



Bush Fire Project

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

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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.

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In May, our dream of traveling to Uganda finally became real. We spent a week with Uganda Family Resource Link directors, Sam and Eva Kitanya, touring Jinja and outlying villages to learn more about the Ugandan culture, visiting the Bush Fire Compound, and discussing future developments. The best part was, of course, getting to meet in person the staff and children that we have so longed to see. We were tremendously blessed with their loving welcome of us into the Bush Fire family.



The day we arrived in Uganda was the first day of classes after a school holiday. In order for us to be able to meet all the Bush Fire children, Sam took us to the boarding school in Jinja where the secondary students reside. There are six children that currently attend boarding schools as the Bush Fire school currently only covers the primary grades. The two girls in the middle, Loy and Samali, are first year secondary students coming out of the Bush Fire primary school. We were pleased to hear that they were the top two students in their testing group on the exams that are taken prior to entrance into secondary school. Not only are the children hard workers, but also the teachers at the Bush Fire school have invested themselves in the lives of the students both inside and outside of the classroom.

Prayer Requests

The Lord's continued provision for the needs of the Bush Fire Community

Wisdom for the Bush Fire staff in the areas of leadership, decision-making, care giving, and discipleship

Sponsors for the new children and a smooth transition into their new "family" at Bush Fire

That the new children who don't know Jesus would give their lives to Him and that all the children, both old and new, who do know the Lord, would continue to grow in their faith and serve Him with their whole hearts

That the Bush Fire Community would continue to influence the surrounding villages to the glory of God

Health and safety of the staff and children

The fact that these children must leave Bush Fire to attend school elsewhere once they reach the secondary level is a concern to the Bush Fire staff. Except on school holidays when they are at home at Bush Fire, they must live outside of the care and supervision of their house parents. There is also the added issue of cost. It costs approximately \$900/year for school fees, supplies and personal items for each student attending boarding school. While there are currently only six secondary students, the coming years will see large groups of them moving up as many of the Bush Fire children are of the same age range.

A solution being considered by the Bush Fire staff is the construction of a secondary school. This would help to reduce costs in the long run and allow the children to continue to live under the supervision, care, and influence of the staff.

Current Construction Projects

In the previous newsletter, we shared with you the progress on the dining hall that was under construction and is now nearing completion.



Above: New kitchen
Above right: Interior of new dining hall
Below: Current kitchen facilities
Below right: One of the new cook stoves in the new kitchen



In addition to an improved facility are two new cook stoves. These will not only make cooking easier, but will also save money over time as they are more fuel efficient, requiring much less of the costly fire wood than the open fire pits that are currently being used.





Some equipment has already been provided in part by a group from Australia, which sent a shipping container to Bush Fire this past spring, as well as through funds donated through Bush Fire Project.

What's next?

The recent acquisition of an 85-acre piece of land will benefit the Bush Fire Community in a number of ways. First of all, it provides many acres of fertile soil in which crops can be raised to feed the staff and children at Bush Fire.



One idea that we proposed during our visit, which is now being implemented, is a farm workers program. Farm funds provided through Bush Fire Project will be used by UFRL to pay individuals within the church to work the fields.

This will increase the harvest for Bush Fire and provide much needed employment to impoverished people in the surrounding villages. This land will serve a dual purpose as it is anticipated that it will be the site where the current Bush Fire compound will be duplicated so that more children can be cared for and more people in the surrounding villages will have an opportunity to hear the Word of God in a bible teaching church. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom and guidance as the staff prays about how they should proceed with this vision.

Children from a village near the new land whose lives we pray will be powerfully affected in the coming years by the further developments of Bush Fire and by our faithful, loving God



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We wish to thank all of you who prayed for our safety and wellbeing during our trip to Uganda. We praise God for all He has done and look forward to all that He will continue to do. We thank the Lord for you and the part that you each have had in furthering His work.

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

To God be the glory!

Eric and Nancy Rockett, Directors
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