



HOPE CENTERS

for Children of Africa

December 2013



What a difference 1 year makes! September 2012 harvest was all about manual labor. Students came by the bus load to harvest the maize. November 2013 we introduced the use of a two row corn picker.



They harvested with shouts of joy as they watched stalk after stalk being stripped of the ears of maize. They will still have 5-6 students assist with the harvest. They will check picked rows for ears of maize missed by the picker and handle the unloading and storage of the harvested maize.

We took one more step in Novem-

ber. After leaving the farm/Bunia, I returned to Kampala, Uganda to purchase hybrid maize seed. Use of the new seed will give them the potential to increase the yield by 2 to 3 times the normal yield. The seed comes from the East African Seed Company in Kenya. Studies show the seed gives amazing results. The seed is drought resistant. That will be important for the planting in March/April of 2014. Of the two growing seasons each year, the March-June season is much dryer than the fall season. Mission Aviation Fellowship provided transport of the maize. MAF is a wonderful ministry and



assists us in a number of ways.



We are targeting July 2014 as a new era for BCHC. I had numerous meetings with Furaha and Bisoke while with them in November. Together, we met with those in charge of each department. We had several meetings with the farm staff and made some adjustments to their staffing. Together, we stressed the importance of the next 6 months. For some it is a time of concern and worry. For others, it is a time that must come. Several likened it to raising a child. There must

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Newsletter From BCHC

The school was opened on 5th of September 2013. All the children were very happy to be back in School at Baraka Academy after a break of two months. Some of the children entered new class rooms while a few will have to repeat the class for this school year. All the teachers also were ready for the services for this school year. In 2013/14, in the nursery school we recruited 51 children, among them

we have 3 orphan children, 10 children of staff and 38 children who have parents and they are paying the school fees of their children. In the primary school we have 2 schools, one at Baraka 1, at Kanyasi and the second school at Shari Village. At Baraka 1 we have enrolled 621 pupils, among them 286 are orphan children, 65 are staff children, and 270 are the children who are paying the school

fees. At Shari, we have enrolled 147 pupils, among them 60 are orphan children, 6 are staff children, and 70 are the children who are paying the school fees. At the secondary school we have enrolled 600 pupils, among them 340 are orphan children, 35 are staff children, and 230 are children who pay the school fees.

Blessings, Furaha

come a time for the child to begin on his/her own. Uchama, Headmaster of the high school, asked that I be there to give the child a drink of tea when he comes back home and is thirsty.

On Their Own In 2014

I stressed to each of them the progress made in the last 3 years. In **November 2010**, Furaha needed funding from the U.S. in the amount of **\$5,139.00** to meet monthly expenses. **November 2013**, Furaha requested **\$889** to meet monthly expenses. That is a significant reduction. I assured them I would remain close by, ready to react if needed! Please join us in prayer that the Lord will grant them good harvests. Pray they will see the Lord as their guide and strength as they move forward.



Children of Mwanga

I introduced to you the Chief of Mwanga in the last newsletter. I met with him and tribal council members twice in August 2013. I met with them again during the November trip. He told me he was surprised to see me again. He was quite certain I would not return. They have met with broken promises in the past. I acknowledged their past disappointments. I assured him we were coming to assist with orphan and widow care. We had a productive meeting and before leaving, I gave him an item to hold on to until my return in January, 2014. He asked when we would begin the work in Mwanga. I told him we would hold

meetings in January and March in anticipation of a start date of June 1, 2014. During the next several months we will set up the governing structure. I asked Chaplain Emanuel and Jeanne, leader of Women In Development, to assist with the organization, implementation and to sit on the governing board. I suggested to the chief that he sit on the board along with others which could include a combination of council members, widows, a male from one of the host families, Chaplain Emanuel and Jeanne.

The new ministry is tentatively named Amani (A ma nee) Maendeleo (My en de lay o) Center. It means Peace and Prosperity. This area is home to many widows and approximately 300 orphaned/abandoned children. The structure of this ministry is intended to impact the entire community by focusing most of our time and finances in the families that care for the orphans. Our intention is to prosper each family. As individual families prosper, the community, as a whole, prospers.

As requested by the chief/council, the first order of business is to build a clinic. We will look for a hospital or clinic in the Bunia area to partner with us to build and operate the new clinic. We will build it next to the rows of homes in which the widows live. We have a target date of August, 2014 to begin enrolling orphans in the local school. It is within walking distance from the homes of the widows. The school is rudimentary in building construction and furnishings within but that only means we can have an immediate and positive impact on the school. The classrooms average 48 students each, with the largest class at 63. Depending on how construction goes during the summer months



of June, July and August, we hope to have new classrooms ready for orphaned children by fall.



It's a school day and the children of Mwanga are in their classrooms. It is likely the parent(s) of this child cannot afford the school fees. He and his mother are on the way to market.





We will have 6 hectares of land in the beginning, 3 of which are over the hill from the widows' homes and 3 hectares are right next to their homes. In total, 6 hectares equals 14.4 acres of land. The clinic will take up a small portion of it. We plan to use 1/2 of the land for the widows to grow vegetables, maize and other crops as their food source and to provide additional income. The use of the remaining land will be determined by the board of directors. One possibility is to plant/harvest crops to be sold for profit and used to pay school and clinic fees and to purchase medicine for the orphans and widows. We took a walk to view the land they are willing to sell to us. The land appears to be good, fertile soil.

typhoid. She went home to be with the Lord November 13, 2013. Please uphold the host family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Nema.



The Matching Funds campaign is in full swing! We have accomplished so much and yet we have more work to do if you are willing! Three hundred more orphans to reach in 2014. We have \$20,000 in Matching Funds! As you donate, up to \$20,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. We have \$15,000 in matching funds for the general fund and \$5,000 matching funds for the college fund. The general fund will assist BCHC in finishing well and to help start the work in Mwanga! During the Matching Funds campaign, those donating \$100 or more will receive a HCCA Calendar. The calendar was designed by and for the church in Czech Republic. They graciously offered to translate it into English and allow us to print it here.



As we were walking back to the main road, we met ladies washing their clothes. Seems impossible, but even in these conditions, the clothing comes out clean!

Nema was 5 months old when she came to BCHC. I was told she was in the hospital when I arrived in Bunia. She grew too weak from complications of malaria and

How can I help?

_____ Matching Funds/General Fund
for BCHC and Mwanga

_____ Matching Funds/College Fund
for BCHC

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

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How to Help

Please continue to pray for the orphans, the widows, and the staff of BCHC. Please pray for HCCA as we strive to know the heart of Christ and follow in His footsteps. Your prayers are so vital to this ministry. If you desire to contribute financially, please make checks payable to Hope Centers for Children of Africa, (HCCA) and mail to HCCA, 500 Rudy Lane, Buffalo, MN 55313 or use Paypal if you desire to contribute through that format. Please visit our website at www.africanhopecenters.org. Any questions or comments, call Glenn Mork at 612-310-2395 or email at HopeCenters4orphans@gmail.com.

Thank you.

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Correction for James Doudiet - Should read Former CFO/NSP



Secretary – Carol Nygard

My husband, Gary, and I raised our three boys on a farm near Madison in west central Minnesota where I enjoyed helping in the fields and working with the angus cattle we raised. We attend Trinity Lutheran in Appleton, MN where I am active with the Mission Team, choir and Sunday School. I love spending time with our 5 grandchildren

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