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Treasures IN JARS OF CLAY

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God." 2 Corinthians 4 v 7

BY KATE TOLHURST, SPECIAL NEEDS COORDINATOR

Each and every one of us is weak and broken: physically, emotionally and spiritually. But, thankfully, there is also treasure inside us—unique potential that God planted in us in order to glorify him.

If you were to visit our new class at Kasana Children's Centre for children with disabilities, perhaps initially you would be overwhelmed by the physical and mental "brokenness" of the children who attend. However, if you were to allow yourself to stay for a while and interact with them, I can guarantee that you would soon become captivated by each one of these "treasures." We have finished the first term, and as a staff team, we have been delighted to see the potential in each child begin to emerge. All but two of the eight children have been attending mainstream classes on a regular basis. Fifteen year old Isima impressed our P5 teacher with his ability to dig in the school garden; apparently he dug the largest area out of all the class! Eight-year-old Kakulu has made many friends in the pre-school and has been surprising everyone with his ability to recognize shapes and colors! As a whole class, we have enjoyed many different activities including baking, various art and craft activities and getting out and about becoming familiar with where different people live and work.

Perhaps the most exciting transformation we have witnessed has been of an eight-

year-old girl called Allen who was brought to us last December weighing just 5.5kg (12 lbs). She has gradually put on weight and started eating solid food. She has also learned to sit up, to interact with others and to reach out and explore things placed in front of her. When we visited her home last month, we were pleased to see how her many brothers and sisters now play with her and to hear from her mother that her uncle and grandparents are no longer ashamed of her. They are now willing to let her mother bring her outside and allow her to be seen. We also have much to praise God for concerning our work in the local community. Our monthly community outreach sessions have become more and more popular and we now have a large group of regular attendees and a growing number of new children registering each month (six in April!). In March, a nurse from Kiwoko hospital came and spoke to the parents/carers about food and nutrition, and in April a member of staff here who has faced many trials as a Ugandan albino a discussion with them on the difficulties and discrimination they face as they bring up children with disabilities. They concluded this discussion by looking up verses in scripture about how precious their children are to our Father God.

Our prayer as we continue to minister to these children and their families, is that we would be challenging people (including



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- Pray for us (for specific prayer requests, please sign up as suggested below!)
- Sign up for our regular news/prayer letters by emailing the Special Needs Coordinator on katetollie@hotmail.co.uk
- Sponsor one of the children in our class or the Special Needs Programme in general. If you are interested, please email the sponsorship office at sponsors@newhopeuganda.org
- Help fund our new Special Needs Program classroom. It will be added on to the Primary School. We hope to be able to use it in 2012. Estimated cost \$20-25,000.
- Make a one-time donation to the programme; this can be done via our website newhopeuganda.org

ourselves) not to judge people according to their appearance or ability but to see each individual through God's eyes and remember that every one of us is precious to him.

"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view..." 2 Corinthians 5 v 16



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STAFF NEEDED: (FOR MORE DETAIL ON ALL OF THE BELOW PLEASE GO TO NEWHOPEUGANDA.ORG)

- **New Hope Academy teachers** - biology, chemistry, and agriculture – 2.5 to three year commitment needed.
- **Teachers for foreign staff children** – 1 primary teacher, 1 secondary teacher – one year commitment desired.
- **Mechanic/Workshop Supervisor** – skilled mechanic to manage fleet of vehicles and staff – two year commitment needed.
- **Media Coordinator** – skilled in audio, video, web and print production – minimum of one year commitment needed.
- **Sponsorship/Public Relations Coordinator** – skilled in communication and computer skills – three year commitment needed.

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2) There will be a NHUM DAKOTA PICNIC at Noon, June 18th at Heritage Hill Picnic shelter, Taylor, ND. Please call Hank Bloom for info 701-290-1951 or Home 701-974-2420.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beg Bal 12/31/10	\$366,769.28
Income 3/31/11	\$319,528.25
Expense 3/31/11	\$387,663.76
Balance 3/31/11	\$298,633.77

A financial audit is available upon request

New Hope Uganda has the ability to receive gifts of stock and other donations. Please contact Gary Wood (nhuwood@msn.com) for information.



MOVING FORWARD
Enterprise adds a tractor, 25 more acres and a fisheries project

BY SHAWN ZIMMERMAN,
ENTERPRISE FARM MANAGER

This wonderful gift is, in large, due to the prayers and support of many of you. Several months have gone by since we first welcomed our new tractor, and we at Enterprise Farm are still celebrating! Already, the tractor has prepared the soil and planted seeds for over 45 acres of land (25 acres of that was not cleared/planted last season!). Our farm is filled with maize, groundnuts, cassava, potatoes, soybeans, and bush beans. We are using our tractor to weed these growing crops. Please know we value this gift and have already taken significant steps to make sure it is kept in the best condition possible!

The tractor will enable us to focus more of our time and energy on clearing Enterprise Farm's remaining 80 acres of land. Our goal: To have every single acre of the farm cleared and ready by the first planting season of 2013. That gives us two years. Is it possible? We think so. But the big "thing" that stands between us and the completion of this goal is—you guessed it—finances. It costs us \$250 to clear and prepare an acre of land for planting. Already, because of the tractor, we will receive at least \$5,000 of additional income this season—some of that money will be designated for clearing land (and some will help fund New Hope). This will move us further along toward the goal, but still we cannot reach it alone. We need God's favor and His help through you!

Why is it so important to have Enterprise Farm in full production? Why is this goal something New Hope friends should be excited about?

Our move toward commercial agriculture will improve food security measures by building up the rural agriculture infrastructure of the Nakaseke region and, ultimately, assist in poverty reduction. "Going commercial" is imperative to the sustainability of our farm; and as we recover our full costs, the excess income will go to supporting New Hope Uganda ministries. Because Uganda has two growing seasons, each acre we clear will pay for itself in less than a year. That makes recovering costs attainable in the near future.

The financial side is not the only reason to get excited about Enterprise Farm's future. Just

as important is the farm's opportunity to encourage and inspire New

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Hope's children. It is invaluable for our kids to see operations that reach beyond the usual subsistence farming methods that have carried on generation after generation. As they witness our methods—sustainable yet progressive—our kids will be inspired to run toward training in agriculture, rather than run from it. One last exciting thing: We recently teamed up with the Dakota Project (for fundraising) and Applied Aquaponics (for technical advice) to set in motion an integrated aquaculture plan for our existing fishponds. Our plan is to breed, grow and sell over 20,000 fish annually. This intensive project is yet another step toward our goal of sustainability. Needless to say, God has brought together many pieces in the past year that have now enabled Enterprise Farm to move forward with hope into the future.



CULTURAL CELEBRATION: God's Unity and Freedom Amongst a World of Diversity and Division

BY GEOFF BRITTON, NHVI PRINCIPAL

Have you ever thought about what that really looks like? I have, and just a few weeks ago I believe I saw a real world manifestation. We recently had a "CULTURAL CELEBRATION SUNDAY" here in Kasana and it was just as Jesus said. We had people from more than 30 tribes and nations together in our Sunday service all rejoicing and celebrating how Jesus has reconciled us all to God. In a time when nations are being split over political and racial issues, we witnessed the fulfillment of John 17.

Despite the fact that some of the tribes previously persecuted and tried to commit genocide on others, we all joined together to declare that Jesus brings us together.

We declared that in Christ there is neither male nor female, no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, but we are all one in Christ. Over the course of the 2 ½ hour service, we sang songs in six different languages; we hugged, danced, jumped and proclaimed

"...That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you sent me." ~ Jesus

God's word with a loud voice. There were testimonies of how God had brought forgiveness where there was hate, and freedom where there was bondage to racism.

It is common in most cultures to hide our hatred and put on a smile, but the world sees through that hypocrisy. For the testimony of Jesus' message to be taken seriously and

believed, God, desires the church to come together, put aside our differences and allow the power of His spirit to reconcile us together as one. Here in Kasana we are working together to live out God's heart-- that every tribe and nation come together in sincere worship, lifting up the name of Jesus for all

to believe. I believe God is taking us into a season of outreach where we will take that message to the villages around our center, preaching forgiveness, healing and reconciliation of all people to God and one another. Join us in prayer that the realization of the power of forgiveness and reconciliation will spread across our region.



BAPTISM SUNDAY

Baptism Sunday - anticipation had been in the air for weeks and everyone was more than ready to walk down to the valley dam. After a number of weeks of studying what baptism is about and evaluating their faith, 25 people from our church, the youngest at 10-years-old and the oldest at 65, participated in a service to embrace the newness God offers through baptism. It was a joy to express what God has been doing in people's lives here in Kasana.

UGANDAN NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Our New Hope Academy Stallions basketball team competed in Districts and qualified for



Nationals this year. The ten member team competed with 50 other boys teams from around Uganda (there were also 30 girls teams competing). It was our first time to attend the event and it was an eye-opener. The boys learned a lot about basketball and about life. We were surrounded by a wide variety of people and values. It was a great opportunity to show that competing at a high level and exemplifying Biblical character work very well together.

In the middle of the tournament, a girl from one of the teams told us she was cheering for us and that we would do better if we switched from our zone defense to man-to-man. Then she said she could tell we were different and asked if we were Christians. We took that as a much greater accomplishment than our three wins versus two losses in the tournament.

CLINIC DEDICATION

In February, we dedicated our newly expanded Clinic. Two plaques now hang in the entrance to the clinic. One is for the original clinic building in memory of New Hope son Zziwa William. The other is for the expanded and renovated clinic in memory of Brandon Leivistad, son of Dale Leivistad whose family's contributions made the expansion possible. Dale, his wife Annette, and family members Marissa, Brandy and Dennis were the guests of honor at the dedication.

A consistent message from the various speakers was that "we treat, but God heals". When Dale spoke, he made it clear to everyone that this was God's work, not his. He talked about how blessed he felt to be able to be a part of the healing that God is doing and will do through the clinic.



"Envisioning Week" in January begins each year at New Hope Uganda. Our core values are introduced to new staff and revisited by returning staff. Each speaker focused on this year's theme - Isaiah 26:8b: "Your Name and Reknown are the desire of our hearts". Staff were challenged to ask themselves if glorifying God and making His name great really was the desire of his or her heart.

There were sessions on worldview, the Father heart of God, and on the practical issues of Biblical manhood, womanhood, parenting and relationships. Envisioning also included our annual "Cultural Night". We were blessed to share in a "Western" (Uganda, Rwanda and Congo) meal and learn about the traditions found there. As we continue to focus on this year's theme, we ask you to pray for us and join us in remembering that it is not about us, but about Him.

Exerpt from "MY FIRST VISIT TO KOBWIN"

BY BREVIN ANDERSON

One of the first difficulties I noticed was the Kobwin water situation. Since their well has stopped working, they have to walk or drive down to the lake nearby for water. They use the lake water for bathing, and cleaning, but to get drinking and cooking water they have to walk two kilometers.

There is a place closer, but the locals who own the land don't let the Kobwin kids get water from there. The reasons I have heard for this include the fact that the kids here were involved as child soldiers or were affected by the war, and so are "untouchables". The other one is that, because Kobwin is involved with Bazungu (whites), locals think the Kobwin kids should have enough money to build their own well. To get water for bathing and cleaning, the truck goes to the lake every other day to fill up lots of buckets and barrels. To get drinking water, the kids have to walk the two kilometers every single day; two there with empty jerry-cans, and

two back with 50lb jerry-cans full of water. . .

. . . I went on to ask them Uncle Charles and Aunt Felistus about the kids at Kobwin, their successes and difficulties, and other things. One success they talked about was a boy named Vincent (not his real name).



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"One has come out very clear as somebody who is committed, and who is serious, we see him playing the responsibility as a big brother in the family," said Uncle Charles. "He helps the other children, the brothers and the sisters, and that is Vincent, Vincent Afamo; he is in S3 (9th grade) now, and in his secondary school he is the Head Boy. At home, when the family father is not around



The line for water at the community well.

he can lead devotions, he can lead programs on Sunday. He really helps counseling the friends, and the rest of the children. Yeah, we have really seen him come out, and really taking the Word of God seriously. [He helps] the other children that are still not seeing life so clearly. We have seen him counseling his fellow children. We see the way he interacts. Vincent is really someone who is committed, responsible, who is honest and hardworking, so I really am proud of talking about Vincent. He is someone who is taking responsibility as someone we can trust, even when we are not around."

I actually met Vincent later that day, when, bored from putting my (injured) foot up in my room, I went out to meet up with the kids. . .



TEAMS

Teams continue to be a blessing to New Hope Uganda as we serve in the Lord's work together. In January, the **Dakota Team**, led by our North American Director, **Gary Wood**, began their time at Musana Camps where they worked on fencing areas for future cattle, building scaffolding, and finished a ceiling

project at the Sparks' home. The team then served at Kasana in a variety of ways including hosting a Women's Dinner filled with fellowship, food, testimony and a craft. The NHU ladies thoroughly enjoyed the evening and went away feeling encouraged and invested in.

In March, we welcomed the **Hinckson Academy Team** from Moscow, Russia. The team served within the schools, with Hope Family, and on Enterprise Farm. God touched many of the students' lives. **Paul Kusuubira's** "Orphan Heart" talk and testimony sparked many questions from the students' and it was amazing to see the transformation that took place in their lives. Shortly after Hinckson's

departure, we welcomed the **Tees Valley Churches Team** from England led by long-time partners **Chris and Anne Cooley**. Skilled plumbers and electricians made put their expertise to work at the in-progress Hope Family House— our new home for abandoned and needy babies and toddlers. A talented therapist held training sessions in "Play Therapy" for our childcare and education staff giving us an additional tool to help understand and address the heart issues our children are facing. The team also built new relationships and cultivated existing ones as they encouraged staff and spent time with their family group..

We have been reexamining the purposes of teams and how we can best bring the Fatherhood of God to the fatherless as we partner together. Exciting changes are underway as the Lord leads in this process.



Dakota Team

STAFF COMINGS AND GOINGS

We are incredibly thankful to God for the the staff He has given us. We said "goodbye" to several long-time staff at the end of 2010: **Ayebare Dinah** (Librarian-NHA), **Wabega Florence** (Secretary-NHA), **Samuel Bubonero** (IT In Charge), and **Mayebere George** (Teacher-NHA). They will each dearly be missed but we know that God will use them in their next calling.

We are also missing our Western staff currently on home leave/furlough. We hope that you will have a opportunity to visit with them. The **Dangers** family (Director), **Nancy Kirsch** (Head of Education), the **Biedler** family (Kasana Construction Assistant), the **Sparks** family (Musana Camps Head of Programs), and the **Vogt** family (NHICF assistant) are currently in the States. The **Browns**

(Head of IY program) and **Jill Pogmore** (Sponsorship assistant) are in the United Kingdom. The **Williams** (Head of Construction) will begin their home leave in June, the **Mitchells** (Teams/Special Projects) in July, and the **Zimmermans** (Enterprise Farm Manager) in August.

God has provided us with a number of new staff including nurse **Jenny Aitken** from Colorado. One of our new staff, **Kwapi Robert Julius**, died in his sleep on the 24th of April. This was a shock to everyone as there had been no signs of any ill health. It has hit our staff and children hard, especially those who were close to him. Your prayers for them as they are going through a hard time right now will be highly appreciated.

We also added to our family with quite a number of births. In November last year,

twins were born to the **Okoths** (Primary school)-**Israel** and **Merab**. In December, **Hannah** was born to **Nathan** (Musana Camps Head of Construction) and **Kendra Jackson**. This year **Shalom Otim** in January was born to **Kokas and Rose Otim** (Primary teachers), In April, we received a triple blessing of new borns. **Genesis Kyazze** born to **Godfrey** (Curriculum Development) and **Olga Kyazze, Hannah Kadala** born to **Ronnie** (Pastoral Traning Inst assistant) and **Blessing Kadala** and **Rachael Bouffard** born to **Dave** (Musana Camps Manager) and **Andrea Bouffard**.



Rachael Alexa Bouffard





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NOT BY CHANCE: A Changed Life

"The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs His steps." Proverbs 16:9

BY MIKE LOKEN, CROSBY ND

There are many of the readers of this newsletter that are familiar with me inasmuch as I have made several trips to the New Hope Uganda's Kasana Children's Center and one to Musana Camps. I want to share with you a remarkable story of a young man named Devin Hiller, who is from Minot, North Dakota, to reinforce your belief that God is a remarkable, providential, and in many ways, a miracle working God.

In October, 2010 Gary Wood, the North American Director of New Hope Uganda Ministries called me and asked if I knew this young man, because he was a Physical Education teacher in our local school. I did not – in fact, I have never heard of him – but Gary had received a call from Devin about the possibility of going on a mission trip to New Hope. Gary wanted me to follow up on him and gave me his phone number. I called him.

Devin had heard about New Hope from a fellow coach at school. He was surprised when Gary told him about me and that I lived here in Minot where he teaches. We got together several days later and I told him about New Hope. I showed him photos of Uganda and New Hope that I had taken as well as those of others with whom I had travelled to Uganda. I gave him a packet of material New Hope was using for publicity and a picture book named "Imagine Uganda" I had received as a gift from Nancy Kirsch, Sam Serunkuma, and other members of the New Hope staff before I left there in April, 2008. I asked Devin if he was a Christian. He said, "yes," and that it was the

influence of another friend that he had begun to develop an interest in a mission trip. I didn't pursue the discussion on his commitment to Christ any further at that time.

Devin, along with David Olson, the other coach, started a Bible Study at my house a couple of weeks later. At our first meeting, I wanted to know where these men were spiritually and if they indeed had ever committed their lives to Jesus Christ. It was apparent that Devin had not, and so we talked about that a bit, and I gave him some material to read that would lead him to a decision to do so. Gary and his wife, Louise, were stopping overnight at my house the following evening on their way to the Canadian Board meeting and I invited Devin to join us for dinner and visiting. It as a great time of fellowship, and during that visit, I asked

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Devin if he had read the material I gave him. He said "yes" and I asked him if he had prayed the prayer at the end. He again said "yes" and it was obvious to me that Devin had committed his life to Christ. That truth has been borne out in our many meetings since during our Bible Studies, attending church together, and other nights of fellowship at my house. Devin has a sincere, strong desire to be obedient to the Lord and follow His plan for his life, and I know he means it.

The upshot of all this is Devin reserved a space on the team Gary is bringing to

New Hope on June 29th. He began a fund raising effort to help with his expenses, and it is amazing what has happened. He has currently raised over \$4,000.00, which pays his entire trip, plus he will have extra funds which he has informed his supporters will be donated to New Hope for use in the Physical Education program of the school.

The world would say that all this is coincidence, but we know that is not the case. Devin had applications out at other schools for his first teaching job. But Divide Country School District offered him a job, and he accepted. There he met a guy that told him about New Hope and Devin called Gary Wood. Gary put



him in touch with me, someone he had never heard of, and for all practical purposes, would never have met, even though we were living about four blocks from each other in a small community

of 1,000 people in a remote location in North Dakota. God had His eye on Devin, not only to come to New Hope, but also to be confronted with the claims of Christ and receive Him as his Savior, and He orchestrated it with perfection. God also provided me with the awesome opportunity to be instrumental in leading this young man to Christ, gain a beloved brother, and have the privilege of mentoring him as he begins his journey with Christ.