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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Bush Fire. We praise God and give Him the glory, for He has done great things to not only care for orphaned and at-risk children and give them the opportunity to know Him but also to promote the spread of the gospel from the church and classrooms at Bush Fire to the nearby villages.

As the Bush Fire base continues to expand, the increased growth brings with it new challenges that must be addressed. Uncontrolled movement of people, multiple thefts, and damage to trees and crops by the unrestrained grazing of



animals belonging to local villagers have made necessary the building of a fence around the main base compound in order to provide better security. Bush fire has two full-time security guards, and the fencing will help the control the movement of people into and out of the base area through a main gate. The fencing project is about 85% complete and will be finished at a cost of approximately \$2000 USD.

The next area of need is for a bus to transport the children to sit for their required annual academic exams, to participate in outreach programs through Bush Fire School to other village schools, to take field trips, and to work in the fields as part of their vocational training in agriculture. In the past, transportation to the fields and local schools has been via one of the trucks owned by Bush Fire. If the need arose to travel a further distance than the village roads, then a bus would have to be hired to come approximately 50 kilometers from Jinja to transport the children



at a significant cost. In addition, the Ugandan government has made it illegal for children to ride in the back of trucks on the main roads due to the high number of vehicle accidents resulting in injuries and deaths of school children. Bush Fire has identified a used bus (shown in the photos) located in Japan that can be obtained for a reasonable cost. The bus was initially priced at \$40,000 USD; however, when the company learned that it was for a school in Uganda, they lowered the price to \$22,000 USD. Bush Fire has had donations come in from their local church, Australia, the U.K. and the U.S. that amount to about \$12,000, leaving a balance of \$10,000 to be raised to pay for the bus. If you would like to support the bus project, please mark "Bus" on any donations, and those funds will be designated for its purchase.

Bush Fire is in the early planning stages for construction of commercial block of buildings which will give the vocational staff and students opportunities to work on their skills by providing services to the local villages and also provide necessary services to the area. The current plan is to have a motor vehicle repair shop, carpentry, welding, hair dressing, warehouse, and store. The plans also call for building some retail shop space that can be leased out so that small businesses can also grow up such as rice milling or oil pressing. The commercial block will be physically separated from the main base by the fence to reduce traffic through the base down to the vocational training classrooms where villagers now have to go to have work done. Please be praying for the Lord's wisdom and direction for this project.

Bush Fire owns about 150 acres of farmland that can be used to grow rice, maize, soybeans, sweet potatoes, and other crops. In addition to academic studies, Bush Fire school children are required to complete two types of vocational training, one of which is in agriculture. During the recent planting season, the secondary school children gained experience in





planting rice fields. Because the majority of farm ground is some distance from the base, theft and destruction of the crops by local livestock is a serious problem, limiting the ability to fully utilize the ground. Currently, a test program is in progress in which sunflowers are being grown for their oil. If successful, sunflowers could be grown commercially on those plots of land that are the frequent target of thieves since sunflowers are not seen as a food source by the local villagers. The oil produced would

supply Bush Fire as well as provide a means of income through sale of the excess.

The impact of Bush Fire on the surrounding villages continues to bring the Lord's salvation to the people in the area. During the recent two-week school break, the older Bush Fire children, along with church staff members, held Sunday evening outreaches in villages near the smaller churches that have grown out of the main Bush Fire Church. Resulting from just these two Sundays were twenty people professing faith in the first village and fourteen in the second village. The Gospel message is producing change within the villages.

Near one of the small churches led by Pastor Joseph, about a dozen young men in their early twenties have come to faith in the past few months. These young men were actively involved in witchcraft and have even testified that they tried to use witchcraft to stop further construction of the church building this past year. Their efforts failed, and they came to the Lord. Now, church growth has exceeded the size of the current building (of the style and size shown below) such that many people have to stand outside during a typical Sunday service. There are many testimonies of the power of the Lord working to show these



young men that He is real and has authority over the demons. The lives of the people will only change when their faith is placed in Christ. Please pray against the witchcraft, which is so prevalent in this area, for lives to be committed to Christ, and especially for these young men who have forsaken the religion of their families at great cost. Pray that the Lord will use them to lead others away from the darkness of witchcraft to the light of Jesus Christ.

We thank each one of you for your continued prayers, which are so important in enabling the work to continue against the forces of evil that wish to stop it.

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

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