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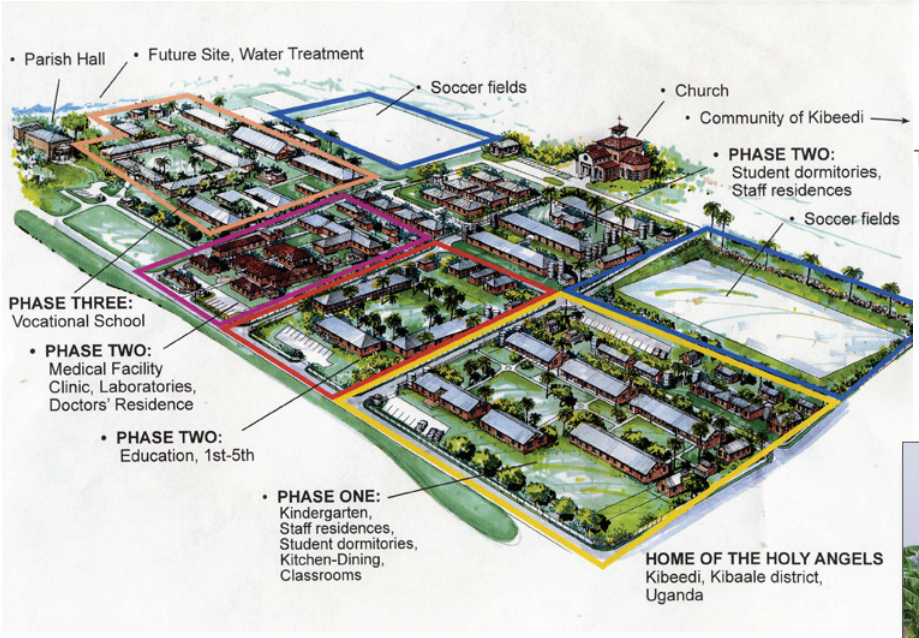

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Dear Friends of The Home of the Holy Angels:

We have much good news to report from Kibale this summer!

Currently the weather is a mixture of rainy and dry spells. The weather is nice but a spell of dry season affected our banana plantation, harvest of corn, beans, sweet & irish potatoes, peanut and cassava.

We have three new part-time and one new full time teacher. Part time teachers include Noelina Kabatabazi who is in charge of liturgy and secular music. She helps us with Sunday liturgy at school. Also new is Harriet Nsungwa who teaches computer skills. Third, is Mary Kugonza who provides spiritual development and prepares children for first communion. She presently has 23 children of **HOHA** and she combines them with the 46 children from neighboring school. Our new cooks are Imelda Nakiirija and Justine Namukisa. Ms. Namukisa also serves as our night matron. We have one new full time teacher, Sylvia Atugonza.

Construction of the new classroom building is proceeding smoothly and we may occupy it in two weeks when it reaches completion. We are also constructing a 'piggery', as we have a total of 32 pigs. We put up a new shelter for the chicken project as well.

As for our children's activities, we have a comprehensive timetable streamlining different subjects and activities in both nursery and primary sections. These include mathematical concepts, language development, literacy 1 & 2, social development, spiritual development, creative performing arts, such as music, art and drama and arts and crafts. Our physical activities include games and sports. Cleaning the new compound, their sleeping places and classrooms are still included in their personal time chores. They enjoy their farming activities: they like to feed the pigs and give them water. They feed the chickens, harvest crops according to their ability and they enjoy it.

For those of you new to our mission, we are a Christian-based boarding school located in Kibale, Uganda. The school presently has 62 students. Most of the students live on the campus in durably constructed dormitories and attend classes here as well. We presently have grades K-3. See the photo, above, for our most recent addition on campus.

All of our students live on campus, full time and receive our loving care. Our first classes were just recently completed, however, as we continue to grow our student population each year, we have an urgent need for new dorms and fencing. At our most most recent board meeting, we decided that proper security was high on our construction list. Our crops and agriculture program have suffered from curious neighbors and we need to move quickly to provide for proper security. A new dormitory is also urgently required: our growth in student population continues at a rapid pace as we quickly become established in our community. Our newest campus building, shown, above, nears completion and I am very proud of our progress. Email me at helpkibaleuganda@gmail.com if you can be a part of the financial solution to these issues.

The picture at the top of the newsletter shows our twenty-acre property with an artist's rendering, superimposed. The rendering shows the three phases of our building program. Phase One is our elementary school. Phase Two is our secondary school and medical complex. Phase Three is our Vo-Tec educational center.

The map at right shows the location of our community, with respect to the country of Uganda, just to help you locate us. We are about 150 miles west of the capital city of Kampala, in the Kibeedi District, in the town of Kibale. If you have traveled here, you know that the country-side is very green, lush with tropical vegetation - perfect for farming and gardening. It is located near some of the country's prime safari destinations. I encourage you to come visit us - and make a side trip to enjoy our tourist offerings!

Now, for our good news... I have three successful topics to share with you in this newsletter.

First, we successfully published a beautiful hardcover book on our first three years of growth. The book contains 56 pages of photos, which I took, and text which one of my advisors, Mr. Jack Prietsch of Winter Springs, FL, helped me create. The book has been warmly received and I am extremely proud of it. It can be purchased on line. Click on: **www.helpkibale.org/lessons.** The cost is only **$25**. and includes the shipping. It is our plan that book sales will help defray our operational expenses. Please order many for your family and friends for Christmas gifts! We plan to have a social gathering in Winter Park in August, 2012, to announce its release. I will be there to sign my book. Please come and share my joy for our success. Details of the event will be sent via email, so please give me your contact information. My email address is below. I hope you can attend.

Immediately upon my return to the US, late in July, we gathered as a small group to discuss our successes this past year in Kibale. I was honored to meet Ms. Carol Arnold, Director of Equipping Pastors International, EPI, (*pictured at right*) who was on her way to Uganda in a couple days to make a presentation to about 100 Anglican priests on the impact of AIDS/HIV upon the family unit. We presented her with a copy of my book, which I personally signed for her and then we blessed her for a safe and successful journey.

The **second** topic is our new computers. Last year, we transported a modest collection of laptop computers to our school. These laptops were donated by Friends of The Home of the Holy Angels in Winter Park, FL. Visiting missionaries from Germany stayed several days on campus and met our students and teachers. During their stay, they assembled our computer class. They taught our young students the basics of computer operations. The students were thrilled. It was their first exposure to computers and it will help them tremendously with their language skills, their math skills and introduce them to modern technology. Thank you to all who participated in this generous program. If you or your friends have laptops in good working condition and would like to donate them to our school, please contact me before I return to Kibale in late September.

Our students were introduced to computer operations by our visiting German interns.

I am posting our **Wish List** for our classrooms. Although our building is almost complete, we will need help in equipping it with furniture and supplies. Please help us if you are able.

Our Wish List

- Student Desks: $25/each - We need 30 in each of our four rooms.
- Teachers Desks: $210/each - We need four.
- Tables: $130/each - We need four.
- Chairs: $75/each - We need twelve.
- Blackboards: $600 - We need four.

For the third topic, I have saved the best for last. It is regarding our **Medical Complex**.

I am pleased to announce that we have begun Phase Two for **The Home of the Holy Angels,** our Medical Complex! Its beginning was in the form of some exploratory meetings with friends from the medical field of Central Florida who showed a sincere concern for our vision. We met over lunches and dinners to look at plans and drawings, to sketch ideas on napkins and to discuss what could happen, given the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Our spiritual and program leader for this important phase of our growth is **Dr. John Langdon,** a compassionate physician associated with the University of Central Florida and Florida Hospital who has made numerous medical mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Haiti to give of his time and talents to provide medical care to the needy. Through these mission trips, Dr. Langdon has gained insight into building clinics for people in needy communities. He has prepared a preliminary list of needs, based on his experience in projects of this nature.

Dr. Langdon has invited two incredibly talented individuals to help him complete the clinic project, **Tom Acomb** and **Carlos Marcet**. Mr. Marcet of Helman Hurley Charvat Peacock Architects, Inc. (HHCP) , Orlando, Fl., will lead the conceptual planning and preliminary design efforts for the medical clinic. Mr. Marcet's reputation in the healthcare construction industry is international. He is a Partner and Director of the Healthcare Studio at HHCP and has extensive experience with planning and design of healthcare facilities.

The third member of the design-build team is Mr. Tom Acomb, of Acomb/Ostendorf and Associates of Orlando. Mr. Acomb has been the lead project manager for numerous projects in major entertainment projects worldwide. Upon his graduation from the University of Cincinnati, he joined Walt Disney Imagineering, the storied creative division at Disney and soon became Senior Leader for many projects worldwide. In 2005, he joined the Ginn Development Company, where he led the design and construction efforts for the company's most complicated and luxurious projects located along the East Coast. Tom was later recruited by The Olympia Companies in Portland, Maine, where he lead the concept and feasibility for a spectrum of projects that ranging from luxury resorts on the West Coast to adventure theme parks in the Northeast. Tom's unique vision and skilled execution are the driving forces behind the successful completion of each of his projects.

The critical attention given us by these individuals will be very much appreciated. The nearest medical facility is located in Kibale, seven miles distant, and is very modest. People needing attention must walk to the facility. Our full-service clinic will be a lasting legacy to the mandate by Christ to serve the poor, the needy, the homeless, the naked. Our clinic will contain a pediatric care unit for our children, education and nursing facilities in public health issues, and family care for our friends in the village. We expect health care professionals from Kampala will recognize the importance of our campus and want to practice at our clinic. We look forward to hosting post-graduate, practicing nurses and doctors from Uganda and international colleges and universities in the coming years, committed Christians who desire to help our youth.

Dr. John Langdon, right, and Carlos Marcet, seated, confer at our initial planning meeting held in June at the Acomb/ Ostendorf offices in Orlando.

Recent projects by Acomb/Ostendorf and Associates at Walt Disney World.

Recent projects by HHCP/Healthcare, Orlando.

Dr. Langdon has assembled this distinguished group of men on our behalf and we thank them for their talents. Through their hands and eyes, God will produce a work of art which we can all be proud of. Soon, it will serve the needs of **The Home of the Holy Angels** and the surrounding village of Kibale and we will begin to make a difference in the lives of these peoples. Through the compassion of individuals such as Dr. Langdon, Mr. Marcet and Mr. Acomb, our school and our medical care facility will become known around the world. I am in awe of the path we are on and I ask you to join with me on our journey. There is much to do and we need your help.

Allow me to extend my sincere gratitude to all of you beloved members of KUDU. I know each one of you have played an indispensable role to make KUDU a success. Thanks very much to all of you and I feel much indebtedness to all of you. I have no proper words to express what I feel in my heart and what our children feel about you. Only one sure thing they promise is prayer for good health and success to each one of you and your families. I have a lot to share which I couldn't while in Uganda, due to poor internet connection. Know that the children, the staff, the guardians - and our whole community - are very grateful for the accomplishments that we enjoy here, but which come direct from your heart.

To all my KUDU lovers: May God Bless you abundantly! May God Bless you all. Love to you all, and with prayers and respect,

Charles Nabwana

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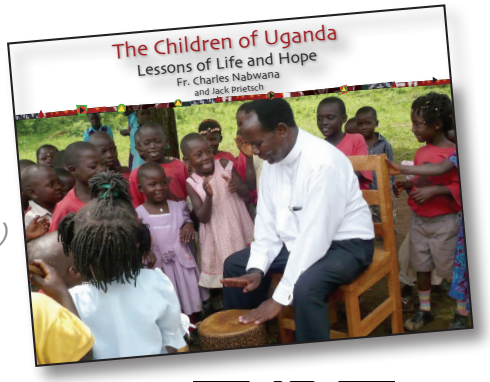

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☐ I would like to provide a classroom item. _____ *(Please specify)*

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