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First of all, we'd like to welcome our new sponsors to the Bush Fire family. To all of you (those of you who have been with us since our beginning in 2005, those of you who have recently joined us, and those of you in between), we sincerely thank you all for your prayers, your financial support and your gift of friendship to the children at Bush Fire.

We have been in the midst of several changes that we'd like to make you aware of. First of all, as those of you who have been with us awhile will notice, we have a new look. However, this is not simply limited to our newsletter. We have also made a number of updates to our website. If you have not already done so, we invite you to check this out, especially our newly expanded photo gallery. This will give you a much broader perspective of what life is like at Bush Fire.

In addition to our new look, we also have a new address. We have recently relocated so we ask that you please make note of our updated mailing address. Please send all sponsorship payments and correspondence to P.O. Box 760, Chattaroy, WA 99003. Our email address is still the same, info@bushfireproject.org.



In December, Eric returned to Uganda for the second time in 2007. During this trip, he had an accident that should have left him seriously injured, but the Lord intervened in a mighty way and protected him from harm. We are very thankful to God and to those of you who were diligently praying for him during his travels. He had a wonderful time of fellowship with the staff and children.

During that visit, he delivered over 300 stuffed bears hand stuffed by children attending Calvary Chapel Tri-Cities Vacation Bible School during the summer of last year. They were distributed to the children during a Sunday service at Bulange Community Church, the church at Bush Fire.



Current Projects

As Bush Fire has grown, so has the need for a clean, ample water source. An on-site borehole brought a new water source to Bush Fire a couple of years ago. However, because of its shallow depth, surface contamination is a problem. The cleanest source of water is that which is collected in water tanks from the roofs of various buildings. There are a number of these at Bush Fire, but their storage capacity is limited. During the rainy season, these tanks can fill in 30 minutes time, causing much rain water to be lost as a result of tank size.



In order to maximize the collection of rainwater, a 160,000 liter underground storage tank has been built and is awaiting plumbing before it is complete and ready for use.



Please pray for the Lord's provision of funds so that this project can be completed and begin its use.

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

Contributions made to Bush Fire Project are tax deductible. For individual donations 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.

In past issues we have introduced you to staff members that serve at Bush Fire in various capacities. This time, however, we'd like to introduce you to one of the newer children who came to live at Bush Fire about a year and a half ago. The following story is reprinted with permission from Uganda Family Resource Link.

Faruk is a 12-year-old boy who comes from one of our surrounding villages called Bubutya. He came to us in January 2007. When we found him he was living with his father. His mother had abandoned them some years before and his older sister also left home. The father was mentally ill and quite possibly demon-possessed. When Faruk was living with him he used to go into this state where he would do all sorts of things like remove his clothes in public and go around disturbing people even to the point of chasing and beating them. Faruk was very mistreated. He had no decent clothing- he only wore rags, his whole body was covered with jiggers (tiny parasitic insects that burrow in the skin and lays it eggs, leaving festering itchy wounds), he did not attend school and had no one took care for him. Even the neighbours could not tell him to go and bath, as they were afraid of his insane father.



We decided to bring him into our Bush Fire family. We were only concerned that the other children would not accept him, knowing his background and situation that he came from but to our surprise they took compassion on him also and accepted him. He lives in Living Hope family with Florence as his mother. We thank God for Faruk and that he has placed him in our family and been given a hope for a better future.

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We also want to mention that we have been approved as a Washington state non-profit corporation, and we are awaiting our federal tax-exempt status. Since we began in 2005, we have been operating as a project under the National Heritage Foundation and will continue to do so until all approvals are in place. At that time, we will alert you of our change in status and give further instructions to our sponsors who have automatic payments currently in place. We apologize in advance for the few minor changes that will need to be made, but we feel this change is necessary and will allow us a broader scope of intervention at Bush Fire. Please pray with us that the transition process will happen smoothly and in the Lord's perfect timing.

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

To God be the glory!

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