

HOPE CENTERS

for Children of Africa

July 2012



The container arrived, tons of supplies and equipment unloaded and put to use!
The container arrived at BCHC one day after I arrived with a team of 5 to help set up, build, train and distribute many of the items contained within.



Arriving one day after we set foot upon the ground in Bunia; God's timing is incredible. Craig, Steve, Tom, Tracey and Abi traveled with me to experience Africa/BCHC firsthand. Our trip included 39 hours of flying time and at least as many hours without electricity. Yet, the trip was good, the team was awesome and so much was accomplished.



The team was comprised of people with experience, talents and skills in many areas. Steve and Craig are farmers in the Cokato MN area. Tom is a welder by trade. Tracey works in the area of finance and project management. Abi is a student, graduating from high school this year, after spending 11th grade living with a host family in France. Her ability to communicate in French was quite helpful. Their work assignments varied from day to day. Everyone spent time on the farm, helping with the first phase of bin construction. Steve's experience in constructing bins was a huge asset. Due to time and rain, we were able to construct one of the two bins. Pictured below you see the Congolese building the second bin.

Pictured above: Bisoke, Abi, Glenn, Steve, Craig, Tom, Tracey and Furaha



Working together, learning together

Taking what they learned and applying it.
They now have rat resistant grain/feed storage.

Farm equipment was set up and hands on training began.



Craig adjusting the planter and showing pictures of his family to curious onlookers



Steve demonstrating.
Jean-Pierre riding with a watchful eye.



Mokili (Mo ke le) giving it a try!



As farm land was being planted, safe water systems were assembled, training sessions put on and finally, distribution of the systems to the families. Double pails use ceramic filters, single pails use Proctor & Gamble Pur Pacs at a cost of 5 cents/family/day for safe water!



Shoe setup and distribution took time and lots of work. Over 3,300 pairs of shoes were collected, shipped and handed out to the orphans, widows, families of the widows, staff members and their children.



Baraka Academy

The teachers are anxious to begin using actual text books in September. They routinely have to make copies of books and workbooks when teaching a class. The new text books are in French. They came from a book drive conducted by French Immersion students in Edina, MN.

Thank You

We were able to supply BCHC with over 19,000 lbs. of equipment, supplies, educational material, portable x-ray and ultra sound equipment and over 3,300 pairs of shoes! Thank you to all who donated items and assisted in the collection or packing of the shoes. Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church of Cokato, MN and Emmaus Lutheran Church of Bloomington, MN were vital to the success of the shoe drive. A special thanks to Emmaus for the purchase of the container and covering the shipping costs. Lord's blessings to each and every one of you!

12 Dairy Cows

Furaha applied for a grant through an organization in the UK, Emerge Poverty Free Project Partners. Last week she was notified they had accepted her proposal. They will assist her in the purchase of 12 milk cows, a bull, food and medicine for the animals, and a building to house them. The grant includes the salary of 2 herders. The milk will allow many of the children to have milk on a daily basis and any excess will be sold at the market to help off-set the cost of operation.

Challenging Times

Just as we are experiencing drought in the upper mid-west, with corn prices rising as a result, so too is Bunia experiencing a lack of rain. Furaha estimates the yield will be quite low this harvest season. As a result, she is estimating they will need a minimum of \$3,000/month in support for the next 6 months.

Medical expenses spiked this year as a result of accidents and illnesses. Our nurses work diligently to heal the sick and injured but if results are not seen within one week, they will generally transfer the child to the hospital.

The funds are short. The needs are real. Will you consider a special summertime gift?

Our current needs include:

\$18,000.00 - Monthly support increase from \$855/month to \$3,000/month for the next 6 months

\$1,500 - Training for one nurse in the use of the x-ray and ultra-sound units

\$5,000.00 - Purchase of Pur Pacs for Safe Water Systems (5 cents/day/family to provide safe water within their homes)

Pray for a bountiful crop this fall.

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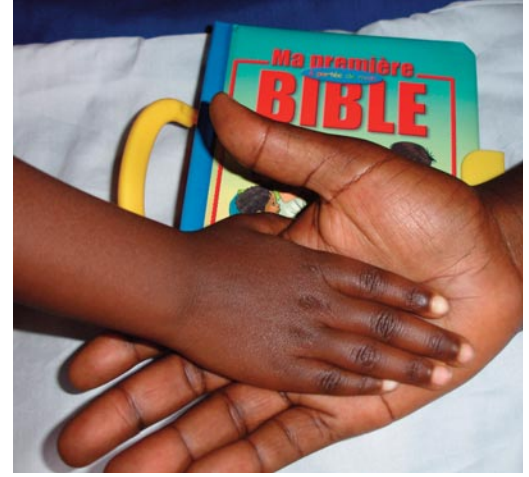


How to Help

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, please feel free to call Glenn Mork at 612-310-2395 or email at gmork1@aol.com. Thank you.



Bernadette is an employee of the clinic at BCHC. She is the grandmother to the six children pictured with her. Her daughter-in-law, the mother of the children died from complications of typhoid a year ago. Bernadette's son, Pascal died recently and now Bernadette is the primary caregiver. They will enter Baraka Academy this fall and will receive some support from BCHC. Please keep them in your prayers.



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