

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BAMO, OUR PARTNER IN AFRICA:

It is amazing how the Lord has led this far and what He has done.....When, ten years ago, the Lord connected us miraculously with His Hands Support Ministries , no one could tell how things would work out, what would happen and how far we would go.

It didn't take long for us to realize that God had given us a burden for needy children's education reason why we had included this ministry among the areas of concern for Shalom Ministry; that He had it on His heart and that He gave this very burden to other ministries like His Hands Ministries. In His own way (I should say miraculous way) and timing, he connected us opened the door for a long journey of joint venture in the needy

children's education . The focus has been largely on orphans, abandoned children, children in very poor families, war and tribal conflicts displaced children who, unless someone supports them for education, they had no hope at all. It was clear and certain to us this was and still is an area of concern where support to get the children educated is needed. So, we believe His Hands Support Ministries was God's hand indeed to change these needy and vulnerable African children in Goma and Rwankuba (Eastern Congo), Kabale (Uganda) and Kigali (Rwanda).

By providing school fees, scholastic materials, uniforms /shoes, His Hands Support Ministry has enabled several children to go to school and remain in school. By doing this, HH4A is giving hope to hopeless children, shaping their future and destiny, helping them to acquire life skills for self support/ employment during a time as this when unemployment is a big problem.

Among the children we have supported some are primary school or kindergarten teachers; others are qualified plumbers, ICT trainees, experts in bakery and food production, or workers with local NGOs.

This time, we had a challenge to get the HHSM team into Congo because of the insecurity and we didn't want to take a risk where people were being killed or kidnapped. It was unfortunate but somehow, we were able to get the details we needed regarding the progress of the supported children.

We are so grateful to His Hands Support Ministries and all of you for your love for the African Children and your support to them. Please know that your support is much appreciated and it is an invaluable investment transforming lives for a better destiny and giving hope to hopeless children in Africa. Together we are making "nobodies" become "somebodies". You are still needed as a partners and friends to

A WEIGHTY PROBLEM:

Sometimes things happen beyond our control.....when we arrived in Kigali, Rwanda to update the information on the children, our scales were broken! Therefore, the information sheets on all children in Rwanda will not have any weights on them.



Pastor Stephen Bamoleke with his lovely wife, Siriaka, in Uganda

the African children. THANK YOU indeed for your commitment. Our dream is to have a Child Development and Resource Center in Eastern Congo even as we continue to facilitate vulnerable children to go to school.

With much gratitude,

Stephen Bamoleke, Shalom Ministry.



Pastor Edward was delighted to show us what the donations for the Kabale Church is helping towards! They now have a nice solid building, and are raising money for buying the land to move the building onto. The land is more

expensive than they had anticipated, but they are so very grateful for the help that has been given so far! Contact us (info@hishandsforafrica.org) if you'd be willing to donate towards the purchase of land. They need roughly 3-4 thousand dollars for a permanent plot of land. Pastor Edward was shouting out a huge "THANK you in the bottom photo!



Smiles in Rwanda! We added to our program over 60 new children in Kigali, as there is such a huge need for help. (check out the website to see the children who are waiting for sponsorship!)

If you sponsor in Rwanda and you wonder WHY the children do not progress far in school between our updates? Well, sadly, the government keeps changing the rules and laws about the languages the children are to learn in. First, they are learning in French, and then switched to English, and such, and this means teachers are fired and need new hires. Curriculum changes are overwhelming to these children.

SEEING DOUBLE?

While we were in Rwanda and Uganda, Jamie was waiting for her daughter back in Maine to give birth to twin girls! The day before Jamie's twin grand-daughters were born, we saw three sets of twins come through to be added to the sponsorship program! It's common for the little children to scream in terror initially, and one set of twins was no exception. One twin was refusing to smile and her twin made a goofy face and said, "do it like this!" Ironically, the one giving the suggestions had just been crying for *her* turn!



Jackie's thoughts: *This was my first trip to Africa and I expected it to be sad, scary and hoping to get home quickly. Well, I experienced the meaning of "God works in mysterious ways." I was able to spend a lot of time with my sister and three His Hands for Kenya servants - Jamie, Marilee and Holly. The parents in Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda want education for their children and they love God. The kids are friendly, eager to learn and they love God. I went home with a heart full of love, more humble, and another child to sponsor. The program partners have poured their hearts into the program and the children ... they are wonderful "His Hands for Africa" examples of servants. In spite of the LONG trip I am more than glad that I listened to God and gave this time to be His Hands for 10 days.* Jackie



CONGO sponsors: please note that you will not be receiving an updated information sheet as we were unable to get into the Congo this time. However, we do have a photo with the grade of the child listed on the back.



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GO TO HIS HANDS SUPPORT MINISTRIES FACEBOOK PAGE, AND CLICK ON THE "PHOTOS" PAGE. YOU WILL SEE THE INTERNATIONAL ITEMS ALBUM.

