



## August 2017 Newsletter

Greetings everyone! D.C. reporting live from Uganda! Sitting here at The Boma---the guesthouse where we stay--I confess: I want to be home. Three weeks is a long time to live out of a suitcase. Don't misunderstand: I love the people and am very happy to serve the Lord here; I am just ready to be home.

Reflecting on the past three weeks when we sponsored Sipi Pastor's Conference Five (SPC 5), followed by a week of meetings, it is rewarding to remember the things that went well. We accomplished about 95% of our goals, the Lord gave us MANY more successes than challenges. I think the list will speak for itself.

+ Arrived on time at the Entebbe airport with Pastor Trey Hinkle and KMI Board

Chair Casey Callan with all luggage (after a short delay);

+ Delivered a package to the RUAH group here in Uganda to help them with their ongoing work;

+ Delivered a large bag of first aide supplies to Kathy Vaughan, and then took her to lunch. It was good to see Kathy again;

+ Upon arrival at Sipi we were able to get settled in and ready for the church service at K&K the next day and set up for the Pastor's Conference;

+ Sunday saw us at Amazing Grace Church where Trey preached as part of the 4½-hour

service. There was much honor to God in the lively service;

+ Connected daily with Hope Africa Executive Director Katie Keranen, her daughter Anna, and her Ugandan advisors Arthur and Patricia;

+ Monday – Friday was SPC 5. Trey taught on Nehemiah, Casey on Christian Disciplines, and D.C. on Making Disciples;

+ We concluded the week with communion and heartfelt sharing with the men. It was a simple, but special way to end our time together;

+ Transported Trey & Casey back to The Boma and they flew home;

+ D.C. traveled back to K & K for meetings with different people and agencies, and then worked on K & K School business;

+ Met with the Ngenge village leaders by the culvert we repaired at the junction of Ngenge. They were very grateful for our financial help with both the culvert repair and the well we repaired next to the Ngenge public school;

+ Went to the home of Pastor Mike's brother & his wife, whose young 6-month old daughter recently died. We visited for some time and I was very blessed to be able to comfort and pray with them;

+ Visited the home and mother of Jeremiah, the young boy our medical team sent to the hospital, but who passed away on the way to the hospital. We were

able to visit and council with the mother, and pray with her.

- + As we were leaving, the father of Jeremiah arrived. We talked briefly; he wanted to know why we would pay medical and funeral expenses for a boy and a family that we did not know. I shared that it was because of the love that Christ has for all people, and we wanted to share Jesus' love with them in this time of need and sorrow. I assured him that Jeremiah is now with Jesus in a wonderful place for eternity called heaven. Immediately he said that he wanted to know this Jesus---right now! So we sat together and Mike shared in the local language with him what it means to be born again. We prayed with him and he asked Christ into his life! This was the highlight of my day.
- + Provided funding for a funeral of a 1-day old child who passed way. Tried to meet with the parents to pray with them but they were not available;
- + Met with leaders from another village, as they wanted to thank us for putting a large culvert system on their road in a particularly muddy drainage area. The area has been that way since I first went there in 2006: obviously we should have helped them fix it sooner.
- + Following that meeting we had a 2 ½ hour meeting with the K & K Women's Ministry Group. They shared at length about the VBS lights---which they absolutely love, the expanding goat project (started by funding from a few PBCC women), the sewing program and their hopes for expansion in the future, and they shared much about how they were serving the entire community with the maize mill. EVERY ONE of these projects is doing well and is a blessing to all of the communities in the area;
- + Provided funding for the painting of the Amazing Grace Secondary School;
- + Funded the upcoming brick construction of the dormitories;
- + Hired the hydrologists to find water locations for 4 new future wells;
- + Provided the funds for the first two wells to be drilled as soon as possible. These wells will be called "VBS 2" and "Shalom"
- + Provided Food-bank funding for 10 truckloads of maize and 1 truckload of beans to help all the people (in the entire 11-village Parrish) through the drought and crop damage of 2017;
- + Personally inspected the maize fields ruined by what they call "Armyworm," which has decimated their 2017 maize crop;
- + We met and made estimates of needed funding for sweet potato seedling roots for the locals to plant instead of maize to survive 2017 and into 2018;
- + Spent an entire day drafting the 2018 K & K Budgets for both the primary and secondary school. As they grow our number of sponsorships needs to grow;
- + Left the down payment for the teacher housing building---a requirement in Uganda for rural schools like K & K—with construction scheduled for Jan./Feb. 2018
- + Made arrangements with a pediatrician and an ENT physician to examine our children, & our ear, nose, and throat medical referrals in the future;
- + Met with the physician who is going to be doing our future hernia surgeries and worked together for arranging a facility and funding;
- + Back in Kampala I met with the Hope Africa / Kabum Team and did some restructuring of responsibilities.
- + Met with Ugandan officials who will help us sort out some things that have been challenging for us the past 3-4 years;
- + Met with Pastor Peter Kasirivu from African Renewal Ministries (ARM's), and welcomed his pledge to support in helping us move forward in the future in an advisory capacity;.
- + Met at the Wentz Clinic in Gaba to streamline a few medication issues for future medical teams;
- + Completed the KMI financial accountability documentation for this mission;
- + Put in Boma safe funding for future medical team medications
- + Rested at The Boma for a few hours prior to my departure for home. Amen!

Thank you for giving to the Lord. As you can see, much is happening down at  
K & K. God is Good.....ALL the time! D.C.