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One of the statements I hear often is that people want to “make a difference” with their lives. They want to impact others for good and know that their time, effort, prayers, and resources are catalysts for positive change in the lives of those less fortunate. I deeply appreciate those who are desirous to “make a difference.” Thank you.

I respect everyone’s right to serve God as He calls them to, and it is my prayer that each person seriously deliberates, in prayer and soul-searching, what the Lord would have them do to “make a difference.” Making a difference can mean tons of actions and can come in a variety of ways. It can mean helping a neighbor, serving in a soup kitchen, or sending a child to Christian camp. “Making a difference” with an overseas people, who live on less than \$1 per day, is a tough go, and as hard as we try, we are not always 100% successful. This work requires prayer commitment; trust commitment, time commitment, and financial commitment. It is just the “nature of the beast” that all of these aspects work hand in hand to help bring people out of poverty.

Less than a week ago Pam, Mick Black, and I were blessed to visit our friends in east-central

Uganda. K & K is located just a few hours drive from the South Sudan border where Samaritan’s purse is working around the clock to provide food, water, and medical care for the desperate thousands. Our people at K & K are in the same situation, but their needs remain unknown to most of the world. That is why I want to share our experience there, with you.

For months now there has been no rain. The fields are all barren and dry. People are plowing in hopes that rains will come so they can plant and harvest. Food is scarce. Many have no food at all, which is hard for an American to imagine. In the past year we put in two hand pump wells, and these are functioning in a good way. Nearly all the other wells in the area are either dry, or they are physically broken and in need of repair. Folks from these villages walk anywhere from 1 to 3 kilometers (about 2 miles) to our new wells, daily, just to have enough water for their family and animals to drink. The river has completely dried up, and the cattle and goats are thirsty. The land has not been this dry in the 12 years we have been going there. The grasses, which are usually plentiful for grazing, are now all burned up and have disappeared. Dust is ever-present, and coats the inside of your mouth with every breath you take.

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I wish I were exaggerating---if even just a little bit---but I am not. As God is my witness, this is truth; what are words to you and I, is reality to the Kupsabini peoples. In Mark 14:7 Jesus says, “The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want.” If ever there was a time for us to consider helping the poor, it is now. Men, women, and children---especially children---are vulnerable to the point of starvation, dehydration, sickness, and death. If you are thinking you might want to “make a difference” I will be glad to show you how.

The purpose of our mission was 7-fold:

1. To provide medical care and follow-up for the children of the K & K area;
2. To erect the 120' X 21' steel secondary school structure;
3. To erect the 50' X 21' steel women's ministry building;
4. To take funds for a maize (corn) grinding mill to make flour;
5. To plan for the next full-blown medical team in May 2017;
6. To finalize our working Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CoRSU Hospital in Entebbe;
7. To assess the health, hunger and water needs of the community;

By the grace of God we were successful in all areas seven areas. The buildings were erected and roofed. Local guys did most of the work under the watchful eye of Mick Black. They will also concrete in the structure, put in the foundations, and brick the structures in over the next few months. The maize funding was taken, and a 20 HP diesel driven mill was selected. It will be purchased and brought to the site after the women's ministry building is finished and ready to house it. The next medical team was planned for and dates set. In addition, the MOU between CoRSU Hospital and KMI was finalized, and we can now take children there for needed surgeries. We actually spent quite a bit of time assessing the food situation, the local wells, the river, and the health of the people there. It was our hearts desire to do all we could to help them in this dire time of need.

Fortunately we were able to leave enough money with the local church to disperse food for the destitute for the next month or so. The KMI Facebook page shows a photo of the first distribution of maize. Since coming home we stepped out in faith and sent enough funding for two local wells to be repaired. We have also ordered a hydrology report in both Kabacheriya and Kaplobotwo so that we can possibly add new and better wells to the area soon.

As always, we are VERY thankful to each of you for your love, your prayers, and you support. Above all, your sincere prayers make the biggest difference. I am convinced that many people do not pray because they don't really think it makes a difference. They are wrong! Nothing happens without prayer, and I am DEEPLY appreciative to those of you who immerse yourselves in the heart of the Lord when you go to Him for many reasons, including praying in our behalf. Please keep praying. The situation over there is dire for certain, but God is in control. He will use His people, according to His calling, to step out and “make a difference.” Thank you for being those people.

Serving Him,

D.C.