



The East Africa Connection

"Teach these great truths to trustworthy men who will, in turn, pass them on to others"

2 Timothy 2:2 (Amplified).

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DEVELOPING UGANDAN SCHOOLS

The schools in Uganda are going very well, and on September 18 we will be graduating the first class in Mukono, Uganda. The second school in Kapchorua has just opened its second quarter, and the students are very eager to study. In both Kenya and Uganda, God has given us just the right support people each time we feel the timing is right to stretch our wings and grow in new areas of training pastors.

One of our supporting churches purchased air time for one year of radio programs in Eldoret and now in Uganda. These programs have brought credibility to the schools that are totally new in these towns. Through two radio stations in Kenya and Uganda, we are now able to reach some eight million people for about \$200 a month. This has a twofold purpose: First, **we are teaching and making disciples through excellent thirty minute teaching classes in prime time at night when church leaders are at home.** Second, these programs are used as a vehicle for introducing the schools to new markets where we have never reached. The end result is that the kingdom of God is now in growing in these two countries.

As graduation at the school in Mukono, Uganda, nears in September, we have discovered that these students are so excited about their training, they are spreading the news all over Uganda about the school. Due to all that has been happening our first two years there, we have been approached by a group of pastors that live forty kilometers west of Kampala, the capital of Uganda. They have between 100-150 men and women who have no Bible training and are in leadership roles in their churches.

This would be our third school in Uganda and the largest school Larry and I have attempted to date. Of course largest means it is also the most expensive to operate. Printing the textbooks for one quarter will cost \$4,000 for 100 pastors. Just picture with me the impact 100 pastors trained in the Kingdom of God will have in this region of Uganda. If each pastor averages 75 members in his church we would be touching 7,500 people with God's plan for their nation! As we were praying about this opportunity, a \$10,000 donation arrived to fund the opening of the school. Pray with us for the addition \$5,000 to complete the project. **Dee and I are planning on being in Uganda the last of January for the opening of the new school.**

GOD DID NOT CREATE MAN TO BE ALONE

Dee and I have been supporting a school and orphanage that finds street kids and offers them a chance for a new life. Cheri Thompson has been walking the alleys of Kitale for 20 years looking for new students that need a chance at life in the Kingdom of God. The last

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George Wafula, KMIT Director



Larry Neese and Cheri Thompson



Pastor Patrick Busolo

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Success for Patrick's business
- 2) New pastor's school in Uganda
- 3) Healing for Bob's back
- 4) Larry and Cheri's Wedding
- 5) That Kenya's new Constitution works



Pastor Patrick Busolo and the brick press



Bike repair shop

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time we were at her farm and campus she had over 100 happy, well fed, smiling children waiting to see what we had brought them from the US. The Neese's and the Thompson's have been friends since Larry and Beverly arrived in Kenya. In fact Larry and Beverly lived with Rick and Cheri when they arrived in Kenya 12 years ago. When Rick went home to be with the Lord seven years ago he chose to be buried on their farm in Kenya. Although alone, Cheri has carried on the work that brought them to Kenya 20 years ago.

Cheri and Larry have decided to join forces and unite in marriage later this fall. (You will remember Larry's wife Beverly went home to be with the Lord after a long battle with cancer.) Dee and I had been praying for someone for Larry but didn't have a clue that God had Cheri already in Kenya. Note the great picture on page one of this newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS UPDATE

The first Kick Start soil press (brick machine) was delivered to Pastor Patrick Busolo in August after a long trip from Nairobi in the back of Francis' car (Francis is our friend and driver). It weighs close to 500 pounds so it was the only passenger for the trip to Kitale. Patrick has lived with the crippling effects of polio all his adult life. As a boy he was left with very little use of one leg, but that has not stopped him from planting five churches out of his home church. Patrick, a KMTI graduate, has been making bricks with a hand mold to sell for building construction. He was so excited about the hydraulic press that he e-mailed me daily to see if it was coming the next day. Patrick's only income was the bricks he made each week. **Now he and three additional men from his congregation will have full support for their families making soil/cement blocks.** He will be tracking the performance of the machine and its profit so we will be able to start additional block making businesses when I return to Kenya. I thank you from Patrick and the three other families that will have food on their tables.

I have also included a picture of the bike repair shop we funded earlier in the year. The brother informs me that he has moved up to basic repairs on motor bikes. This income helps feed his entire extended family who have all been unemployed. Glory to God!

A FINAL WORD

Dee, with her well earned Florence Nightingale Award around her neck, continues to nurse me back to health. I am growing bone over the rods and implants, but not as fast as needed for my younger doctor's approval. **The doctors and Dee feel I need to work from the US until after Christmas.** It's hard for me to be patient—if you know me I get anxious waiting for water to boil. Waiting for bones to grow is like having God tell me to watch the continents drift apart. Nevertheless, I know His plans are perfect. With new patience and new bone we will return to Kenya better able to understand the African total lack of time concern. "All things work together to those that trust the Lord and are called according to his purposes."

Thanks so much for standing with us in prayer and financial support during the last few months. Dee and I feel God is going to give us many more years in East Africa.

God's blessings,

—*Bob and Dee Vande Brake*

