



HOPE CENTERS

for Children of Africa

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Two questions are asked of me on a regular basis; 1. Why do you work in Africa when there is so much need right here in the U.S.? 2. Is it safe to travel in Africa? The first answer is quite easy. The Lord knew my heart and during a time of prayer, He placed 3 words on my heart; aids, Africa and orphans. I had just asked the Lord to use me in a way that I could see great impact on His Kingdom. His answer was so immediate and impactful that I began searching what He meant by His words. In 2007 I called Fred Scaife to explore the possibilities of working with him. In August of 2008 I traveled to Bunia, DR Congo. It was a trip to see if this ministry was right for me and if the staff in Bunia believed I was right for them. They gave Fred a “thumbs up” and after spending 3 weeks in Bunia, I knew the Lord’s plan for me. Is it safe to travel over there? With some precautions in place, yes, it is safe to travel in Africa. I liken it to travel in Europe. A person can be caught up in the wrong place at the wrong time. Yet, every breath, every heartbeat belongs to the Lord. Everything is in His timing. I feel safe when I travel.

A Sense of Urgency

I don’t often have a sense of urgency except when I procrastinate and put things off until the last minute. This sense of urgency is of a different nature and has significant implications. Democratic Republic of the Congo is a country in limbo. National elections were scheduled for 2016. The election has been put off until April 2018. The Congolese are uneasy. I sense we have a small window of opportunity to see significant impact on God’s Kingdom in Bogoro before the elections take place. **While children comprise 19% of DR Congo’s population, they account for 47% of the deaths each year.** Unsafe water and limited medical care have devastating effects on babies and small children. With thousands of children



dying each year and possibilities of restricted travel in the near future, **I am asking for your prayers and financial support in unprecedented ways.** Through concentrated effort we can greatly improve the infrastructure and the overall survival of the ministry should aid be blocked from reaching them after the elections take place. Two areas of concentration; **Provide Safe Water:** Students from Shalom University in Bunia are now trained in well drilling. Twenty seven (27) new wells have been drilled in DR Congo! We’ve had a number of contacts with Shalom University in Bunia. Several years ago Furaha received financial training at Shalom and we purchased many Bibles through them. **Provide adequate medical care;** No matter where I go in Africa, quality medical care centers are few and far between. As we enroll more orphans in school and add more widows to the micro loan program, we will explore the most efficient means of providing adequate health care. I will travel to Bunia/Bogoro in March of 2017. I will have the team research possibilities for safe water and the cost of a new clinic near the school.

Uganda: The ministry continues to move forward

It was a long time in coming but the wood chipper and other equipment arrived at the farm just two days before I arrived in November. The wood chipper will add much needed mulch to the surface of the soil. James is our agronomist and Paul, with a number of years of experience in farming, is in charge of research and development. Paul's father was an evangelist and Paul follows in his footsteps. Aside from working on the farm, he will develop and implement training for students and widows in Bible teaching and practical application for daily living. In November additional orphans received uniforms and shoes. A few days later some of the children arrived at school barefoot. When asked why, some said they were saving their shoes for Christmas. In their culture dressing to the max for a celebration is very important...and some may be used to being barefoot and are more comfortable going with what feels natural. To combat the constant problem of chiggers, students are encouraged to wear shoes at all times.



Pictured are James on the left and Paul on the right

Christmas is approaching quickly. There will be a Christmas celebration in all three locations. If you desire to contribute to the cost of that please indicate below. Thank you for your partnership in giving hope to so many.

Merry Christmas!



WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Safe Water in Bogoro, DR Congo
- Medical aid in Bogoro, DR Congo
- Christmas Celebration
- Matching Funds SUVs for DR Congo and Uganda
- Matching Funds Water production well Uganda

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Thank you, Glenn Mork