

ON A MISSION

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When God Called 21 Responded

What an amazing time it was!!! It has been on my heart and mind for the past couple of years that we plan a trip focused around the children at Noah's Ark Children's Home. Partnering with FOCUS On Uganda, in years past we have planned trips that involve construction or different trainings in the villages. This time I was interested in planning a trip with our sole attention being on the kids and the home. God has used Noah's Ark Children's Home in some amazing ways but our biggest accomplishment is that we have provided a place for over 80 children to have experienced care, love, support, and most importantly the redemptive grace of Jesus Christ. As we began planning for our trip I had this overwhelming burden to provide support for emotional healing for trauma that I knew several, if not all, of our older teens had faced as children. While we have provided the immediate needs and physical needs of the children, I knew that the emotional needs demanded our attention. I wanted to provide Christian counseling not only for our teens, but for our Staff, to help provide guidance in dealing with children that have experienced trauma. I sought out some referrals from some of our friends that have ministries in Uganda and was able to connect with Daphine and Stella from Zoe Girls' Health Initiative, in Jinja. They were an answer to our prayers!! While this time was bitter sweet and very difficult, as most healing is, I saw a glimpse of where we are headed and am encouraged that we will continue to pour into the healing of these children with the help of Daphine and Stella. To God be the glory!



Noah's Ark staff with Daphine and Stella from Zoe Girls' Health

Our teens are away at boarding school during the semester, but it is my hope to continue the counseling when they are home on breaks. Daphine and Stella were able to lead the children through the following areas:



Encountering the Father's Heart.



Young and Alive! -The science of adolescence and its impact on teenager's decision making and behavior.



Trauma Healing - Understanding trauma and problems associated with trauma.



Forgiving and Letting Go.



“Kids who said they needed a father’s hug and to be held tightly came forward. We took honor to do it on behalf of Father God.”

-Daphine Nayebare

So many things were accomplished on this trip. Special thanks to you who have supported our work and the orphanage. Thank you and to our team who made it all possible.



Connecting the two buildings to add more space to use when it rains, and a place to set up the new washing machine!!! New smokeless stoves to improve ventilation.



New roof connecting the two buildings!





New Guttering System around the whole building.

For a long time I have wanted to incorporate a learning center that helps with the kids education, development, and motor skills. We were able to begin this process on this trip. This is **“El Roi”** (The God Who Sees Me) **Sensory Center**.

The pictures below are the kids learning the rules for the center.





On a previous trip we met Biot at his art studio in Jinja. Biot has become a friend of Noah's Ark and has come to teach art to the children. He was able to come and paint a mural on our wall at the Sensory Center.



Another highlight of our trip, we were able to have Filbert the clown and Coco his monkey come and share Bible stories!!! This was a hit!! Clown noses, sock puppets, balloon animals, Oh my!!!



Who says you can't construct a slide to an old metal bunkbed. Hours of fun!!!



The relationships....let's not forget the relationships. It was such a special time of sharing, caring, and loving on each other.





I have been blessed to work in international adoptions for the past 25 years. In the last 5 years it has become increasingly difficult. Currently, PKAF is only placing children from Malawi. It appears there is an agenda to curtail adoptions and to close adoption agencies. Our State Department mandate of Accreditation will cost PKAF \$21,000 in 2026. This is a large amount when we do not complete very many adoptions in a year. There is a growing number of children in Noah's Ark Children's Home, and with that comes a growing financial need. Please continue to pray for us and with us, as we seek God's guidance and direction every year, but especially in this coming year.



ORPHAN SPONSORSHIPS

One of the best ways to help a child in need is by helping them go to school. Here they are provided an education as well as food, clothing and essential supplies. Now more than ever we are in need. Our Sponsorship Program tries to find sponsors for each child in the orphanage but also provides sponsorship for many other orphans from surrounding villages. Most of the children that are sponsored attend school at the Primary School across the street from the orphanage. We also have many children that are in Secondary School.

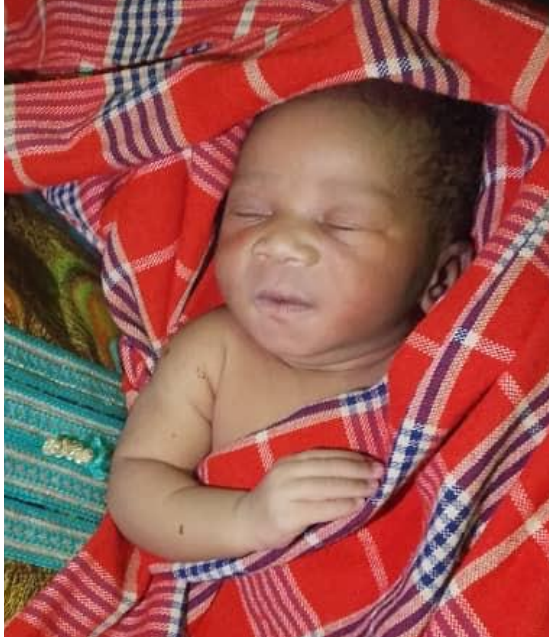
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Under heading "Orphan Relief" Orphan Sponsorship.

Monthly sponsorship are \$40 for a primary student and \$60

for a secondary student. Please help us spread the word!

I have been profoundly blessed to be a part of the mission that God has done through Promise Kids A Future. He continues to amaze me through generous support and dedication that people continue to give. As I was writing this newsletter, I got a picture from Prossy the Orphanage Director.



(Baby was found in the mosque. She is assumed to be 2 to 3 days old.)

Whether this child finds respite care at Noah's Ark Children's Home or a permanent home, the care along with your support, now more than ever, is continuing to change the future of children one life at a time.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who gave to the collecting of children's vitamins for the orphanage. We were able to take two tubs full!