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In July 2008, Bush Fire Project received its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and is no longer operating as a project of National Heritage Foundation. While we will continue to primarily focus on supporting the Bush Fire Community, this change will allow us to more easily do work in the surrounding villages as well. Special projects will be done and programs set up as the Lord leads and contributions can be designated as "outreach" to help support these endeavors.

Village Outreach

Our most recent village project was the construction of a home for a woman who has been in ill health for many years and who, at the time of our visit, was recovering from surgery. Also living in the home, was her elderly, widowed mother who has several grandchildren in her care. This home was in a state of extreme disrepair and structural weakness as a result of termite infestation. These two women did not have the financial means with which to build a new home, nor the physical capacity to do the required labor. An additional concern was the lack of a latrine and the increased risk of sickness to the family due to improper sanitation. Bush Fire Project provided the funds for both a home and a pit latrine while Uganda Family Resource Link coordinated the construction. While the daughter is a Christian who attends the church at Bush Fire, the mother is a Muslim. Please pray that her heart would be opened to the love of Christ through His meeting of this need in her life.



Home under construction

Farm Program



Uganda Family Resource Link has started a for-profit farm business for the purposes of teaching business skills to the staff and children, to provide employment opportunities to villagers, to raise food for Bush Fire, and ultimately, to sell surplus food at a profit with the proceeds going back to support the Bush Fire Community. Bush Fire Project has contributed general purpose funds

that have been used to purchase additional lands which the farm program leases for planting. First season planting included maize, beans, ground nuts, rice and sweet corn. While there were some definite challenges such as difficulty in getting quality seed from reliable sources, flooding and dry spells that interfered with various stages of crop

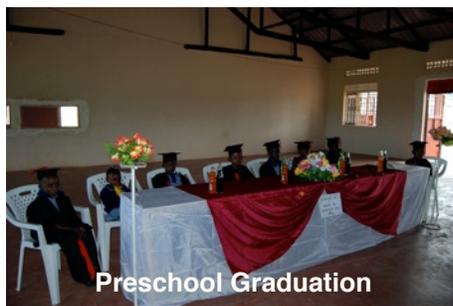


production and harvest, and difficulty in getting necessary labor at critical stages, a better harvest is anticipated in 2009 with the addition of a tractor and fields that have had ground broken. Bush Fire staff members have been assigned to different fields so that they can grow crops for the homes. Additionally, the piggery project is in full swing and thriving to the point that expansion may become necessary to

accommodate the growing number.

Bush Fire School

Until this point, the students at Bush Fire Primary School were exclusively children living at Bush Fire. Class sizes were kept small intentionally because many of the children needed a lot of academic support, having fallen behind in classes at the village schools, having inconsistent attendance, or not being able to even attend school until being taken in to the care of Bush Fire. As the Bush Fire children have moved through the grade levels, the lowest class has opened up. This has allowed twenty-five children from the wider community to be recently admitted into this class. As most of these children come from poor families, Bush Fire Project is starting a scholarship fund. Donations made to this fund will be used to help cover the costs of school fees, which, in addition to academic instruction, will supply books, pencils, shoes, and a uniform for these incoming children, as well as a nutritious meal.



Preschool Graduation

The Bush Fire School is only large enough for primary students. The secondary school children currently attend a private boarding school in Jinja. This is a concern for a number of reasons, including the increased cost of



sending the children to boarding school as well as the many negative influences that they are exposed to while out from under the care and supervision of their parents at Bush Fire. It has long been the desire to build a secondary school at Bush Fire, but this project has been delayed until it is determined to be within the Lord's will. Please pray with us as we seek Him on His direction and timing for this project.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were sent by Uganda Family Resource Link Director, Sam Kitalya

** For the teenagers at Bush Fire to be sober-minded and to not be swayed by the negative influences that they are exposed to at the secondary school in Jinja*

** For the Staff to adjust well in caring for the teenagers and for wisdom to administer good life principles for their development*

** For the community primary school children to develop a healthy relationship with the Bush Fire Children*

** For the Lord to quicken the secondary school plans and to resource it*

** For the church to mature and take the message to other parts of the villages in the surrounding areas*

With each trip to Uganda, we pack and take trunks full of things that would be useful or that they are in high need of at Bush Fire, especially those heavier items that would

be very costly to send. Many of you have helped to fill those trunks not only with gifts, but also with your generous donations of practical items, such as bibles, bible study reference materials, educational materials for the Bush Fire School, books for the school library, games, outdoor play equipment, and clothing. One of the expressed needs that we were able to meet with your help on our most recent trip was an ample supply of underwear. Over 700 new pairs of underwear were donated and the range of

sizes was perfect, not only for supplying the children, but the staff as well. We are very thankful for all the practical help so lovingly and generously given.



The past few months have been a time of completion of building projects that have been underway for quite some time. General fund contributions have not only helped in this way, but have also been vital in helping to meet the ongoing daily needs and to maintain what has already been established.

We thank you all once again for the support that you have given in whatever way that the Lord has led you. Please continue to pray that the Lord's work at Bush Fire would flourish and that He would be glorified in all that is accomplished.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever.

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