

News From New Creation Family Home

As I sit and listen to the children in their various classes at New Creation Family Home, I am reminded of the reason we work here in Uganda. The children are such a joy and blessing! They are learning at a fast pace and absorbing sooooo much. It amazes me how much they soak up in such a short time. Staying here at the home has been such a wonderful experience on this trip. My face is sore from smiling and laughing so often. The children love the Lord and are not afraid to worship Him with all their hearts.

Dressed in freshly washed and ironed uniforms, students start classes at 8:00am with the morning exercises. They quickly arrange themselves in three lines to offer their prayers - sing their “many” opening songs – and stand under the Ugandan and American flags - flying high for all to see. When I arrived on this trip, I was pleasantly surprised to see the flags on two poles - visible from a distance as I drove to the home. The staff is wonderful – working hard and with great love for the children. Right now – Mama Sherina is scrubbing the tile floors. This house gets cleaned from top to bottom every day! Many times it is cleaner than my home in California. Ouch!



Mama Lydia teaches the 2nd and 3rd grade – consisting of total of 6 students. They meet in two different rooms, and she goes back and forth between them – keeping the children engaged. She is a very busy lady. Mama Grace teaches the six 1st graders in the single car garage. They have many posters and teaching materials on the walls – all to set a positive school environment. Photo on right are the 3rd graders conducting a science experiment.



Yesterday after naptime, the children were able to play with their new basketball hoop that was donated by former team members. The children had so much fun – running around with the basketball,

forgetting to dribble it. Chef Emma will be giving them instructions on the proper way to play basketball, but they had a great time shooting the ball into the hoop. The smaller basketball hoop on a stand was brought out for the little ones. Mama Lydia surprised me when I saw her making basket after basket. Watch out boys! The girls are going to give you a run for your money!

NGO (Non Government Organization) APPROVED!

This trip has turned out to be such a blessing. I arrived in Uganda with so many important items that needed to be finalized. I can say that I left in peace, knowing that God has made a way where it seemed there was no way. We received our NGO (similar to Non-profit in Uganda) two weeks ago - after 21 months of waiting.

We are in the final stages of licensing the school – all reports from the many various inspectors are positive. They are very impressed with the school: its environment, its staff, and how clean and healthy the students are. I feel that because I am from America, the Ugandan officers expect much more from our school and are quite pleased when they visit. Our school outshines most of the schools here. New Creation Centre’s student to teacher ratio of 12 – 18 students per teacher provides so much more for our students than the 100 or more students per teacher ratio of other Ugandan schools. Our school provides positive stimulation with brightly decorated classrooms and plenty of supplies for each student.



Fourth Graders Learning to Sew

The 15 students were excited as they started their first tailoring class. The children cheered as the first of many “pedal” sewing machines arrived.

We are looking for monetary donations to purchase more machines. Each machine costs \$100.

There is also a need for fabric/yardage for the students to start sewing their projects.

Update on Little Simon Peter

In last month's newsletter we featured four year old Simon Peter whom we met at Mulago Hospital. His step-mother had intentionally put his left arm in a fire; the burn damage necessitated the amputation of Simon Peter's fingers and thumb. Another reason for my going back to Uganda was to see about receiving Simon Peter.

After being told that Simon Peter had been released from the hospital and had already been placed in a home, I needed to find out more about this precious little boy. Because our NGO paperwork wasn't complete upon his release, we were not able to receive him. I went to the Christian Agency that placed him and met with the head of the organization. They assured me that Simon Peter was placed into a loving, caring home and he was happy! That was what I needed to hear. Then they brought out the newspaper article (pictured below) and said that many are coming to the cause of Simon Peter, donating money to help with the funding needed to fit him with an artificial hand. Praise the Lord! Now that



our NGO is now in place, this wonderful agency would like to partner with us—giving us children who have no one. I know that God always has a perfect plan. Even if at times I don't understand what He is doing, I need to trust Him and what He has in store for our ministry in Uganda.

We ask your continued support as we receive these precious ones into our home. We will need to expand our space soon and trust God will provide.

Chef Emma

Emma (*short for Emmanuel*), our Chef at New Creation Family Home, will not be marrying this June as earlier planned. After much discus-



sion with Emma and his girlfriend, and much time in prayer, I decided that both were not yet ready for marriage. Both of them are very immature and need lots of counseling and direction. This is a good decision, as Emma will now stay full time at the home while supporting his little baby daughter with part of his salary. Yes, there is a new little girl, Tanya. While they are not ready for marriage, Emma will have part of his salary set aside to support this little one. So many men here in Uganda do NOT support their children, either married or not. So as God has forgiven Emma, so have I and all in the home. We had a great time of restoration last night with the children – Emma asked for forgiveness from the children and mamas and let the children know that this is not how God wants us to start a family – as an unmarried parent. Also, some of his actions toward his finance, Grace, were not Godly, and for this he confessed. I am pleased to say that all is good. The home has a wonderful, loving environment – knowing that no one is above falling into sin and that God is the one to forgive – so we are also to forgive.

This was one of the big prayers that I had asked many to pray about before coming for this unplanned trip and God has moved miraculously in the lives of all concerned - so much better than I ever thought could happen. Praise the name of the Lord.

Gardens Producing Vegetables

The mothers of New Creation Family Home have started cultivating the land in front and behind the home. After much hard work in the land and the planting of seeds, the home is starting to see the "fruits (vegetables) of their labor". The mothers have big plans to expand the gardens. The children are enjoying sweet potatoes, squash, pumpkins, tomatoes and greens.

Picture on the right is Mama Lydia proudly displaying her sweet potatoes.



Summer 2009

Team #1: May 30 - June 15, 2009

Team #1 - FULL

Team #2: June 15 - July 1, 2009

Team #2 Limited Space

If you are interested in mission trip team #2 please email us at sherryroberts77@yahoo.com ASAP

Winter 2010

Dates TBA Soon!



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