

*Because every child deserves hope and a future*

# Orphan Justice mission

## ministry update APRIL 2007

As we prepare for our first trip to Uganda we are overwhelmed by what God is doing at Glory of Christ School in Rakai. In our last news letter we had 280 children enrolled and now are over 400. Enrollment continues to climb as more and more children hear about the school. Some children are walking up to 12 kilometers to school each day. How can we say no to children who are so desperate. These children are fighting to live. The one meal provided each day is what sustains their life. Going to school with other orphaned children and learning about Jesus is what is giving them hope. 90 % of these children are orphaned and have lost both parents due to the AIDS pandemic. These children have cared for their dying parents and are now caring for each other.

### *children taking care of children...*

I can't even get my mind and heart around this tragedy! The needs are overwhelming. We need to hire more teachers, purchase more educational materials, and improve the quality of the daily meal by introducing fruit and meat.



We received some bad news last week. During the heavy rains the roof collapsed on the original church building. We are thankful this happened at night when school was not in session - no one was hurt. The newly constructed classrooms were not affected. Now over 170 children meet outside in the

rain, hot sun, or some make shift lean-to. The plan is to rebuild using the existing roofing materials and purchasing new tree poles for \$1500. We realize that this is not the long term solution but will allow the school to continue until we can raise the \$60,000 needed to purchase the land and construct a concrete building that will withstand the elements.



Through gifts from the children at Potters House School in Grand Rapids, family and friends we are bringing 450 gift bags for the children. These bags consist of school supplies, personal hygiene items, and a toy. These will be distributed by the teachers and school staff.

It doesn't take much to change a child's life. This orphan boy (pictured on page 2) had no hope. His parents died of AIDS; he had no other family to care for him. He couldn't go to school because he is crippled. Our staff became aware of his needs, purchased a wheel chair and has found a family from Glory of Christ Church to take him in. Praise God. He now has a family and can go to school and learn about Jesus. He now has hope!

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The Glory of Christ School Choir has begun with over 100 children participating. I am reminded of Psalm 50:23 "He who offers thank (praise) offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I might show him the salvation of God." Could it be that out of the worship of these desperate children that God is preparing the way for an outpouring of His salvation, His deliverance, His healing, His mercy and grace upon these children that will change their lives forever to the praise of His Glory. I dream of these children being raised up as a God fearing generation that will impact Africa with the life changing power of their mighty deliver, Jesus Christ.



### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GET INVOLVED ?

#### YOUR TIME... PRAY:

1. Pray for our team as we travel April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup>. (Bill, Donna & Chad Terpstra, Tim, Patty & Jon Stoner, Lincoln Pupoh, & Kyle Douglas),
2. Pray for the staff & teachers at Glory of Christ School that God will give them wisdom and healing in their hands as they daily minister to these children.
3. Pray for these children that they will come to know Jesus as their Savior and begin to be healed through Him.
4. Pray that God will give us wisdom as we meet with Government officials and other ministry partners to discuss the start up of a medical clinic, agriculture program, and water purification system.
5. Pray that God will reveal to us His plans on what needs to be done to establish a long term Orphan Care strategy.

#### YOUR TALENTS:

- More to come on this when we get back...

#### YOUR TREASURES...GIVE

1. A gift of \$100 will support a child for 1 year. We need to raise \$45,000 annually to maintain the current child programs.
2. A gift of \$1200 will employ a teacher for 1 year.
3. A gift of \$1500 will rebuild the existing church/school building.
4. Any gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is needed to help us effectively minister to these desperate orphaned children.
5. Please mail your gift to:

ORPHAN JUSTICE MISSION  
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**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !**