



HOPE CENTERS

for Children of Africa

May 2015



Project complete and water is flowing!



It was hard for the children to concentrate on their studies as the well was being repaired at St. Andrews School. Many of the orphans attend St. Andrews, a public school. The government pays the salaries of teachers but there is no funding available for projects such as well repair.

The Headmaster at the school, Claudius, had been collecting donations from families of students for three years. The school fund paid for the labor and HCCA provided the materials for the repair. Students no longer have to haul water from the well which is approximately ¼ mile away. The well we repaired is within 50 feet of the school gate.



The Farm

As land is cleared, more seeds are sown and fencing installed. The fence posts are made from trees being cleared. The posts are cut from trees and after being placed in wet soil, sprouts begin to appear. The posts will soon become trees lining the property, absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. They will provide shade and leaves for composting. As they clear land for food production, the Ugandans are showing me how to be a good steward of the earth God created!



Six acres of land cleared and in production. The crops include; soya, sweet potato, carrots, onion, edible beans, ground nuts (peanuts), tomatoes, watermelon, cassava, green peppers and papaya. The papaya plants will be transplanted along the fence line and will quickly grow into fruit bearing trees. Soon banana plants will be added.



Pictured here, some of the widows are preparing matooke. They served porridge and matooke with peanut sauce for the noon meal. We held our first meeting after the meal to receive and discuss their reports of how the micro business grants are working for them. We received many good reports and a few who experienced problems of theft of chickens and ducks. Overall, the program is progressing well.

Meet some of those we work with:

Buluku Charles – He cares for two grandsons. They help on the farm and assist in caring for the chickens and pigs. Charles found 4 of his chickens dead one morning. They had been beaten. He assumes a neighbor or someone walking through his property must have had a jealous heart. The pigs he purchased are doing well.



He plans to receive two litters each year. The litters average 8 piglets. He plans to keep 5 and sell 3 from each litter. Charles plants maize and vegetables. His garden is his work. He grows his own food. He has coffee plants and harvests and sells the beans twice yearly. Charles asked for prayer that he would have a long life, enabling him to care for his grandsons and that they would study well and have a bright future.



Kiviri Lovina knows hardship. Approximately 8 years ago her lower jaw was surgically removed due to cancer. She came to this area 39 years ago after fleeing from the war. She brought her 6 year old sister, Kandigoma Jovia, with her.

Kandigoma - They live near to each other and have gone into business together with the funds received through their micro business grants. They invested in a charcoal making project. Preparing a stack of wood to make charcoal is a month long project. They stack the wood and place soil on each layer. 21 layers later, a fire is started. Properly charred wood is pulled out as the smoldering fire burns from one end to the other. It can take up to 3 weeks for the entire stack of wood to be made into charcoal. They asked for prayer for house repairs, to have a good, long life, protection for the orphans under their care and for God to guide and direct their lives.



Norah and 3 year old Ian. They live in a building set up as a combination of housing and storefront. On the day of our visit Norah was selling sugar cane. Behind the building they share the space with 3 other families. They cook over an open fire. One day while playing, Ian collided with a pot of boiling water and sustained burns on his chest and abdomen.



Fortunately Alexa and Emma were in the area and were able to transport Ian by van to the hospital in Kiwoko. Had they not been there his mom would have had to hire a motorcycle taxi to take them on a dusty gravel road to the hospital. HCCA paid for his treatment at the hospital. Today Ian is doing well. He paused long enough for a photo and then ran off to play.

Three of our children at St. Andrews:



Ivan, Primary 2



Hisija Primary 1



Noah, Primary 1

We are now preparing for the startup of school in September. We will need school and uniform fees for the children attending St. Andrews (35) and hope to have the funds to pay the school and uniform fees for the orphans in secondary school. This summer more names will be added to the micro business grant program. We hope to have the funds by October to expand this much needed program.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- **School and uniform fees**
- **Micro Business grants**
- **Drip Irrigation**

Checks can be made out to
HCCA - 500 Rudy Lane, Buffalo, MN 55313

Thank you! Glenn & Sherry Mork