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Dear Friends,

We were very blessed to have Uganda Family Resource Link Directors Sam and Eva Kitalya with us for two weeks in July. During their visit, Sam was invited to speak to two churches, Households of Prayer in Spokane Valley, Washington, and Calvary Fellowship of Raymond in Raymond, Washington, where he shared encouraging messages from God's Word.

We are very grateful for the financial gifts received from those churches that were used to purchase four new laptop computers and software to use at the Bush Fire secondary school. These were a much-needed addition to the four outdated laptops that were being shared by thirty students and a teacher in the computer class. Our hope is to provide an additional four computers for the school by the end of the year.



Sam and Eva with Calvary's Pastor Danny Perry and wife, Sue.

In the trading center about 2 miles from the base is a commercial building that has been rented by Bush Fire. The plan for the building is to use the front part for small retail shops rented out or used by Bush Fire to sell the rice, maize and oil produced with the agricultural processing equipment. Excessive fuel costs associated with running the large generator on the base prompted this decision. Processing equipment has been moved to the new location, which has grid-based power available to operate the machines. While this arrangement will be of benefit to Bush Fire, please continue to pray that grid power will be extended the last mile out into the village to service Bush Fire. Not only would this provide a cost relief for the base, which currently relies on a diesel generator to meet its power needs, but would also open up additional opportunities to the staff and children.



Commercial building

There have been a number of changes in the government requirements under which the Bush Fire Children's Home operates. The most significant affecting the ministry has been that children over the age of eighteen are not to be fostered nor be housed with the other children. This is a problem in that many of the children have not had regular schooling prior to their coming to live at Bush Fire, and as a result, are not always finished with their secondary education by the time they reach this cut-off age. To meet this new requirement, those over the age of eighteen have been classified as junior staff. The junior staffs provide services to the base such as grounds keeping and kitchen support and are paid for those services. In addition they still receive an education, housing and food. This allows the children to remain on the

base and continue their education while meeting the new government requirements. These changes, however, have resulted in the need for alternative housing. A warehouse building on the base may be repurposed to further meet this need for additional living quarters.

The most significant financial challenge facing Bush Fire has been the increase in government income levels for teachers, which has resulted in Bush Fire having to increase their salaries accordingly. This is Bush Fire's largest single expense for the nearly 40 full and part-time teachers who work in the primary, secondary and vocational schools. Please pray for the Lord's provision to meet the costs associated with running these schools and for continued faith by all the staff to trust in Him alone for this and all the financial needs at Bush Fire, especially when circumstances seem impossible.

While the practical and financial needs of Bush Fire, special projects, and issues related to the care of the children are important, the ultimate goal in all of this is for the children under the support and care of Bush Fire as well as residents of the nearby villages to know the Lord and have their lives changed for His glory. With that in mind, we'd like to share the following additional prayer requests:

- Pray that all the children at Bush Fire would truly recognize their need for salvation and have hearts that desire not only to be forgiven of their sin and reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, but that they would also long for a close walk with Him and seek Him with their whole hearts.

- Pray that the older children and young adults would not stagnate or give in to the influences of the world, but continue to grow in the Lord and be a godly example to the younger children at Bush Fire, as well as to the children from the nearby villages who attend the Bush Fire schools.
- Pray that this relationship with the Lord would be a higher priority in their lives than any other thing.
- Pray for those children who have been resettled with their families to stay close to the Lord, even if their relatives are not believers.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to work in the hearts and lives of those young people who have left Bush Fire without committing their lives to the Him. Pray that their hearts would be softened to the things of God rather than drawn to the things of the world.
- Pray for health, strength, and wisdom for the adult leadership and staff.
- Pray for a continued trust in and dependence upon the Lord to meet the ministry needs, no matter how difficult the circumstances.
- Pray for the pastors of the church at Bush Fire and the additional churches that have been started in other villages by Bush Fire staff that they would preach the word boldly and live in such a way that their lives would continually reflect the truth that they teach.

Last of all, we'd like to let you know that if you shop at Amazon, you have an opportunity to support Bush Fire Project, which has been approved through AmazonSmile as a qualifying non-profit organization. By shopping through Amazon (using your existing account but through the www.smile.amazon.com website) and designating Bush Fire Project as the charitable organization of your choice, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price from AmazonSmile-eligible purchases to Bush Fire Project. If interested, you may visit the above website for more information.

We thank you all very much for your continued prayers and support.

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

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