

# News On the Nile

## Zambia & Southern Sudan news



Greetings from the Pearl! May has come and gone and we want to bring you up to date on some of the events that filled our home and lives. Beginning of the month, Tim traveled to Zambia to check on the final stages of the work shops in Livingstone as well as see the start up of the computer work shop on the church plot in town, initiated and overseen by Colleen's mom. (Marion Hoffman) Rains have been very heavy there this year and it has brought some flooding to some of the church areas there. On his way home he was able to see Natasha in South Arica and celebrate her 21st birthday.

We also had visitors from the Kajo Keji area in S. Sudan. We have started some small projects for TAPP (Aids program) there and as well making trusses for roofs of the 4 class room school in that area. Rev. Martin Okwany travels up there to check on the progress and was able to receive a motorcycle to assist in this mode of transport.



Rev. Martin with motor bike

## TRI-S TEAM HEADS TO THE ISLANDS



TRI-S TEAM IN FRONT OF OUR HOME

### TRUSSES BEING BUILT FOR SUDAN



HEADING OUT TO BUVUMA ISLAND

The arrival of the TRI-s team is always a hi-light for us in Uganda. A lot of energy and purpose surrounds this group under the leadership of Dr. Fred Shively from Anderson University. This year, Fred's brother Bob accompanied the group of 16 people, as the official photographer and also Becky who came from the Lima church in Ohio. Their work was to finish up the residential house for TAPP near Kasubi—painting the walls, fencing and filling in the windows, toilets, done on the hostis, a verandah the nursery



filled up. A lot was accomplished and many little friends made a long the way especially during home visits and on work sites. A great memory for everyone was the boat trip made to Buvuma Island, on Lake Victoria for the weekend seminar and church service. Even though the rain came down, the tents caved in and a lot of discomfort was experienced—the warmth of the island people and the fellowship experienced made up for any of the other losses. Colleen, Jesse and Moses along with the group returned to the mainland in a slightly leaky boat - but with high spirits, a rambunctious goat as well as a couple of wet chickens! Can you beat that?

## AU EA- ANDERSON UNIVERSITY-EAST AFRICA



AU Group at the Source of the Nile



Sally on a home visit in Busia

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.—Helen Keller

As the TRI-s team left for the Game park, we welcomed 10 students led by Sally Berger from Anderson University. Arriving from Tanzania, they spent a week with us in Uganda. Moose Sprunger was also in the group and spent some time reminiscing on times they spent as missionaries. Colleen left with this team to Busia—on the border of Kenya to do some plastering of the TAPP office as well as put a cement stage in the front of the church. Between jobs, we rotated everyone so that home visits could be made. Over 200 TAPP clients are living within the town and are living with HIV/Aids. It is always challenging to one's soul, when a visit is made with those who are bed ridden and facing such challenges as feeding, family care and housing rental. Prayer, small packages of clothing and food does make a difference and definitely shows the love that is there! In Busia, rain came down everyday and our fragile tents were tested to the limit. Eventually, all was accomplished and we piled in the van and headed back to Kampala.

Our house was full to bursting with 26 guests, but there was great fellowship and enough food for all! The next day both work teams were able to do some shopping and enjoy town time—which I think they were all ready for...smile. That evening the TRI-s team flew out—amidst sad farewells, and after a great church service the next day, where we had three of the AU-EA group share, our days with them came to an end and they also left Uganda.

Operation Christmas Child boxes  
in May for TAPP kids

### DONATIONS FROM GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS : thanks!

So many blessings have been sent to those who are in need, and we just want to name a few: 1) Christmas boxes were given out to our TAPP families, 2) cows to our women's leaders, 3) goats to widows, 4) small projects to our TAPP clients, 5) relief to those who have specific needs, 6) turkey projects to pastor's wives, & 7) sewing machines to name a few!



### PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE:

- Little Mary who has been undergoing intestinal surgery in Mbale
- Theodette, one of our Rwandan sponsor children with Children of Promise, who is in Uganda for surgery on her bowel
- For safety and success of the Kasubi High school choir tour to Germany
- Safe travels & good health for our work teams



#### HERITAGE GRADUATION

We enjoyed the annual graduation at Heritage International School, which is in its 15th year. Alumni from Jesse's class and the previous year were present so it was a mini reunion for the students. Tim, as Chairman of the Board, gave a challenge to the young people graduating and it was nice to see these students ready and equipped to go out on their own now.

### FAMILY TRAVELS

We left Uganda the beginning of June and are heading to Canada for a couple of weeks, and there we plan to have some family time. Then it is off to the States for Children of Promise meetings mid June, as well as the Camp meeting. We are ready for a small break, and do hope to see some of you when we are there for the 100-year celebration for Missions of the Church of God. Our contact will be: Tel #: 403-933-2061 in Canada and the Global Outreach ministries in USA . Our e-mail is: [nilecruisero4@yahoo.com](mailto:nilecruisero4@yahoo.com)

We leave Canada on July 7th to return to Uganda and a work camp that is coming from Pennsylvania.

God bless—*Tim and Colleen, Jesse and Logan*