



# Kingdom Wok Ministries Int.

## July 2017 Newsletter

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I often get asked how long it takes to get from Redmond to Uganda. The answer is pretty consistently about 30 hours: 36 of the most grueling hours you can imagine. We are exhausted by the time we arrive. I know that air travel sounds romantic, exciting, and adventurous, but the reality is that it is just difficult. I have said it before: the travel is the biggest sacrifice of all. Everything else is the beauty of ministry. Truth be known, there are often times of ministry on the planes and at the airports too...if we look for them.

Still, it is amazing the difference that two days can make. On Thursday morning Casey Callan, Trey Hinkle, and I will be leaving Redmond for Uganda. On Friday evening we will be there. We are traveling for a pastor's conference, and for business.

For the first week Casey, Trey, and I will be teaching a team of pastors from the K & K area. Actually Casey and Trey will do most of the teaching, I just fill in where I can be useful. Trey is teaching on Nehemiah, Casey is teaching about disciplines, and I will be teaching about Discipleship Making. We are pretty much ready to roll. A few last minute details to take care of tomorrow and then we are off on Thursday from the Redmond Airport.

After the first week Trey and Casey will come home while I stay an additional week to take care of some much need business details. Making the 2018 school budget, arranging for an ENT to see our kids with ear infections and for a local Pediatrician to see our children referrals are top on my list. In addition I am excited to meet with women's ministry leaders, church leaders, and village leaders from several communities. There is much to do as they prepare for the future of their people, and we see if we are needed or if we should think about working elsewhere. I also hope to meet with the Ugandan ministry of Health. Their laws have changed and we need written permission to bring in

medications and to bring medical teams to Uganda. We have always wanted to do things correctly, so I will go through that process. There are other meetings and other business things to attend to as well, and I am thankful to have the time to take care of the business at hand while I am on the ground.

In particular, it is my heart's desire to arrange to put in drinking wells that have been funded by folks here in the U.S. One well will be called the Shalom Well, and the other will be called the VBS 2 well. I will keep you posted on the progress. Last, there has been a severe drought bringing hunger and starvation to many. As if that wasn't bad enough, the drought was followed by a pest infestation that is eating all the maize (corn) of their next crop. We will be getting data on what might be the best way to help the people help themselves. It is not our job to do it all, but it is our calling to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, and to treat the sick and injured. Please pray for wisdom for me as I gather data and talk to people there. Wisdom and love in a compassionate and real way. Thank you.

"Is there a heaven for me? A place I won't be hungry or cold?"

That is a place I would love to see: Is there a heaven for me?"

We know heaven is real, and we know that it is for all those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. What about those in utter darkness who don't know the Truth? What of those unreached or least reached areas where people have never heard of Christ? This brings three questions to my mind: What are the lost...to me? What are the lost...to you? What are the lost...to the church? We know there is an eternity for them, the more important question becomes: Will there be a heaven for them?

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Lets take this to the grass roots level of our students at K & K. What does this have to do with the kids of K & K: EVERYTHING! They know Christ. They know there is a heaven for them. BUT, they also know their neighbors who do not know Christ, who currently do not have the hope of glory with King Jesus. It is not our responsibility to “win the souls” of Uganda: God’s does that. It is our responsibility to make disciples of those who God puts into our lives. Making disciples requires closeness; it takes time to build loving, trusting, relationships that allow for discipleship to take place. Once we---the Ugandan staff and teachers---disciple the K & K kids, those kids use their schooling, knowledge, and skills to present the Gospel to their neighbors. Ugandans leading Ugandans to Christ: THAT is where the true and lasting evangelism takes place.

By now you know me pretty well. I NEVER ask for money; that just isn’t my style. I am willing to present a need however, and let each person decide if they want to act on it or not. Sometimes the need presented seems like a request for funds, but it isn’t. To me it is NEVER about the money: it is always about the heart.

For example, \$35 a month will meet the needs of a student at Amazing Grace Primary School at K & K. That child will grow and mature as he/she relates to their sponsor over the years. Each child wants to pray, write to, and connect with someone. For the price of a tank of gasoline per month folks can help provide, the total package---teachers, materials, lunches, exams---and pay it forward for the currently unsaved to have great opportunity of coming to know Christ. We are not just raising up and teaching children, we are discipling young men and women to help fulfill the great commission set forth in Matthew 28.

Do your heart a BIG favor: pray about a student! Your love for a child may very well eventually answer the vital question posed by many: “Is there a heaven for me?” with the Truth via an astounding and life-changing reply: YES!!!

Serving Him,

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