

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY:

In effort to raise some support locally to support the project, we engage in crop growing especially coffee and maize to feed kids. We thank God that the water pump donated by Lincoln Foursquare Church in Nebraska three years ago is still serving to pump water to the garden during the dry season to irrigate our coffee. This year we had our first harvest of over 1500kgs of dried coffee beans!



HOW TO GET INVOLVED.

Child Sponsorship \$300 per year

Donate a community well \$5000 (Most local villages in Greater Masaka take in contaminated water from ponds, sharing water with cattle, causing ill-health to children)

Donate a motorcycle to a local pastor \$1500 (we desire to ease mobility to pastors for the advancement of the Gospel to other villages)

DESIRING TO VOLUNTEER OR VISIT UGANDA?

The project welcomes any God fearing person desiring to visit the project in Uganda for a mission trip or volunteer for a specified period at any of our projects. The project has good guest rooms which needs little facilitation like \$30 per night for maintenance and meeting electric and water bills. We are also appealing to individual persons desiring to fundraise for our projects, be free to contact us via our email address below.

FOR DONATIONS:

Write your cheque under Bethel Community Outreach-Uganda and mail it to: 753 Rutledge Street, Knoxville, IA 50138

NON-PROFIT ACCOUNT DETAILS:

BANK: MARION COUNTY BANK, PELLA

ACCOUNT NAME: BETHEL COMMUNITY OUTREACH - UGANDA

ACCOUNT NO. 18696724

FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER WIRE DIRECTLY TO THE PROJECT IN

UGANDA. Provide this information to your bankers;

CORRESPONDENT BANK: CITI BANK , NEW YORK

SWIFT ADDRESS: CITIUS33

FED ROUTING NUMBER: 021000089

BENEFICIARY BANK: ABSA BANK UGANDA

SWIFT CODE: BARCUGKX

BENEFICIARY DETAILS

NAME: BETHEL COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 6000585376

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NEWS LETTER | SUMMER- 2024

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

ISAIAH 5:1-10

“The Parable of the Beloved and His vineyard”

The parable above is an illustration of a farmer who toiled to prepare the garden, removed stones and planted the choicest vine, built a watch tower, dug a winepress and waited for the harvest. To his surprise, instead of the vineyard yielding good vines, it yielded wild grapes.

We live in a world of expectations, from every corner in life, a lot is demanded by those whom we serve. Between parents and children, husband and wife, pastor and congregation, employer and employee. With each side, there is always a sacrifice involved. When each side isn't satisfied, what comes after would be disappointments, regrets and judgement. May the Holy Spirit guide us in this life to remain faithful to the trust others have put in us, and that we would live up to our words and commitments.

In the above text, when all expectations failed, the farmer held a meeting with all inhabitants in Jerusalem saying, “What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?”

Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth good grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

I believe there are people that have been a blessing to our lives, their input is incomparable but when we disappoint them, that would be a great tragedy. On the other hand, the Lord has been so good to us. He saved us from our sins, has sheltered us from various storms of life, He has given His Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, He has done so much and everyone reading this can testify and say Ebenezer! May we live up to His expectations and never to disappoint Him.

I spoke to a certain congregation and said to them, “Whatever the Lord does to us, is always for a reason.” He may not state it exactly but it takes revelation to understand. Why have you provided me this much Lord? Why have you given me a fine family? Etc.

The Psalmist once said; “What shall I render, unto the LORD for all His benefits toward me? (Psalm 116:12)

Live to His expectations!

Samuel Macgeorge Kawalya

GENERAL GREETINGS

On behalf of our project in Masaka, Uganda, we send our lovely greetings to all our partners in this cause. We are thankful to our Father God and the Lord Jesus Christ for the grace accorded to run the ministry amidst financial struggles! We are super grateful for all our children sponsors reaching out to touch lives through educational support at our project school – Bethel Learning Centre Nursery and Primary school.

Someone said; “You may not be able to touch the entire world, but you can touch and transform the world of just one child.” Personally, I had a rough upbringing, having been raised from dire poverty, being helped by those I never knew nor my little family, when I grew up I decided to reach out to those in need. No wonder I and Stellah have a family of 13 kids! Five are a biological, and the rest are orphans under our roof. We transferred the same spirit of touching lives to Bethel Community Outreach Ministries Uganda since 2002, where we care for over 245 children of the community at our project school – Bethel Learning Centre and over 48 project sponsored children to other schools and institutions of higher learning.

PROJECT UPDATES

CLASS TIME!



MEAL TIME!

PASTOR SAMUEL'S MISSION TRIP

Pastor Samuel desires to make another mission trip to various States in September – October time and will speak God's Word wherever a door opens up. He will also help put word out concerning the work of Bethel Community Outreach in Uganda.



APPEAL: NEED OF A SCHOOL BUS. Bethel School has a very old school van that used to help to lift kids walking long distances to access the school. It's now completely grounded!. We urgently need a min bus (Coaster) which would help kids as well as mission teams visiting the project. A good min bus would cost \$25,000

UGANDA MISSION TRIPS

At the offset of 2024, the organization recieved Pastor Bob Johnson from First Reformed Church Pella. Bob spoke extensively to some of our local churches and together with his church family blessed the school with balls for soccer, skipping ropes for kids, new jerseys for kids etc. We greatly thank God for the ministry partnership between First Church together with the Send Network to work alongside BCOM Uganda to help the school project, the local churches and Pastors!



Pr. Bob at Kamutuuza & Masaka Christian Centre



Mr. Douglas Terpstra and Team

Around September 2023 we received a team of five from Celebrate Church, Knoxville Iowa. These included Doug, Nate, Ashley and Melinda. It was a joyous moment to host the team at our project school, they played with kids, provided counseling, volunteered at serving food and hand washing kids clothes. They also visited some local churches! The team donated books to our school library!



REPORT FROM BUKOMANSIMBI CHRISTIAN CENTRE.

Towards the end of August last year our local church structure in Bukomansimbi fell flat after a very heavy wind storm. It was a testing moment for Pastor Peter Tumwine and wife. We thank God that, Mr. Doug Terpstra and Mr. Nate Spiegel led a team from Bethel Community Outreach –Uganda, our US Nonprofit to Masaka project in 2023. After their visit, they raised funds to help restore roof to this local church and other two churches that were in dire need of corrugated sheets. After recovering from that trauma, the church faced land eviction! We would like to extend our special thanks to Celebrate Community Church – Knoxville under Pastor Andrew Schmidt for donating \$5000 to purchase land for Bukomansimbi! Today the local assembly has officially shifted to its new location under the hard working leadership of Pastors Peter and Florence Tumwiine!

LASTING IMPACT MINISTRY ASSOCIATION.

This is where we reach out to our network of local churches as well as supporting local Pastors. Local Pastors act as our ears on ground to assess the needs of local communities through which we can reach out with relief like the drilling of wells or helping the needy.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL PASTORS

During Pastor Bob's visit, he witnessed the stressful life local pastors in Uganda endure, they live by faith, no salary etc. He felt led to donate a brand new motor cycle to pastor Philip Kalyango of Kamutuuza Christian Centre.



KAYIJJA CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Trusting God for corrugated sheets to cover up our temporary church structure.



NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Towards the end of December, we were able to witness the launching of two local churches. Kisassa Christian Centre under Pr. Jane Nagawa and Kayijja Christian Centre under Pr. Augustine Mbaziira

KISASSA CHRISTIAN CENTRE



ON-GOING CHURCH CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

We took a step of faith to construct Bethel Community Church, Kasijjagirwa, which will hold among others; our Nursery School, project offices, Church auditorium, and a conference hall. The two storied structure is estimated to cost \$250,000. We kindly request your partnership in this pursuit.

