



HE KNOCKS

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*And whoso shall receive one such little child
in my name receiveth me. Matt. 18:5*



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GLENN'S CORNER

A key passage for me, as I work within this ministry, comes from Proverbs 2:1-11:

¹ My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, ² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, ³ and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

God has involved us in a unique ministry. He expects us to be wise in our decisions and responsible in our spending. Dependence upon Him and His Word is key in meeting those expectations.

What a rich blessing it is for the children to have you involved in this ministry. Because of you, five hundred children are able to receive an education! Five hundred children are given hope for the future because of you. As the children take a break from their formal education, they are digging into the Scriptures. During Vacation Bible School, they will have eight weeks of teaching, mostly from the Old Testament. They will learn more about the Creation of Heaven and Earth, Joseph and his brothers, Abraham and Isaac, Job, Esther, David and the Miracles of Jesus Christ. Each week they are tested on what they learn and they share with others through drama. They present the Scriptures in living color!

Vacation Bible School is in full swing this summer in the U.S. as well. A church member shared this story with me. Their church decided to give some of their VBS collection to this ministry. As the children learned more about this ministry, one boy, age six, was touched in such a way that he went home asking his mother if he could build a craft. He then set up a stand in his yard selling the craft so he could donate the money to the children of Africa. He donated \$5.50! What a rich blessing this young man is in God's kingdom. Walker, the children of Africa thank you!

July 13 is the beginning of Vacation Bible School in Milbank, South Dakota. Several churches are joining together. They have elected to give their offering to the Hope Centers for Children of Africa. Thank you Lord for providing in special ways!

If your church is interested in such a sponsorship for Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, adult Bible Study, or a Missions Outreach project, please contact me. If able, I will come to share more about this ministry or will send information, photos and brochures to assist you in any way I can.

I am in the planning stages for my next trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. I anticipate travel that will consist of three weeks in January of 2010. Several people have expressed interest in traveling with me. We will be in prayer regarding that and ask for your prayers as well. We are nearing the time of mechanized farming and one of the interested persons has an extensive background in farming and has received specialized training in farming in third world countries. His expertise is most welcome as my farming experience dates back to the late 60s and early 70s.

Thank you again for your partnership. Together we get to see God in action! To Him be the honor and glory.

- the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come to eat and be satisfied, and so that the Lord your God may bless you in the work of your hands - Deuteronomy 14:28b (NIV)

LETTER FROM THE BISOKES

We express our happiness at the progress of the Bunia Children's Hope Center. It is inspiring and fulfilling to see what God is accomplishing through the support of many people there in the US. Thanks a lot for supporting us financially, spiritually, and materially. Without your support the lives of 500 orphan children would not have education and hope.

At the beginning of 2004, there was no Bunia Children's Hope Center. In the Autumn of 2004, we arrived back in Bunia after graduating from Daystar University with our lives dedicated to the Lord to work with the children who lost parents in the conflicts in Ituri District. The growth of Bunia Children's Hope Center was due to many discussions about what to do and how to do it among Bisoke, Furaha, Mama Elsie and Fred. After a few years, Mama Elsie passed away and then God chose Glenn to join us in serving the children.



At BCHC we have a nursery, a primary and secondary school, a library, a dining hall, a new clinic, a chapel building in progress and play ground. We are also keeping 16 goats and 4 cows to build up animal herds for meat and milk. The farming operation is increasing. Food for three weekly meals is grown on the farm.

At the close of the school year, the nursery school had a total number of 100 children. Forty-seven of the children are orphans.

All the pupils in first and second level will pass into the next class. Also, all the pupils of third level in the nursery school performed well in their test. There were 36 pupils who passed into the primary school; 22 of them were the orphan children. One hundred percent of the children passed to the next level of their education.

In primary school we had 608 pupils; 413 are orphan children. In general, 92% of the pupils passed to the next class. In class six, all 43 pupils (36 are orphans) passed into secondary school. In secondary school we had 80 pupils; 40 are orphans. Some of the children attended other schools because Baraka Academy only taught 2 of the 6 grades of secondary school. Ninety percent of the children passed to their next grade. One student took the government test for form six and we are waiting for results. If the student passes the test then he is ready to be BCHC's first high school graduate.

NOTE: School fees are received for those students who are not orphaned. This helps BCHC become self-sufficient.

CLINIC OPENS

The new clinic is open for patients and is now caring for orphans, staff/faculty and host families. Dedication will occur around Aug. 1 and then it will be open to the general public. Everyone except orphans will pay fees to be examined and treated.



BAMANYISA (Micro Business Loan)

Explanation: A review is underway to evaluate the Micro Business Loan program and its impact on the widows who are providing host families for the orphans. In the next issue, we hope to provide details of some revisions to the program. Furaha sent me the story of Bamanyisa ; it touched me deeply and I want to share it with you. -- Fred

My name is Bamanyisa. Before the war every thing was ok in my family. I was married to one husband and we give birth to seven children, 3 boys and 4 girls. We were living in a village called Kunda. My husband was an agricultural man. We had much food to feed our children. My husband was doing everything so that our family had a good life. After harvesting things from the farm, he was putting some of the food in storage for eating, while some was for sold to cover different expenses of the family. All of our children who reach the school-age were going to school.

When the war came here in Congo in 1999, every thing became black to me. This is because I lost all the property and my husband died because of lack of medicine. He was not sick but when we were running, we were separated from each other. By bad luck, he meet the group of rebels. They beat him a lot and left him in the forest. Me and the children were running in one village and he was running in another. When I learned the news that he was beaten, I came back to his village to find him. I found him, but there was no hope of helping him, no hospital, no food, no cloth, etc.... After one week he died. We did his burial on the road and then I went to join our children. My children and I ran until we reached the refuge camp in Bunia. On our way we met a child who was crying alone, the bodies of the both parents were there. I only pick the child and we continued our way to Bunia. There we found many people like us. The refugee's camp was a place that was safe for people. There we get food, plastic bash (a type of plastic that is used as a roof) to build a small home for me and the children. We had not eaten for 2 weeks. At the camp, we ate and the children were very happy, but, me, I was not happy because I lost my husband.

We stayed in the camp for five years. The children were not going to school, we were not receiving food from MONUC, the UN based peacekeeping force in the Congo. I received food from an international NGO but later there was no food. People needed to work to get food. This makes the life to be more hard. Then I met Furaha and Bisoke, I talk to them about what I went through. They let all the children that I have in school. The children started learning, but the life was still hard, because it was hard to feed the children. When the Women Development Program started at BCHC, women were getting loans. I was among those women. I started to sell fish, then potatoes, and now I am selling charcoal.

Since this Micro loan project has started, it has helped me a lot in my family. Like my husband passed a way, no body is there to help me, but the micro business loan took the place of my husband. When I sell things in the market, the income I get help me to satisfy some of the needs of my children. Now I am able to rent a small house for me and my children. This day I am able to feed my children at least once per day.

Now I have hope that all those children will get educated and I am able to help them. Now I am taking care of eight children. Thanks, Bamanyisa



Bamanyisa selling Charcoal in front of her house.

In Memoriam

MUGISA

While BCHC has the goal of providing children with a safe and healthy environment where they can grow up having an education and knowing the Lord, this is not always possible. Last week Mugisa died, the second child to die since BCHC was founded. He was 10 years old and had been with BCHC for 4 years. Even in his passing, BCHC made a difference. He was known, loved, and cared for. He passed away in a hospital receiving the best care available. Friends and community attended his funeral. What would his passing be without BCHC? Would it be a lonely child found in a slum corner with no one to care or even notice? The following is his biography.

Mugisa was born in Democratic Republic of Congo, in a village called Mungwalu. The father was killed first, he was cut by machete when the rebels fought in the village. After the death of his father, Mugisa and his mother continued to run until they reached Kunda village. By bad luck, the rebels attached this Kunda village, his mother was burned in the house while Mugisa was looking for water in the river. It was bad for Mugisa to go back to see the body of his mother. Therefore, Mugisa ran with other people from Kunda until they reached Bunia camp. The camp was safe for them. In 2005 there was no food for the refugees, and life became hard for Mugisa. Every morning he went to the market to beg or steal for something to eat. No one was taking care of him. He had to care for himself. At night he would go back to sleep at the refugee camp or sleep in the market place.

One day Furaha was going through the market. She met him and talked to him. He told her the entire story of his life. It was too bad. She asked



It took one month to convince him to come to the center. Bisoke and Furaha searched for the people who were running with him from Kunda and those people confirmed that the father died in Mungwalu and the mother in Kunda.

Mugisa died at the age of 10 years old. He does not have a brother or a sister. In school he was in standard 3. Because of the sickness, he did not do the final test.

BLANKETS AND QUILTS

Bisoke and Furaha first met Jenny, a lady from Australia, in July 2004 as they were returning from their Daystar University studies in Nairobi, Kenya. They met her in a hotel in Kampala, Uganda and did not tell her anything about the BCHC because it did not exist at that time.

Then in 2006, Jenny came to Bunia to form a women's project for traumatized people and also to teach others how to help the people who are traumatized. When Bisoke and Furaha heard she was coming, they did their best to assist with her seminar. After the seminar Jenny was invited to visit the work at BCHC and she became very interested in what was being done for the orphans. Then she went back to Australia and did some fund raising. In 2007 she came with a team to build the play ground for small children at BCHC.

During the school year 2008-2009, Jenny permitted BCHC to hold Secondary classes in town where her project for women meets. During the year her son got married and all their gifts were donated to BCHC to buy uniforms for the remaining orphan children.

During her last visit, Bisoke and Furaha took her to some of the houses where the orphan children are staying. She saw that the children needed blankets and quilts. She returned to Australia and arranged with the women of her Baptist Church to make blankets and quilts for the children.

Throughout the time we have been working with BCHC, when something is needed, God provides people or resources to answer the need. The lady from Australia is such a person and may God continue to bless her life of service.