



Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth we have just celebrated with JOY. We pray that every person reading this newsletter will know not only the baby Jesus, but the Saviour who gave His life for each one of us. Since our last newsletter we have seen some wonderful things happen here in Kitgum.

We trust that you are encouraged as you read about what God is doing in this part of the world.

Family Fun Day:

On Friday 12th December, we celebrated our “Family Fun Day” when we invite the families of our workmen to come to the property and spend a few hours simply having fun together. The favourite activity this year was playing Cricket. Other events included a classic “sack race”, an “egg and spoon race” and of course no day such as this one would be complete without a “three legged race”. They had never seen or heard of any of these races, but enjoyed them immensely. Some classic expressions were witnessed by all watching! It was so good to see everyone laughing and enjoying the time together. Wayne also got out the Honda ATV to take the children for “a spin”, and I’m not sure which “kid” enjoyed this the most? (Tough job, but someone had to do it!)

After sharing some banana cake, paw paw, potato chips and sodas, everyone went home very thankful for the time spent together. These lovely people normally cannot afford such pleasures (which we take for granted)! It is such a joy for us to take “time-out” with our staff, who are so loyal to us throughout the year.

The “Family Fun Day” is a definite fixture on our yearly calendar.



Our Return in 2015:

We arrive back in Adelaide on Monday January 5th at 8.50pm on Emirates flight EK440 from Dubai. We plan to spend just under 3 months back in Australia for some R & R and to meet with family and supporters.

We will be speaking at Birdwood United Church on Sunday 18th January at 10.00am. If you would like to catch up with us, we would love to see you there. We will also be spending some time in Clare.

Mobile Numbers while in Australia: Wayne: 0431 454 843 Bev: 0411 781 365

AGM on 8th February:

The Annual General Meeting of “Cornerstone Foundation (Australia) Inc.” will be held in the Birdwood United Church on Sunday 8th February 2015 at 2.00pm. It is vitally important that as many members and friends as possible attend this meeting. In mid 2015 we will have to apply for Re-Registration of the Foundation with the NGO Board in Kampala. New rules and regulations have been put into place by the Board that make it harder and harder for NGO’s to remain in the country. The NGO Board need to see that the Foundation has the full support of its’ members in Australia, as we continue with the goal of building the training facility in Kitgum. We would love to see you if you are able to come. There are several positions available on the CFA Management Board. Please prayerfully consider joining our Board if you feel God is asking you to support us in this way.

Outreach at Oryang Ojuma:

On December 18th the first “Outreach” by Cornerstone Foundation to the local community, was held in our “front paddock”. A friend brought a generator and all of the movie equipment to show the “Jesus” film, spoken in the local “Acholi” language. The evening began with Acholi video music clips until it was dark enough to watch the movie, and to let people know that something was happening. By the time the movie started approximately 200 people had come and at the completion of the movie, 50 people, both young and old, gave their heart to Jesus. What a privilege it was for us to witness lives being changed by the power of God! Praise the Lord!! Many of those who came are our immediate neighbours. We plan to hold several such evenings next year upon our return. Please pray with us about how we can best “follow-up” those who came forward at the film. We would love to provide further teaching and opportunity for fellowship. We are very thankful that our dear friends from “Africa4God” (Erica and Robb) provided all of the equipment to enable the film to be shown.



Container Unloaded:

In November we were able to help our dear friend Lois Ford who cares for many orphaned children here in Kitgum, by unloading a 20ft shipping container of medical supplies and equipment sent from Australia. The lifting jacks used to unload our own 20ft containers a number of years ago were once more put into action to safely unload her container. It was great to be able to help another ministry in this way.



Note: Lois fell recently and broke her Femur. We were able to arrange a “Medivac” flight with MAF for her to receive treatment in Kumi, normally a 7 hr drive away. (More details next newsletter) Praise the Lord for MAF!!! (Mission Aviation Fellowship)

Progress on the Project:

Wayne and the men have been working very hard to complete the main structure for the roof and verandahs of the house. We were hoping to have the roofing sheets on before returning to Australia, but that has not been possible due to many factors. For example, it took 2 weeks just to place the order, followed by a full day for the workmen to clean the 100+ sheets, one by one, after being delivered, just to remove foul smelling fish remains spilled all through our roofing sheets from cargo stored above them on the truck. Rain has once more proved to be a problem when trying to set posts in place, and our workmen continue to find it hard to grasp the concepts needed when setting up, boxing and pouring concrete footings for the posts.

None-the-less we believe we have made good progress and look forward to seeing the roof completed not long after our arrival back in Kitgum next April. The concrete floor and wall structure will then be completed. Our workmen are slowly learning many new skills as we continue with construction.

As stated in Octobers' newsletter, we need help to complete the building program more quickly. Please continue to pray with us for God's timing in sending those He has already chosen to help us. (A little prayer for patience for us would be appreciated too!!)



Steel fabricated structure as at 27/12/2014

New Phone No's:

We are sorry that the Uganda phone numbers given in our last Newsletter were incorrect. We thought that when we changed from MTN to the Orange (network), we could keep our existing numbers and just change the first digits from 077 to 079. Not So!! Our new Mobile phone numbers in Uganda are:

Wayne: +256 794847359 Bev: +256 794847861

Our e-mail address remains the same: wbstevenscfa@gmail.com

Land Rover strikes again:

About 5 weeks ago the Land Rover just would not start. Wayne called Vic, a British mechanic living in Kitgum, who discovered that the “head” needed to be removed from the engine and sent to Kampala for machining. So after spending several days in Kampala, (overseeing the job which required 3 attempts before they “got it right”) Vic returned and again worked until it was repaired. He found a couple of other minor things needing attention, so did them at the same time.

We Praise God that the Landie broke down on our property, and not the week-end before, when we had travelled to a village

about an hours’ drive from Kitgum, to visit a woman dying of Cancer. If it had broken down then, only the Lord knows how we would have been able to have it repaired, not to mention the vulnerability of it being left in a remote place. Once again, God’s timing is pretty well “spot on”!



Work Permits: Not quite yet!

Although we submitted our “Work Permit” renewal papers in August 2014, we still have not received the Permits. Our paper-work was submitted, but someone in the NGO Board spelt our names wrong, so our application was rejected! As the NGO Board only meet monthly, we had to apply for “Special Passes” just so that we could leave the country on January 4th. We now will be required to buy “Tourist Visas” upon our return to Uganda in April. Another US\$100 to do that! Sometimes it’s very frustrating that it costs so much, just to be here to help the Ugandan people. Three letters say it all: **A.W.A (Africa Wins Again!!)**

Prayer Points:

Praise God:

For His strength and safety while working this year
For the fact that the Land Rover broke down “on site”
For the helpers He is going to provide “In His Time”
For Robb and Erica providing the necessary equipment which allowed us to hold the Outreach evening
For the 50 people whose lives have been changed by Jesus
For the Joy of knowing Jesus as Saviour and Lord
That Sports Betting is on the decrease here in Kitgum



Please pray:

For more opportunities to “share the Word” locally here in Oryang Ojuma
That God’s voice will be heard by the Christian young couple or person who will join us, long-term in Kitgum
For the many families who are dealing with “Nodding Syndrome” and “Epilepsy”
For “follow up” to occur for the people who gave their heart to Jesus at the recent Outreach evening
For our dear friend Lois, as she recovers from surgery on her broken Femur

With our love, *Wayne and Bev*

Donation Reply: *(A receipt and thank-you note will be issued for all donations)*

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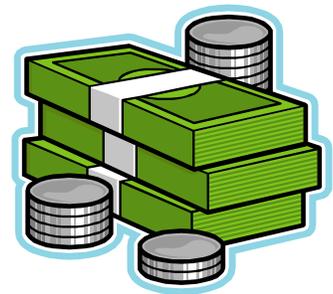
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