

(We have just learned that the team flight from Chicago was delayed just long enough that they missed the scheduled flight to Entebbe and have ended up with a day-long layover that will require a lot of adjustments to the trip plan when they finally reach Uganda.)

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