

September's Newsletter is Dedicated to My Parents Paul "Pop" and Eleanor "Nanny" Schaeffer

On August 26, 2008 my mother "Nanny" went to be with Jesus. Four days later, on August 30th, my father went to join my mother in heaven.

I was in Uganda on June 9th when I got the call that my mother fell out of bed in the middle of the night. Not wearing her Life Alert necklace, she couldn't move and thus stayed in an awkward position for almost 8 hours. Hospitalization and a myriad of tests revealed that her body's organs were shutting down. Her kidneys were failing, and she had congestive heart failure. It always amazes me how God's timing is so gracious and merciful. I had always prayed that God would not take either of my parents while I was out of the country or JUST before a big mission trip. I returned to the US on July 1 and immediately moved in with my father for a month – taking care of him and visiting my mother each day in the hospital. It soon became extremely difficult to care for my father; he was no longer walking, and it took 3 of us to move him from the sofa to his bed - 6 feet away! As I would try to move him, he would often crumble to the floor. At this point, I knew that he was going to need more care than I could give. The convalescent home where my mother was staying had earlier told me that they had no openings, didn't anticipate any in the near future, and only cared for a small number of men. Although I had decided to call other homes, I thought that I would try just one more time to see if there might be an opening for my dad at the same home where my Mom was staying. They responded, "We just had two male openings this morning." I knew that this response was God's confirmation, and within 24 hours my Dad was sitting in a wheelchair next to his wife, my mother. My mother beamed when my father arrived. They were so cute as they held hands each day in the convalescent home. I'm so glad they were able to spend their last month on this earth seeing each other and being together. I had the opportunity to spend lots of time with them each day - feeding them, playing CD's and singing with them, reading Scripture, and saying all the important things that often remain unsaid in busy lifetimes. Thank you Lord for your faithfulness!

Their "Homecoming" service held September 7th was truly a celebration in honor of two very loving and giving people - my father, the adoring, supportive husband and loving father – and my mother, with all of her sometimes "crazy" projects and wonderful, unselfish endeavors to help others. I know that there will be **tens of thousands in heaven because of my parents' unselfish love** and sacrificing for the people of all nations by building churches throughout the world. What a legacy they leave. I have been truly blessed to have had them as my parents. God has granted me that "peace that surpasses all understanding".



167 Churches Built in Over 40 Different Countries

This is my mother at age 78. Little did my mother know as she watched the Rose Parade on January 1, 1966, that so many lives would be changed after that day. The broadcaster mentioned that there was \$40,000 worth of ornate silver work on the saddle of a particular horse. My mother's immediate thought was, "How many churches could be built for \$40,000?" She turned to God and questioned why such a large sum of money had been spent on non-essentials. God then told her that she would be instrumental in building churches throughout the world. My mother recalls asking God, "How can I do that, I'm just one woman with few resources?" Mom soon shared the vision with my parents' little fifty member storefront church. The little spark of a vision to build churches became a

fire within that small church, and the many ways by which money was raised is testament to its dedication. For example, church members held monthly fried chicken dinners; sold hot dogs at various church functions; collected old newspapers and aluminum cans for cash recycling; and even took extra part-time jobs, donating this income to God's new work. My mother earned extra money by cleaning houses, scrubbing floors on her hands and knees. She then came up with a very creative way to raise money. **Swimming!** Because my mother loved to swim in our backyard pool, she decided that swim-a-thons for church building would be a great way to raise money. Many times she swam non-stop for up to eight or ten hours a day. People would come by to pray for her and to cheer her on. In addition to building churches, my mother often took on other projects like building wells and homes for orphans. Her last swim-a-thon at the age of 78, three years after her quadruple heart by-pass, was done to build a water-well in El Salvador. This swim was featured the *Long Beach Press Telegram*. **Side Note:** We have been blessed to be able to conduct de-worming clinics and hold VBS twice a year in one of the churches (picture at left) that my parents built in Uganda in 1971. God is so good!!!



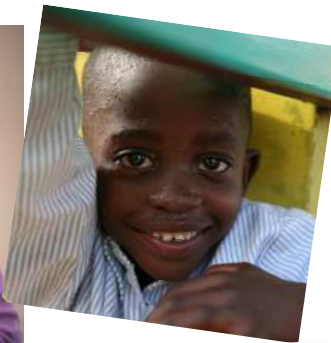
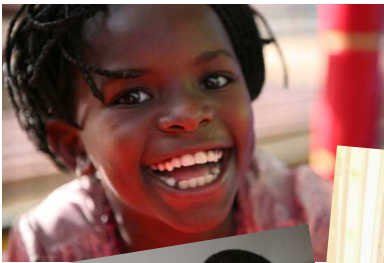
New Creation Centre

Forty-five children enjoy playing outside at recess. Currently we have grades 1, 2 & 3. Next January we will add an additional fifteen children and grade 4. The children are thriving in their studies and their love for Jesus.



New Creation Family Home

L-R Top: Shafia, Henry, Eron, Chris, Lawrence, Esther, Charles, Peter, Mercy, Teddy, & Carol



Correction - oops!

Last newsletter it was stated that most of the clothing donated was raised by Megan Garren. Kayla Tofiga stepped up and had a clothing drive that generated many of the outfits. Thank you Kayla!

MISSION TRIPS

Winter 2009

January 15 - January 31, 2009

If you are interested in any of these mission trips to Uganda, please email us at sherryroberts77@yahoo.com.

Summer 2009

May/June 2009

Dates for the Summer 2009 Mission Trips will be available soon!



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