

April – June 2017

NEWS on the NILE



Pastor John & Debbie Henry



Aylmer Uganda team



Pastor Markle



Pastor Roy & Sally Ferguson

April - Tying up Home Assignment- with some amazing people

Greetings from the Stevensons. As we look back over photos of our time in North America, we feel a warmth and delighted feeling stemming from those we met for the first time and others we have long, strong relationships with. Honestly, we feel blessed to have great supporters, whether individuals, women's groups, or churches. Our fundraising went well and we reached our goal. PTL!

Tim turns 60!

Due to the pain in Colleen's back and legs, the difficult decision was taken for her to stay behind in Canada. She has recovered from the hernia operation and tests have been taken to see the reasons for pain. Separated once again, Tim returned to Uganda for teams that were arriving. As a family, we celebrated Tim's life with a surprise birthday party before his departure! It was an exceptional time for us all to show him what he means to us, and it was nice for Colleen's parents to be with us as well. His years have been full and exciting, with much more ahead!! Tiffany, our daughter, also enjoys a June birthday, so as a family we have lots to celebrate!



Tim and the kids having fun with the 60 balloons



Traditional dancing competition

TRI-s team – Anderson, Indiana

No sooner had Tim arrived back, when the TRI-s team from Anderson University (AU) arrived. A group of 17 with co-leaders Jim Hawkins and Tami Miller were involved in TAPP home visits (HIV/Aids program) and activities such as Bible study and craft making, to name a few. Part of their time was spent in a rural setting where they met with students, children, leaders, and youth participating in the Kampala 25 youth function. Lots of fun and interaction took place. Some students decided to sponsor children through the Children of



AU students loving the kids



Praying for Rev. Ojule at Kasubi church



Classrooms being built by the German team

Promise organization, which is celebrating 25 years. What a great way to make a lasting impact!

German Work Camp

Once again, the German team came to work hard and encourage the Ugandan church. Led by Pastor Froese, the team accomplished many projects at the Naomi Froese Primary and Siegfried High School—dormitories, landscaping, play equipment, and 22 new children sponsored. Then, around 120 sponsor children from all over the country were interviewed! Later the team traveled to East Pallisa District, where two new classrooms were built for our primary school. This is the home area for Rev. David Ojule (church G.A. chairman). He has been very ill, with paralysis on his one side, leaving him unable to talk. Prayers have been answered and improvement is seen. God is great!



Pastor Siegfried interviewing sponsor children

Congo Seminar

The ladies in DRC continue to work hard in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are great difficulties to overcome though, such as rebel movement, lack of transportation and funds to assemble. Recently, finances were donated for a seminar, and it was thrilling and encouraging for them. We ask that you pray for the work in Congo, as presently there is a court case brought on by a previous leader attempting a land-grab in Goma. Tim flies there in July as a witness for the case, and we pray the truth may be seen.

Zambia Bound!

Tim flew down to Lusaka to meet Kirk Hoffman (Colleen's brother) to check on some of the projects in the Livingstone area. It was great for him to reconnect with family in addition to making plans for a work camp that is to follow sometime this year. Seeing the majesty of Victoria Falls was uplifting and enjoyable, but seeing the needs of the people was hard.



Tim perched above the Zambezi River and the Computer School project being expanded (below)



Currently, our lives are lived on separate continents, and we ask for prayer for the work overseen by Tim as Colleen waits for answers from the medical teams. This is a challenging time for us, but as we lean heavily on our Heavenly Father for strength, we are reassured by our family, prayer partners, and Ugandan staff. We see God in the big things, but especially the small things every day—the helping hand, the encouraging email, a scripture verse, and the beauty of creation. It is a season that will pass, we know. Again, we thank you for support and involvement as partners in this amazing, growing African ministry!

Love and blessings,

Tim and Colleen



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Crossroads Church of God, Lima, OH

Bob and Abby Gould led this team of 9. Visitation of some island churches and those resting on the Nile River locale took place. They were eager to minister, build, interact and love on the people. A contribution was given for land where there is a new church plant in Jinja District, in addition to wonderful donations for the Kikondo, Mutungo, and Danida churches. Thank you Crossroads Church for blessing and encouraging the church in Uganda!



Enjoying hospitality and songs at Kikondo church

Going to Buvuma Island



