

Dear Shared Blessings Friends,

Last week you heard from us about what is happening with our partners in Odisha, India. Now here is the news from Uganda and Myanmar:

Moses, Director of **CHILDREN SAFE UGANDA (CSU)** is recovering from a difficult surgery. Please keep him in your prayers, as he has been suffering quite a bit. He writes that instead of spending his morning devotional time talking to God, he has been quietly listening to Him and learning a lot. While Moses is regaining his strength, his competent staff is keeping things running. Improvements are being made to the school with the recent money we sent, their Youth Program for young people entering adulthood is increasing in influence and the parent groups are running small businesses that are flourishing.

It is the rainy season in Uganda (send some to California!) and at **DORCAS** malaria is rampant. Elizabeth called to let us know that they are having a difficult time because they have run out of malaria medicine and there is no money to buy more. They are turning away sick children who need malaria medicine and other who need an IV drip to reverse the dehydration that the disease can cause. This is not expensive medicine; most cases can be treated for under \$10. For certain, Shared Blessings will send money for this

problem. As I was writing this we received a generous donation to be used for medicine!

We received wonderful pictures from Emmanuel, the Director at Dorcas, showing the children celebrating Easter.

They love putting on dramas and for this holiday, they reenacted the Passion of Jesus. Afterward they had a party with glorious cakes and Fanta, their favorite soda. Games, dancing and singing lasted from afternoon until early evening. It was only when darkness began to fall that the children reluctantly ended the celebration.



Dorcas children reenact the crucifixion



Eager faces await the cutting of the cake

Now the children are eagerly looking forward to "Rob Bohning Day" which will be in August. This will be a celebration of Rob's life, a day when they can be inspired by the story of his courage and faith in Jesus as he battled cancer. In Rob's memory, we will give 200 children a fantastic day. with hearty meals, treats, games, music and dancing. It is not too late if you wish to add to the party fund. An acknowledgment of each contribution will be sent to Rob's widow, Lori.

At **KEZIYA**, they are enjoying the use of a new solar panel which we have supplied. This runs their computer system and makes it much easier to communicate with us. The electricity supply in Gulu is very undependable, shutting down almost daily.

As usual, Rev. Otto and many of the children are working hard on their "gardens", which in reality make up a small farm. The Keziya group lives very simply, with barely the basics of daily life. Harvesting a good food supply from the crops they raise is important.

They prefer to use much of the money we send for school fees, because Rev. Otto believes that education will give the children a future. Recently in an email, he wrote that they are congratulating Albert Ojok, who scored well in exams and will be going University this fall. To quote Rev. Otto, "This is an achievement because educating the children is our main priority and when they excel, we walk with our heads up, full of proudness and joy"



Robinah and Rachael are washing the dishes



Jerome and his younger brother chasing a ball

At Kazia

There was a scare at **EMMANUEL CHILDREN'S HOME** in Myanmar last month when two year old Caleb, Pastor Joel's birth son, became very sick, was hospitalized and diagnosed with TB. Joel immediately had each person living at ECH tested and thankfully, all were negative.

Everyone then had the vaccination against TB.

What a blessings that in April we were able to send the \$10,000 down payment so that ECH can buy the house and land where they are living. They have already signed the contract. Thank you to everyone who made that possible. We are already almost halfway to the next \$10,000 which we hope to send by the end of July.

There is a big smile on the face of Sui, Joel's wife. Now she has a washing machine to help her do the laundry for the 18 children and some adults. Three new children were recently added to the ECH and there are plans to add 3 more. What a joy for us to know that our funds are giving hope and new life to vulnerable children.



The children pose happily around the new washing machine



Seven year old Gabriel is one of the new children added to the family. He is so happy to be at ECH.

THANK YOU to each one of you for the love that
prompts your gifts.

Blessings,
Audrey