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Beloved brothers, sisters and friends of Vision for Africa!

With dearest blessings and greetings of gratefulness we send you our next newsletter.

We are sooo thankful for all your prayers, faithfulness, love, support, working help and advice, which we have gotten from each one of you directly or indirectly.

We are now in the pre-easter time and for this time I have some suggestions how we could participate at a new way of fasting.

WHAT SHOULD I GIVE UP FOR LENT? MEAT? CHOCOLATE? WATCHING TV?

Many of us try to be more disciplined for Lent and give up something that we really like. That's great! Fasting has always been an important tradition of Lent. This year however, let us also consider other things that we can give up.

***Give up complaining* – Focus on gratitude**

Philippians 2:14-15 – Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure...

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ.

***Give up bitterness* – Turn to forgiveness**

Ephesians 4:31 – Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

***Give up worry* – Trust in God**

Matthew 6:25 – "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life... who by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

Matthew 6:33 – But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

***Give up discouragement* – Be full of hope**

Deuteronomy 31:8 – The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you: he will never leave you or

forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Isaiah 40:31 – But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

***Give up hatred* – Return good for evil**

1 John 2:9 – Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.

Luke 6:27 – “But I tell you who hear me; Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”

***Give up anger* – Be more patient**

Matthew 5:22 – But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

Proverbs 15:18 – A hot tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

***Give up gossiping* – Control your tongue**

Psalms 34:13 – Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Proverbs 21:23 – He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

In our days where real faith on Jesus Christ hides more and more in the background and many people do not even know anymore who he really was and is, so I would like to share a few thoughts with you that move and encourage me very much, to always be faithful to HIM and walk in his works that he has prepared for us.

It is truly a miracle what is happening here in Uganda in VfA.

We can only thank the Lord quietly and loudly, who is the beginner and the finisher of this ministry that has become a blessing to thousands of people in Uganda.

We would like to share with you a bit about the progress in our various departments.

KIYUNGA

In Kiyunga we have recently inaugurated the 3 new „houses for old people“ (long-term visitors). „Winter-refugees“ from Europe or other can spend the cold months with wonderful sunshine and a nice surrounding and go back to the „fridge“ Europe when they are healed in spirit, soul and body.



ORTHOPAEDICS WORKSHOP

Our orthopaedics workshop which was founded through Mr. Karsten Schulz and his wonderful team („ProUganda“) but has become a fixed part of VfA, is a blessing to almost 300 people every year with missing limbs, who get new mobility through new artificial legs or arms. We are so thankful for this service, that is unique in Uganda. People are coming even from Congo to get treated. It is almost unthinkable how fast the good news of this service is spreading and becoming famous through the whole country and beyond to the neighbouring countries without us doing anything!



PRAYER MOUNTAIN WHICH IS ACTUALLY CALLED MOUNT GALILEE

Nobody knows where the name is coming from because the mountain was known as cursed mountain for decades, on which many times black bulls were sacrificed for the devil and also many wizards and witches were initiated there. Today it is a blessed Prayer Mountain and a place of encounter with the living God.

The newly built Voactional school („Learning by doing“!) has had the first glorious graduation of students. Each graduant got a „starter kit“ and can immediately start their own business.



Our biggest project so far:

THE HIGH SCHOOL IN NAKIFUMA

With the beginning of February this year the intake of students for the first and second class has started, and now we have already 650 high school students in a full running school schedule, even though around them are still many unfinished buildings. But everyone is happy and working hard and full of enthusiasm, teachers as well as students.

We trust the Lord that HE will bless us the next 12 months with the amount that is still missing, so that the school can be completed and the expected 2.000 students find a good dwelling place for their next 6 years until the A-levels.

They are already working in the agriculture as well, at weekends and in their free days!

A big problem is still the water supply for so many people! These days we are going to drill another borehole and trust to get a whole lot of water!

If someone wants to participate for this borehole we are thankful for each and every euro. In total we still need 25.000 Euro for the drilling, pump, solar engine and the work setting the pipes!



KIKONDO

On 23 February 2019 was the special day in the history of the school. Parents, teachers, pupils, religious leaders, local and international leaders gathered at school to celebrate the 80th birthday of our beloved director, Mama Maria Prean. On this very day, we inaugurated the examination centre for our pupils. The hall has the seating capacity of two hundred forty candidates during the National Examinations. Hence, it can serve six schools at ago within the local area. It has modern furniture, lighting system in a very cool and conducive environment. Lastly but not least, we blessed Kikondo UMEA Primary School, a Moslem founded school at our neighbourhood with one hundred desks. For years, this Moslem school has not been having enough furniture for their pupils and some have been sitting on the floor. There was joy and happiness in the whole community as they received these desks from Mama Maria and the directors of VFAI (Europe). The community appreciated our love for them and the generous giving. The school remains a blessing to the community through providing qualitative service in all areas. We give all the Glory to God
Philippians 4:13

ANDREW MAENA, DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL KIKONDO



KARAMOJA

Kindergarten:

Our children can now eventually stay with us and do not have to take the long way to go back to their poor homestages! The new dormitory OASIS for our kindergarten children got finished this last month of March so the 250 children could move in with us. They can now stay with us until in May the holidays start.

The work in the Kindergarten is running very well, we kept the daily morning washing routine up and the kids love it, they really have fun and get to learn a life of cleanliness and now more than ever, where we do not have to send them back home after every day. They are smart, they love to learn and especially to sing altogether. We are very grateful for the good development everything takes and for Robert, who is doing an excellent job with the children as the leader of the kindergarten.

Senager Village:

Our ‚Senager Village‘ (Senior Teenagers - people in their advanced youth) meanwhile counts 33 old people living in the 25 round huts. For the seniors we have found a retired nun, Sister Agnes who takes good care of them and who took on the official leadership for the ‚Senager Village‘. Sr. Agnes herself is a Karamojong and former leader of a teacher’s training center in Moroto, Karamoja’s capital. She also takes the position of the deputy head mistress of our kindergarten. We are very grateful how God provides for us, that he puts the right person in each „gap“ we have, without us getting headache what to do and whom to take. The ‚Senagers‘ themselves are very happy in their new cute round huts and for the overall-care!!! They even eventually agreed to refrain from alcohol and drugs and hereby they start a new chapter in their lives for the honor of God within our ministry.

Inauguration:

We can also report about a very blessed inauguration of the buildings on February, 25th. It was sparkling that our 250 kids and their relatives plus many inhabitants of the village participated at the first big service in our church, 900 in total. Added on that we had 30 dear guests from Europe, 30 honorables from Moroto and our 40 staff members, in total 100, so that we had 1000 guests altogether at our celebration. This was more our church could take in, so that we put up tents. The Headquarter, the Senager Village, the Kindergarten and the Dormitory OASIS were officially inaugurated and blessed. Of course dancing, jumping, singing was excessively done which made the occasion a very special ‚Karamojong‘ one. It was a feast of joy and we got so many reasons to thank our God for everything.



OUR NEEDS IN NEED OF QUICK SOLUTIONS

Please note that this is no „begging letter“ but only a good opportunity to bless! 😊

- Ambulance for the clinic in Kiyunga 35.000 Euro (16.000 have come already!)
- Community Hall in Nakifuma for 2.600 people (105.000 Euro are still missing)
- Terrazzo floors for the new dormitories and classrooms of the High School (each square meter costs 15 Euro and we have 2.000 m² where we have to put Terrazzo, because any other flooring would immediately break within a short time, with this load of people.)
- A sick-bay with a laboratory, which will cost around 50.000 Euro.
- We still need 2.000 plastic chairs for the big Community Hall, 15 Euro per piece!
- And a good sound system.
- We also need a generator, because we have so many power short-cuts, it costs 20.000 Euro.
- At last we would also love to get used wind instruments in a good condition for our brass band!

We ask you to move these prayer requests in your heart and if you no someone with an open heart for people in Africa who would certeinly neever go to Europe or America as refugees, because we have given them the possibility to afford a normal life, then please pass on this information. In the end they are invited to come to us and get convinced what we have done with their money.

WHO IS JESUS?

In chemistry: He turned water to wine.

John 2:6-10

John 4:46

In biology: He was born without the normal conception.

Isaiah 7:14

Luke 1:26- 37

In physics: He disapproved the law of gravity when He ascended into heaven.

Mark 16:19

In economics: He disapproved the law of diminishing return by feeding 5000 men with two fishes & 5 loaves of bread.

Matthew 14:19

John 6:13

In medicine: He cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs;

Matthew 15:30

Mark 1:34

In history: He is the beginning and the end;

John 1:1-5

Revelation 22:13

Revelation 21:6

In government: He said that He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace.

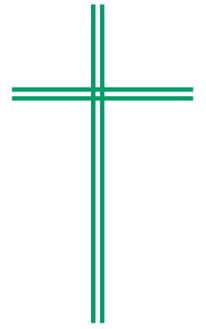
Isaiah 9:6-7

In religion: He said no one comes to the Father except through Him;

John 14:4-6

So, Who is He? He is Jesus! The Greatest Man in History

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.



I feel honoured to serve such a Leader who loves us.
Tell the world about HIM today!

With the love of Jesus and in great thankfulness, I greet you from the wonderful Uganda/ Imst,

Maria L. Preau

Your Maria with Family and Team



“Remember that all our joy triggers the ability of joy in the whole world, whereas our compassionate feelings do not linder the sufferings of the world!” Oscar Wilde

„For receiving of grace only the one is able, who is desperate about himself, his own will and work, and who sets all hope on Christ.“ Martin Luther

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