

"I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you" Psalm 32:8

Happy New Year!

As we crossed into 2018 with a street party with the neighbours, we rejoice in all that God has done in 2017, and we have faith for all He plans to do in 2018! Ugandans have a profound way of really thanking God for bringing them through another year. In a country where life is fragile, and many people die "prematurely" we might say, we have learnt to appreciate the gift of life; something which we shouldn't take for granted.

In a year when a friend's sister and baby died in childbirth; a year when a group of young friends died in a car accident; a year when delicate children have gone to an early grave because of sicknesses like malaria, typhoid and malnutrition; let us all appreciate the gift of life and we thank God for watching over us.



A street party with neighbours celebrating the gift of a new year.

Stepping out in faith – Diana's story

Diana, aged 29, worships with Sue and Simon at Watoto Church in Kampala. One day after the service, she introduced herself and shared her testimony. She was one of the fortunate youngsters who had a job. (the unemployment rate amongst the youth is high in Uganda). But one day, God spoke to her in a dream and told her to give up her job and go to care for the poor. She had no idea what he meant, and she says that she hesitated to obey. But when she dreamed the same dream again she believed it was truly God's plan, so she resigned her job and started to prayerfully seek out the poor. She found a fishing village on the shores of Lake Victoria. In recent years, the stock of tilapia has been over fished and the fishermen were now using illegal small-holed nets, even mosquito nets to land very small fish. When the fishermen were caught, they suffered severe beatings at the hands of the army, yet they didn't know any other way to provide for their families. Their children cry with hunger, surviving by stealing mangos. Diana begged Sue and the Mission 4 Water team to help them.



Diana with Sue at Lake Victoria



The only loos in the fishing village were full and broken.

As Sue and Sunday toured the fishing village they were shown the one and only village toilet, a pit latrine which was full, very smelly, with broken doors & walls and overgrown with weeds. As a result, people now used the bushes, a massive health risk. Since water and sanitation go together, the first job had to be the emptying and fixing of the toilets. The Mission 4 Water boys worked hard and never complained!



Mission 4 Water get to work

Before Christmas, Sue appealed for donations to help buy food for the starving families in the fishing village. Many thanks to those who graciously responded. God bless you!



Sue and Diana were able to shop in the market for sacks of rice, sugar and maize flour. They divided it up and made love gifts including beans, salt and bars of soap.

They distributed them inside the simple iron-sheet clad church which doubles as a home to many orphans, making Christmas a little bit special.





Clean water-an amazing Christmas gift!

The construction of the borehole in the fishing village was probably the most difficult to date – being solid rock. But the team worked tirelessly in difficult conditions, until 3 weeks later there was water! This is a Christmas this village will never forget.



There is still great need in this village. Sometimes the need can seem overwhelming. Please pray for wisdom for all concerned in how to help these precious children. The village really needs a second well. Maybe someone feels the heart to help? Please contact Sue through the website mission4water.org for more information and how you can help.

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Just one hour’s drive north from Rukungiri town lies the African Rift Valley and Bwambara sub region. There, Hippos wallow in the river below whilst baboons lazily watch the day go by. It sounds idyllic. However, it’s hot and very dry. It’s also a poor region and people struggle to survive on a daily basis. That’s why Mission Direct has chosen Rushararazi Primary School in Bwambara as its 2018 project. At the school, 70 nursery children all learn from one temporary wooden classroom. Volunteers are urgently needed to join Simon to build three brick purpose built classrooms at the school, enabling these youngsters the chance to kick-start their education in the proper way. An exciting and challenging year ahead!

ALPHA RETURNS TO RUKUNGIRI

During the first two months of 2018, the Alpha course, (an introduction to the Christian faith), is going to be run at the Bible College of North Kigezi Diocese. The course will be open to new recruits who are studying for either ordination or are on a readership course with the Church of Uganda.

Simon says that Alpha continues to be a valuable tool in nurturing Christians, especially the future Church leaders here in Uganda and he’s looking forward to running the course at the college once again.

Simon would appreciate your support. If you feel able to be part of the success of Alpha in Rukungiri, he urgently needs some financial assistance. Please also pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on these students, the future church leaders!



SIMON – GUEST OF HONOUR AT GRADUATION CEREMONY

The far south western reaches of Uganda are well known for their Impenetrable Rainforests, rare Mountain Gorillas and a tribe of Pigmy people. The area is also home to the ‘God Cares’ Training Institute where 120 young students recently completed their vocational training courses including tailoring, secretarial services, car mechanics and bricklaying. It was an honour for Simon to be asked to be guest of honour for the graduation ceremony and to lay the foundation stone for the institute’s latest classroom.



Recently, Simon joined a hundred other people in a 10k fun run through the streets of Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. In doing so, a local church raised over £3000 to upgrade its church buildings.

As you can see, the pace Simon was setting was so impressive that even the brass band behind him couldn’t keep up.





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