

## Newsletter - Issue No.17 (August 2017)

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus, I trust you are enjoying the summer, despite the rain and I also hope this newsletter finds you well and experiencing God's rich blessing. The work of Uganda Ministries began in 1996 and since then the ministry has grown and developed. Through the Lord's equipping we are able to provide blessing and encouragement to individuals, villages and churches and below is an update of our recent visit and other news.

### JUNE/JULY 2017 VISIT:

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> I travelled out to Uganda once again, and since this year we were celebrating twenty years of Pastor Steven Mugwanya's ministry at God's Centre of Blessing and the twentieth Leaders Conference I was blessed to be accompanied by my wife, Rachel.

**The Annual Leadership Training Conference** – Once again the host of this conference was Pastor Steven Mugwanya, Senior Pastor of *God's Centre of Blessing* in Bweyogerere (13km east of the capital city of Kampala). This year's attendance was encouraging with around 350 Pastors, including delegates from Rwanda, D R of Congo, Kenya, Burundi and Tanzania, along with over 60 other leaders.

The conference theme was '*Into Battle!*' based on *Jeremiah 4:19*, where we shared the challenge to build leaders, train warriors, heal the wounded, and prepare the army of God to engage effectively in the spiritual warfare raging around us. Once again the feedback I received during the conference and since has been encouraging.

In 2010 Pastor Steven's church began to construct a large permanent building and I am pleased to say they have almost completed it. During the first Sunday service we dedicated a section of the rooms underneath for use by The Children's Ministry.



*Rachel and Dan outside the new building.*



*Children's Ministry room*

On two occasions during my visit I taught at the C-TBS study courses run by my good friend **Dan Muwanguzi**. The thirty or so students who attended were very keen to learn and we had a great time together. Rachel and I were able to visit Dan's home in Maganjo about 19 kilometres north-west of Kampala where we shared a meal with Dan, his wife, Miriam and their children.



*Dan, Jonathan, Rachel, David, Miriam, Mike & Princess.*

The three boys continue to do well at school and little Princess is growing up fast too. Dan's full-time ministry - *Christian Model Ministries* continues to develop with its aim to provide Bible and vocational training and other support to churches throughout East Africa. The website address **for this** is – [www.christianmodelministries.com](http://www.christianmodelministries.com)

We stayed again with our good friend, Valerie Crowhurst and it was a real blessing to share fellowship with her again at her home in Mukono town. One major aspect of Val's ministry is the **Elizabeth House Residential Centre**. The centre situated opened in 2008 and since then has developed into a safe and peaceful haven for the special needs children and young people who live there. The compound has two girl's quarters and one for the boys in which the youngsters are cared for by 'House Mothers'.



*Val Crowhurst*



*Some of the residents playing a game.*

Naturally as the work has developed the daily running costs have grown. At the moment we need to employ another House Mother at a cost of £45 per month. Jackson, the Centres' Manager and the rest of the Care Team continue to do a great job with the youngsters in their care.

I am pleased to say that **Uganda Ministries** has been able to continue its financial support to help with this very special ministry.

During our stay we visited the **Hidden Treasures Primary School** in Kiyoola, a very poor village not far from Lake Victoria. The school was built ten years ago and since then has grown rapidly. We currently have 245 registered pupils and naturally this puts a strain on class-room space. In January the Education Authority Inspectors said we needed to build a further two classrooms at a cost of £5,500. In faith we have begun to construct these and we hope we can complete this necessary work soon.



*Foundations for the new classrooms.*

The Nursery building has been divided by a folding screen to allow two classes to use it but the interior and exterior plastering work still needs to be carried out.

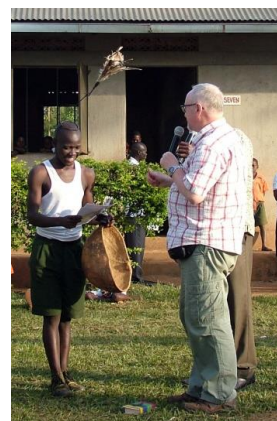
The erection of a perimeter fence to secure the whole site is now two-thirds complete and we need to raise a further £900 to complete it.

Due to inflation costs have risen. To provide the children with a meal of porridge each day costs £68 per month and the staff's meals cost us around £27 per month.

For the fifth year I was privileged to present the '*Diane Sanders Award for Most Improved Student*'. This year it was awarded to a young boy named Kato Ismail.

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

The support we give to the churches and individuals in Uganda is only possible through the kind donations we receive so I would like to say thank you to all those who have supported the work of **Uganda Ministries** over the last 21 amazing years.



*Presenting the award to Kato Ismail*

If you would like make a gift towards this work our Bank Account details are:

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**PRAYER POINTS: (on next page)**

## PRAYER POINTS:

Below are a number of areas I would ask you to remember in your regular prayers:

### Please pray for.....

- \* Dan & Miriam Muwanguzi – Ongoing health needs, a growing family plus schooling costs - also the work of Christian Model Ministries.
- \* Elizabeth House Residential Centre – Need to employ another House Mother, the daily running costs and on-going needs. Also what action to take regarding the residents once they reach 18 years of age.
- \* Pastor Steven and Susan Mugwanyu – Their family and ministry at God's Centre of Blessing – the completion of the new building and providing pastoral care for a large church family.
- \* Pastor Richard & Sarah Gandhi – Richard's Bible College course and the pastoral needs of their church.
- \* Hidden Treasures School - Completion of the two new classrooms, the perimeter fence, effects of inflation on school costs and the continued well-being of the staff and pupils.
- \* Valerie Crowhurst – Her on-going ministry, daily needs, health concerns (her eyesight is very poor) and her continued support.
- \* Dave & Anona Banks – Their regular financial support for Zion Primary School in Kakuba, David's ministry in Kasese, and visits to encourage and promote the 'Discipleship' ministry.
- \* The Pastors and church leaders who faithfully serve God and their growing congregations despite various challenges and difficulties.
- \* The ongoing work of **Uganda Ministries** and the next planned ministry trip in 2018.

Every blessing,

Mike.