

ABH Newsletter

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Hi everyone, it has been some time since my last report. I have been back in Australia since mid-March while my wife still remains in Uganda. I had planned to stay for around three months but now of course my return depends on when borders open up and flights become available.

The last twelve months in Uganda has again been challenging, especially with our minimal funding declining even more. However, God blessed us with some new supporters and often unexpected donations came in, just in time, for our work to continue.

Beekeeping has also been challenging, while many new things have been learned, it has not been enough to make honey production viable. We had hoped that honey production would fund other projects while giving myself personally and the workers a living. It is good enough to give villages an increased income but not profitable using the Australia model of commercial bee keeping. We will continue to look at ways of increasing production and reducing costs but all these things need funding and cooperation from the Ugandan department of Agriculture which seems not to be forthcoming.

Our real work seems to be found while working in remote villages. Often this is where we find people in real need, while we don't have resources, a call out to God, with a mention on Facebook results in someone's needs being met. Just before my return, we met a woman in dire needs. She was told she needed an operation but sent home from hospital, suffering because of lack of funding. We received enough donations the following day to pay her op and her weeks stay in hospital while giving her a month's wages to take home. What a blessing, made me feel that my efforts were worthwhile after all. It has also been a great blessing to watch children (albeit, a small number) grow up healthy and well educated thanks to people offering donations for their cause. Thank you all for supporting us and making these things possible.

The school near Mayuge, Eastern Uganda is doing well with their new classrooms but are in urgent need of more funding. Pastor Fred has said that things are desperate as many children lack basic needs such as food and clothes. I'm sure it is not isolated as the lockdown has meant no income or food for many.

My hope is to return to Uganda later this year, in the meantime we are desperate to find ways of promoting A.B.H. and raising funds. If you have any suggestions, please contact me. Our A.G.M. has been delayed, I hope we can have our meeting in July, if you feel that God is leading you to join our team, please call me on 0428844885.

I hope and pray that you have all managed to get through all these challenges that the whole world has been facing during these past months, blessings Phil.

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