

Newsletter January 2018
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Dear friends,

Since sending our last newsletter in November 2017, work continued at a pretty good rate, with four segments of 100mm thick reinforced concrete floor of our staff residence being completed. However, while troweling off the fourth segment in mid-December, Wayne injured his left knee causing considerable soft tissue damage. Needing crutches simply to get around has meant that the building program came to a standstill. None-the-less, as you will read in the following sections of this issue, by employing local builders, and Wayne working with our workmen, Dominica (an elderly widow that we mentioned in the last newsletter) now has a home and is living in safety on the Cornerstone property.

Wayne & Bev returning to Adelaide:

At the time of writing this newsletter we are in Kampala preparing to fly back to Adelaide tomorrow (Monday 29th January). We made the decision to return earlier than planned to seek medical help regarding Wayne's knee injury and because we are both totally exhausted physically, emotionally and spiritually and will be seeking advice and wise counsel regarding our future in Kitgum. We need some "time out" to seek the Lord's will and direction for our lives and to "re-ignite the flame" of our calling to Kitgum.

We both feel that the area of ministry with the widows around our district is certainly going to be a very real part of the future of the Cornerstone Project, but the Vocational Training of local young people is still very much our main focus.

At this stage we don't know how long we will be in Australia, but we do know we cannot continue with the building program until we have someone who God calls, to help us. Wayne simply cannot continue with the heavy manual work needed to complete the building program on his own.

Dominica now living on Cornerstone Property:

As a result of our request for help for a dear elderly widow (Dominica) mentioned in the November newsletter, it has been wonderful to be able to have a "tukul" (grass roof African hut) and pit-latrines / bathing facility constructed by local men, for Dominica to live in on the Cornerstone property.

We are so thankful for a sponsor from South Australia who funded the purchase of cooking utensils, charcoal, cooking oil, clothing and food and is now providing monthly support to buy food, and cooking supplies for her. A second sponsor donated funds toward the construction costs of the home and toilet / bathing facility for Dominica. We have had the privilege of seeing this dear soul's life transformed! She has a smile that goes from ear to ear, and no longer lives in fear. She now has food to eat and shelter throughout the year.

Dominica now living on Cornerstone Property: (Continued)

The first thing Dominica did when she knew she had a place to call home, was have a hair-cut. A hair-cut in the Acholi way (as you can see in the photo below), is a razor blade smooth, skin-tone, shiny, bald, no-maintenance cut. She is indeed a “very happy camper”, now enjoying the remaining years of her life in safety.

The scripture verse upon which the ministry of Cornerstone Foundation is based is from James 1: 27, "The Christian ... is the one who takes care of orphans and widows, and who remains true to the Lord."

While our ultimate focus is upon Vocational Training for orphaned and destitute young people, it's clear that the Lord has brought across our path the first of possibly other needy widows who will find shelter and support within the Cornerstone property in the years to come. The elderly are the forgotten ones in our Oryang Ojuma community. No-one really cares about them and they are seen as a burden by many and are often left to simply fend for themselves.



Local Masons building the “Tukul” and Pit Latrine / Bathing facility



Tukul roof under construction



Pit Latrine / Bathing Facility



Dominica receiving the padlock for her new home from Bev.

Annual General Meeting:

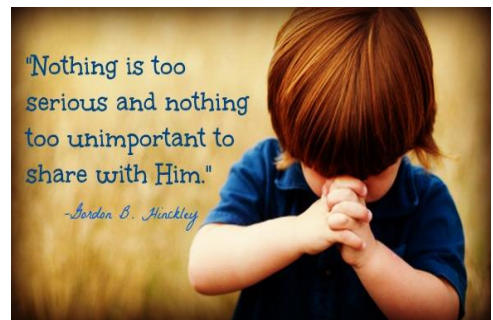
The Annual General Meeting of Cornerstone Foundation (Australia) Inc. will be held on Sunday 18th February 2018, at 1.00pm at Birdwood United Church, 71 Shannon Street, BIRDWOOD.

Reports and a Power-Point presentation will be given highlighting the ministry in Kitgum, northern UGANDA. We look forward to catching up with friends of Cornerstone at this important meeting.

Prayer Points:

We Praise God for:

- ✓ HIS constant Protection over us.
- ✓ The JOY of helping others to know Jesus.
- ✓ The sponsorship for Dominica.
- ✓ The completion of Dominica's home
- ✓ Receiving an affordable quote for future steel framing.



Please pray for:

- Rest and restoration and God's clear direction for the future for Wayne and Bev.
- Paska, and Caroline, with their on-going needs.
- God's protection over our workmen, George & Simon Peter and night guard Charles.
- The long-term help Wayne needs with the building programme. The right person in God's perfect time!
- Complete healing of Wayne's knee.
- The many families suffering due to Nodding Disease. Their pain is un-imaginable.

With our love, *Wayne and Bev*

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

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- Donate toward Wayne & Bev's personal support Weekly Monthly Quarterly
- Support the ministry of Cornerstone Foundation (Australia) Inc. in Kitgum
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