

April 2018 Newsletter

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Our Vocational School!

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him.

Lamentations 3:25

We praise God for the opening of our vocational program! Wow! It has been a big project and a busy time for us! As is typical here, things have been moving forward much more slowly than we had hoped. However, in the “slowness” we have seen God mightily at work as it has given us the time we need to refine our policies and goals of the program and to develop something even better. We praise God for being in control of ALL of the details and for giving us what we need rather than what we ask for.



***Dissan:** "In the program thus far I have learn different job skills like welding. For instance, I learned how to weld hinges on a metallic door as well as fixing glass into doors and*



well as fixing glass into doors and windows. My goal upon graduation from this program is to use my savings to start up a welding workshop so that I can earn money because I am sure that I will marry before the age of 25."

So What Have we Been Up To?

- Our boys have been learning a lot in our mentoring program each day as they learn and discuss important life skills as well as in devotions where they are learning more about God and living a godly life.
- Our boys were extremely excited to construct the first building for our school! As you can see in the picture, it is big, practical and beautiful with a nice view of the valley below. By utilizing shipping containers on the base of the building we were also able to reduce costs on overall price as shipping containers are relatively inexpensive to purchase here.





- We are blessed to have not only fertile land but land rich with underground water sources, including several springs. Our boys dug a small pond for water that they have been using to water our trees as well as to use for building.



- Uganda's major planting season begins around late February for two months and is marked by heavy and frequent rain. We have been busy in this season planting many trees to start a natural forest on a section of our land for students and families to enjoy for generations to come.

Amos: "I am hoping to learn different vocational



skills and also to develop spiritually. I must say in the program I have learned self-control, patience, hard work, and teamwork while working with other people. My eyes have been opened to how beneficial agriculture can be. I have also gained confidence in myself and my future. I now know that I can make it in the world. My goal at the end of this program is to use my savings to buy land and to start up a farm rearing cows and goats. I will then use the extra land to plant the food that my animals need to eat."



What Are We Up To For The Next Few Months?

- We will be starting a nursery for maesopsis trees, (also known as umbrella trees). These trees are fast growing, straight, and sold on the market for timber. We will be planting these trees in August, when the second and final rainy season begins. We will also be starting a nursery bed for a thorny shrub locally named magwa that will be planted in August to create a living fence around the school.





- There are no words to express how excited our guys are to start our pig project next month! They will first be learning the theory and best practices for raising pigs in Uganda and then planting the corn and other grasses that the pigs will eat. Next they will build the pig pens and then each boy will go to the market to pick two piglets to raise!



- Our reading and literacy program is starting this month as we have moved a portion of our library to the school. All of our boys who were previously in the homes are dying to get their hands back on books to read as they have really missed it! Thank you to all who have donated books over the years, they are well loved!

- Boys will continue getting to learn the theory of building as well as the opportunity to practice as they continue to build structures for the school.



***Emma:** "In this program I have learned about potting trees and transplanting them into organized lines. I am excited to learn more about building and construction of houses. I am hoping to work hard so that I can save a lot of money, then when I graduate I can accomplish my goal of building my own house and planting my own tree plantation."*

*Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God;
Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.*

Psalm 143:10

God has been so good!

Emma

We are so grateful for the dairy project that was given to Emma! Emma literally brought home his healthy, pregnant cow singing his joy! Emma has always had a special love for animals. When we went to check on the cow last week, she was even healthier than when we brought her to Emma! Thank you to the couple that made this possible!

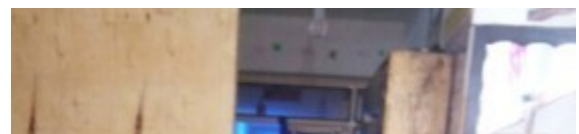


Hope House Ladies

Although the women from Hope House, a program for formerly prostituted women, graduated six years ago, we are still honored to keep in touch with them and to hear what God is doing in their lives. We also have a Christmas party for them each year where we encourage them, pray with them, and give them large bags of “essentials” such as rice, sugar, cooking oil, pasta and beans as a blessing and to help lessen their financial burden for the few months around Christmas. Though we are not meeting with them on a daily basis as we used to, we still deeply love these ladies and are here for them when they need it. Here is an update of a few of the ladies...

Annette

Annette was one of the youngest girls in the Hope House. Because of



girls in the Hope House. Because of her young age, she was not at a point where she was able to take full advantage of the program. She recently reached out to me telling me that she had become a mom and was now ready to get serious about her life. She asked if there was anything we could do to help financially empower her so that she could be able to better care for herself and her baby. After discussing, we decided that API would place Annette into a two-year vocational program for cosmetology. Annette is a cute and stylish young lady and was super excited about this opportunity. She started last semester and is doing great.



Rose

Rose graduated from the Hope House and became a tailor. However, she recently came to us asking if we could pay for her to apprentice with a tailor so that she could increase her skills and the variety of clothing that she was able to make. We thought this was a great request and have placed her in a six-month apprenticeship near her home.





Jennifer and Harriet

Jennifer and Harriet have been working the past several years with one of our partner organizations, The Gem Foundation, as chefs preparing meals for children with special needs. Jennifer's daughter (who is a young adult) was also given a job there as well. Please keep Harriet in your prayers as she has been having serious health challenges that doctors have been unable to diagnose.



Joy

Please pray for Joy who has been having serious ongoing health challenges with her neck and skin. API has taken her to the hospital for medical care and has also paid several months of her rent so that she can rest, recover and get back on her feet. Please keep her in your prayers that God will heal her body, encourage her, and increase her joy.

Please Pray...

- Please pray for all of the Hope House ladies that God will continue to provide for and strengthen them and open doors of opportunity in their lives.
- For the health of all of the children that we are caring for. They have gone through a lot and still have a lot that they are dealing with. Please pray that they will choose Christ and cling fast to Him, even when times get hard.
- Please pray for the families of the children that we are serving that they will choose to love each other and that God will strengthen them.
- Please pray for our Christian boys that have been resettled into Muslim families that they will stay strong in their faith.
- Please pray for our vocational school...
 - That our boys will have a heart to learn and grow and break any destructive behaviors that they have in their lives.
 - For our staff that they will receive supernatural wisdom, patience, strength and joy in the work that they are doing.
 - For physical protection from snake bite, sickness, disease, and injury for our students and staff.
 - That God will allow us to raise the remaining money we need to finish construction of the school.
 - For continued blessing and partnership with the government.

How You Can Help

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Abby and David





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