

Dear and brothers,

once again it's time to bring greetings from Uganda. We have been very busy and faced quite a few challenges over the past six months. In August we moved from the house we had lived for seven years. It was a major effort and we are grateful to God for all the friends and relatives who helped us. Katja has been struggling with respiratory problems and been on sick leave several occasions. We are so grateful to God that despite our challenges and weaknesses, the work in Uganda goes forward. By the grace of God, we have been able to help people with various tragedies due to sickness and poverty. These individuals and their desperate life situations affect us deeply and shake us up time after time. Daily we are face to face with the inequality of the



Residents of the leprosy village saying thank you for the gifts they received, which included new sheets.

world. Why

do I have more than I need and another person has nothing? At times we can feel very overwhelmed and helpless in our efforts to bring relief to the suffering people in the world. What can one person do? The best way we can help is to do our part in helping our neighbour. God never asked us to solve all the problems in the world, but to be a loving neighbour to one individual or a group of people that He has guided into our lives. The following words of Jesus still prevail. "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Matt 7:12 We all have these neighbours in our lives and we can bring the love of Jesus and comfort to the lonely, broken-hearted, afflicted and hopeless souls. One person matters to Jesus. We want to encourage you all to continue to do good, for God promises that whatever we do to others in the name of Jesus, in due time it will bear fruit.



Tom showing his operated stomach to KMI-member Emmanuel.

In June John contacted us to help a young man called Tom. He had a severe stomach infection and needed urgent operation and treatment. Tom's family didn't have the funds for the operation and Tom would not

survive without the surgery. KMI responded to this request and Tom was operated. His whole stomach was taken out to be rinsed thoroughly and he got very strong antibiotics. By God's grace, Tom got through this life-threatening condition and his life was spared.

John and the Mission centre residents have continued the cultivations. Corn, bean and cassava crops are looking promising. It is our continuous prayer that the cultivations would give a good yield and that our Uganda team would continue to get more confident in Farming God's way. Nazareth school has resumed as a Saturday school every second week. Many parents kept asking John and other KMI-members when the Nazareth school opens its doors and now about 120 children are part of the Saturday school programme. The programme includes basic literacy and numeracy skills, two meals and



Nazareth School students having a lesson under a tree.

teaching the bible. The Nazareth school children are from very poor families and they cannot afford the regular school. The parents have been very happy that their children are able to receive education. The children had big smiles on their faces when they received their schoolbooks and a small snack as an extra treat.

In July John sent us a photo of a man who had suffered from leprosy and whose legs and arms had been amputated, because he had not got the required treatment on time. The photo shocked us deeply. All kinds of feelings and thoughts filled our hearts. This poor man had not been able to get outside for two years and eight months. His wife tried to help him to the best of her ability, but she could not take him outside as they didn't have a wheelchair. The church in Kamuge went to visit and help this family after they had heard of their difficult situation. As John shared about this man called Moses lacking a wheelchair, we made the decision to purchase one for him. Again, God provided the funds for this extra need and in August John with pastor Richard and



Moses was very grateful for the wheelchair, which gave him a new opportunity to be able to move.

some other volunteers handed the wheelchair to Moses. John told us how happy and overjoyed Moses had been when he was able to move and go outside. Some people from the village followed Moses as he was going to the market with his wheelchair. He told everyone what God had done for him. We were very touched by Moses' deep joy and gratitude towards God and his enthusiasm to glorify God for his gift. Moses clearly understood that this gift came from his Heavenly Father, not from people.



Cultivations at the Mission Centre.

Now in October we were able to donate new sheets for the lepers. John delivered them and handed them out in the leprosy village. We were also able to donate a food parcel, soap and therapeutic skin oil for the patients. John read out the gospel message we had written to the leprosy village, volunteers and the officials who were present. We reminded the audience about the well-known story of a good Samaritan, that Jesus told to illustrate who was our neighbour. This story shows how it is the will of God to help the needy and the helpless. We also emphasized that Jesus is the only hope and salvation for the humanity. John told us that the message was received very well and the officials were very impressed by KMI's efforts and faithfulness to help lepers despite being a small NGO.

Our hearts were filled with gratitude as we looked at the photos John had sent to us. We marvelled once again what God had done through little people like us. We want to thank you all from the bottom of our heart for your support and prayers.

With blessings,

Petri and Katja

Prayer Requests:

- The Mission Centre residents and KMI-team: health, vision and enthusiasm for farming.
- Leprosy village: healing and salvation.
- Nazareth school activities.
- Wisdom concerning our future plans: Timing of the next trip and development of the project.

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“Blessed is he that considereth the poor.” Ps. 41:1

Visit at the Leprosy Village



Different officials addressing and greeting the leprosy patients and volunteers.



Leprosy village residents holding the gifts and being thankful for the donations from KMI.



John addressing the leprosy village and sharing the gospel message on the behalf of KMI.



Leprosy patients listening to speeches and greetings.



Chairman of the leprosy village giving a speech to the visitors and officials.



One of the patient's toes eaten by the leprosy.

Nazareth Saturday School



KMI-team and the Nazareth school teachers handing out the schoolbooks and small snacks to the children.



Children were very grateful for their gifts and for the opportunity to return to school.



Ladies serving porridge for breakfast.



At the Nazareth Saturday school children learn basic literacy and numeracy skills and hear about Jesus.



Children also receive a nutritious lunch.



Children enjoying their lunch in Ugandan style.

Moses' Wheelchair Purchase



This mattress was Moses' life for 2 years 8 months.



John and some members of the Kamuge church brought the wheelchair to Moses' house.



People from Kamuge church and John praying for Moses.



Moses is getting his first ride on the wheelchair.



Moses going to the local market with some people accompanying him. He told everyone what God had done to him and how God had given him a chance to move around again.