



Dear Family and Friends,

Travelling in Uganda is a "lot like a box of chocolates. You never know what you will get." F. Gump. Last week we travelled 12 hrs west of Mbale to the XXX Refugee Camp near the Congo border where 145,000 families live in mud and stick huts (see pic below of huts). I want to introduce you to the lady with the big smile in the green dress and head scarf. Her name is Dassy. This is a picture of the orphanage she keeps in the Refugee Camp. Her husband was killed in the Congo but she escaped with their 4 children. That was 20 years ago. Today she runs this orphanage that is home to 52 children. She is a believer who exudes the joy of the Lord! She came daily to the conference where we taught, walking 2.5 miles each way. It costs her roughly \$225.00 for school fees 3 times a year, not to mention the cost of feeding them all. She was so happy to "show off" her home. She showed us a carved-out place, surrounded on all sides by mud—about the size of a double bed where 6 little girls sleep. She showed us a room where a 16-year-old girl is raising her 5 younger siblings because her parents ran back to the Congo, leaving the children. She told us about the 5 girls she was raising that all got raped on the same night, so the authorities moved them to a different refugee camp. Most of the refugees were better off in the Congo. They owned a business and a nice home. Today in the camp they build their own mud hut and the government gives them a tarp for a roof. If they are unable to save for iron sheets to replace the roof, the plants begin to grow on the roof. The government gives each family \$3.00/month for food. You can imagine the depression and despondency.

At the conference, Gregg taught about how to start and run a business. How to keep the books for a business and we all shared ideas of what business might succeed in this place. I taught about leadership, beginning with personality types and spiritual gifts. Since leaving the camp, we have begun to develop ideas for businesses that perhaps we could help them launch.

The day after we returned from the camp, Gregg shared the gospel at a funeral. Twenty people have given their lives to Christ, causing the church to burst at the seams.

This week we begin two new classes on The Story of the Bible. One is a two-hour drive north from Mbale to Karamoja (near S. Sudan), so we will leave early and return late and teach two lessons each Wednesday for 6 weeks. And we continue the classes we started last time in the villages.



We really cannot express the depth of our gratitude for your support that allows us to do the ministry we are able to do here! Your prayers are so real and felt here. We have been able to give money for a church building, buy fabric and a sewing machine for some refugee camp ladies, to launch a pastor in a new business, to print notebooks of our teaching, brochures about the training and so much more due to your generosity! Thank you! THANK YOU!!

May God richly bless you for being a huge blessing to us,

Gregg and Sherrie

