



Bush Fire Project

Providing help and hope for Uganda's orphans and at-risk children

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“Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name.

Psalm 105:1-3

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Many changes have been taking place at Bush Fire and we are excited to share with you some of the wonderful things the Lord has done.

Bush Fire Primary School

Ground breaking for the Bush Fire Primary School began in early September 2005. It opened for classes on February 6, 2006. The school is located right on the Bush Fire property so the children no longer have to walk a long distance each day. This proximity also allows the house parents to be more involved and monitor the children's progress more carefully.



Initially, attendance will be limited to Bush Fire children as a way of easing into the operation of the new school. This will also allow more individual attention for those students who need it. The school will later be opened to outside students.

The photo above was taken the second day of school. Benches from the church initially served as furniture for the children, however, Uganda Family Resource Link has been able to purchase equipment to construct desks/seats for the seven classrooms. (photo at right)



We have a website!

Please visit www.bushfireproject.org for more information about Bush Fire Project, Uganda Family Resource Link, the Bush Fire Community, additional photos, sponsorship information, past newsletters and more.

The mission of Bush Fire Project is to help the Uganda Family Resource Link, through its various ministries, meet the physical, social, educational and spiritual needs of orphans and at-risk children.

This equipment has served not only to reduce the cost for furnishing the school, but will also provide the older primary students with the opportunity for vocational training. The goal is to use the equipment for a vocational training program that will run alongside the school. This will provide the children with carpentry and metalworking skills as well as supply furniture for the homes, clinic, school, office and church. Some equipment is already on hand, however there is a need for a plainer as well as a generator to run the carpentry and metalworking shops since there is no electrical power to that area as of yet.

So what do the children like about their new school? Here are some of their responses . . .

"They teach us English." (Lydia)

"They teach us how to debate, and how to stand in front of the class and be bold. I no longer fear being in front of the class." (Eunice)

"We used to walk far in the rain and it was bad. I am glad we now walk little and don't have to suffer in the rain and sun." (Brenda)

"Good teachers" (Cyrus)

"The desks" (Jimmy)

"In Bulange (the old school) we were not taught well. Here the teachers teach, and we understand." (Kate)

Child Sponsorship Program/Children's Home

A new children's home has been constructed (see background of bottom photo on page 3), however, the Uganda Family Resource Link board has decided to delay taking in additional children for a time as the clinic and school have just opened. They are concentrating on the smooth operation of those two facilities and getting new staff settled in on site.

Contributions made to Bush Fire Project are tax deductible. For individual contributions over \$250 you will receive a receipt directly from National Heritage Foundation. In accordance with IRS regulations, for contributions under \$250, your cancelled check will serve as proof of donation for tax purposes.

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There are still a few children in need of sponsors. If this is something you have prayerfully considered and a way in which you would like to be involved, contact us to request a sponsorship packet. For those of you who have sponsored a child, we encourage you to begin corresponding with him or her so that you can begin a relationship. You may send your personal/family photos, letters, etc. to us and we will forward them to your child. They are all looking forward to getting to know you. Sponsor letters have been written by the children and are awaiting translation before being sent.



Future Plans & Upcoming Projects

Land extension: In order to separate the farm animals from the area where people live, additional land is necessary to provide adequate grazing for the livestock.

Vocational training program: Construction of carpentry and metal shops and purchase of a plainer

Power supply: A generator is needed to run the workshops and provide lighting to the homes, school and clinic

Bush Fire School: Completion of administrative offices



Thank you so much for your support given through Bush Fire Project. In addition to the above mentioned school and sponsorship program, here are just some of the ways that your donations this quarter have benefited the Bush Fire Community:

- More nutritious food for the on-site staff and children
- Tools for the vocational training program
- Repair of two vehicles
- Planting of gardens and a number of different large food crops
- Staff support and allowances
- Missionary support

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact us by Email at info@bushfireproject.org.

God Bless you,

Eric and Nancy Rockett, Directors
Bush Fire Project

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