

## **July 2023**

Greetings Sponsors,

We recently returned from our trip to Uganda on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Our mission team consisted of 10 very enthusiastic and energetic people who were so eager to share the love from themselves and our sponsors to the children. We hope you enjoy the attached letter from your sponsored child.



We were able to visit all six of our care centers where we were able to see how God is working in the lives of the children and staff. The children were so excited to see us and show us all they are learning in their schools, and we were able to watch them perform their music and dancing. At the Mary Cox Foundation School, the children showed us the STEM projects that they were able to complete with the help of a high school robotics club in California via Zoom.

The children, teachers and staff were very excited to receive the many donations of school supplies, sports equipment and gifts for the schools that our team members brought them. All these items will help the students grow in their learning, and their faces showed their excitement for all the new supplies they will use in their classrooms and schools. Our mission team was also able to bring vitamins, malaria medication, deworming medication, and eyeglasses for the children and guardians. These were much needed items as they are difficult to obtain in Uganda.

We were able to celebrate the life and memorial dedication of our beloved founding board member, Lee Mulder, who gave so much to our organization and demonstrated such love for the mission. He will be sorely missed by all but will be remembered at his memorial site amidst all the beautiful trees he had planted in Kishanje.

On this trip we were blessed to be able to give all our sponsored children their own Bibles through the donations of many sponsors, friends and families. Our team members did a wonderful job collecting financial donations for Bibles to be purchased in Uganda, and then distributing Bibles to each child. It was amazing to see how God was at work as we watched the children eagerly look for all their favorite verses after receiving their own Bible.



The highlight of this trip for me was to be able to spend time with Brenda Ninsiima, our Health Outreach coordinator, and her team. I have been working with Brenda to develop our Health Outreach program for the ministry, and I was able to see the fruits of the work she does in Uganda. In addition to Brenda, I met Julius, the mental health counselor at our high school. He is a great addition to our team. I was able to see how the children are being cared for as they are establishing hand washing stations and drinking stations at the schools to prevent illnesses, developing sack gardens for nutrition while also teaching them how to grow their own food, and screening children for health, dental and eye issues. Immunizations of children were being carried out by the Ministry of Health during our visit. It was evident that the communication between the schools and the Health Outreach team has had a great impact on the health of our children, guardians and communities.

I was able to attend an eye clinic where we were able to screen 102 clients. 28 of those screened got reading glasses and handcrafted cases brought by our team, and 15 were found with defects that would benefit from surgery and were referred to regional hospitals for follow up. It was wonderful watching the transformation of the clients after they received glasses. One client actually was a teacher who reported that "now I can see".

We want to let you know how much we appreciate all that you do so that our children are healthy and thriving.



With much gratitude,



















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