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The Impressions of Two Visiting Sponsors

Among the gods [there is] none like unto thee, O Lord; neither [are there any works] like unto thy works. Psalm 86:8

Vanessa told us: It was such a privilege to be able to visit Uganda. Stepping out of the plane and meeting Pastor Fred on African soil was a dream come true. We saw in real life, the children and the staff at Omega School. The work of God is apparent. It is humbling to me to see how God uses us. As I watched the 400+ school children, I was reminded once again how many lives God has created and how many He loves. He has a plan for each of us. In the villages around the school, I began to notice a recurring theme in the African songs, "There is no one like God!" On a bright sunny afternoon, we did home visits. While some children live on campus, most live in the surrounding area of Buwenge. As we bumped along the roads, we talked about how the children walk to school every day. For some it is a lengthy journey filled with mud and dust. When we arrived at my sponsored child Sandra's home, we were warmly welcomed. Sandra's father died when she was only three. Her mother has been caring for the children alone for many years. All of Sandra's siblings are at boarding schools so she is the only one at home. Thankfully they have a house of their own. Sandra took me around to see their place. She showed me her garden where she grows corn. They also grow plantain and had some matoke (steamed plantain) in the kitchen cooking. The kitchen was an additional building behind the house. Most children go to boarding school in secondary school (8th grade). Sandra is hoping to start boarding school next year and while that will be good for her studies, it will be sad to be separated from her mother. At Omega School, Sandra and the children study Math, Science, and History. They also learn 3 languages, English and two local dialects, religion and more. Each child carries a bag with all their school note books. All the schoolwork must be copied into their notebooks and then the answers written in.



I am so thankful for the great God we serve. He surpasses culture, time, language, and so much more, using us to do His work. To all the many supporters of Omega School and churches, thank you so much for the prayers and support you have offered. You are making a difference. God bless you.



Ruth told us: It was a special privilege to visit Ramula in her tiny, two-room brick home in Buwenge. She lives with her mother, father, brother, & another child they care for. The front room had a couch, chair, & sewing machine, which her mother uses to sew dresses. Ramula's mother was very welcoming, serving us "bagia" (a crunchy cassava snack), sweet cakes, & bottled water. Ramula was happy to read to me from her Bible story book, which I had gifted her. Before we left, her mother gave Ramula coins to run & buy 8 eggs to give to me! They are generous & appreciative of the help we provide. It was a blessing to pray with them before leaving. Ramula walks to Omega school each day where she joins 455 other students. A normal meal at school is "posho" (a white cornbread) & beans. The first day we visited the school they had rice, a special treat! Each child washes his own plate after eating. I won't soon forget the thrill of a sea of little brown faces upturned, their bodies pressing close, with about six little hands clinging to each of my hands & arms! So much curiosity & energy & need.....I can bring hope & opportunity to at least ONE.

Gifts received by December 16th allow for a timely transfer of funds to Uganda.

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Letters and pictures are finally here! We want to thank all our sponsors for the patience they have shown us in the last 3 years. In a 3rd world country, when a child leaves school (lockdowns, families going where they can find work, etc.) the communication is limited so the school must wait in hope of their return. The school knows that each child considers it a special privilege to attend school, especially if sponsored. Many have not returned to our hub, which is Omega School in Buwenge. Fred also says, "many children have aged and some have married. We are trying to trace them so that they may write and update the sponsors." Each year children leave Omega School and join secondary school level as well. He says, "currently, we have only 123 children with active sponsors at Omega School. Please be reminded that we don't send away those children that get dropped by their sponsors, we just continue with them until they finish 7th grade. The total enrollment this coming term stands at 455." An audit has begun. Two things we hope to do, contact sponsors asking to choose new younger kids if we are unable to locate them, and ask for your continued patience and prayer for these challenges! Merry Christmas and thank you for adding so much to our funds, **Christmas Party Funds still accepted in December!**

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