

Report on July / Aug Uganda trip, by Phil Grigg.

The Australian team of four recently traveled to Africa spending almost a month living and working in Kaihura. The team consisted of Dean Schunke, a farmer from Manoora, Honorata Lawrynowicz a Polish lady living in Adelaide, myself and my thirteen year old daughter Melinda.

We traveled non stop to the village of Kaihura which took thirty two hours, Honorata had spent the previous week at Hillsong in Sydney and had traveled via Johannesburg and arrived the previous day and stayed the night in Kampala Faith and all the team from Bringing Hope to the Family were great as usual, waiting until we arrived before starting their evening meal, even though it was 11pm , and giving us a great welcome . Great preparation had been done to cater for all the muzungu [ white people ] . Last year when I stayed with BHF for six weeks I was the only white person for forty kms , this year that had all changed . Travis Gravette from Global Support Mission had taken a team from the US. last December for a few weeks to help out and to make a short documentary .

This time we got to meet Travis who had already been in Africa for several weeks and his seven member team who had been working for two weeks helping the clinic team testing patients for Hiv/Aids in out lying areas. However the team returned home two days latter, but Travis remained behind to prepare for the next US team.

#### Culture Shock

For me it was like returning home , certainly a lot easier the second time , but for the others who I must say handled things very well , there was perhaps a little culture shock . Adjusting to living in a somewhat different country takes a while. In Kaihura, the local people are mainly subsistence farmers , using their small block of land to supply their family with food and perhaps have a little left over to sell at the local market. If they have a job it would only pay a few shillings a week , so at a guess there would be about one car per 30,000 people. However there are plenty of taxis and boda bodas available , but you must get used to fitting ten people into the space of five.

It was great to see what God had done through Bringing hope to the Family, since my last visit as well as treating patients at the clinic, providing for over twelve hundred orphans and keeping their many worthy projects running there were many visible signs of progress. Last year I had to stay with Faith and staff in the back of the clinic and administration building, dining outside in the weather , now Faith had a new house although not quite finished it was livable. There is a new flour mill which means they can mill their own corn and millet, as well as outside grains giving them a small income, they had also finished a small cottage for the US. Bishop on top of the prayer mountain . Other improvements included a new building being started for Home Again [ the orphanage ] this building was a few feet high but would require further funding to reach completion, land has been purchased and a small amount of money put aside to start the building of a hospital. The first stage will be building a new clinic as the present is rented. There are two other hospital within fifty kms , but with three million people living in the district one more would be welcomed.

The Australian teams main focus was to assist in completing “” Dorcus “” the vocational school and girls dormitory, a large building that I helped start last year.

Although It was in use it had no glass in the windows , some doors missing ,walls still need plastering and floors concreting . The 60plus girls that live there[mainly orphans ] have to sleep on the floor . While we were unable to see it finished , because of donations given to us around \$5,000. we were able to supply a rain water tank and guttering , glass for the windows ,as well as materials and labour for plastering and floors. Dean and I spent some time in the workshop that was set up last year reequipping it as well as making a few more windows and doing repairs on the flour mill.

Our other job was to train a young man named Peter to work in the steel fabrication workshop and teach him to weld but this will take more time and although we have no money to do so Dean and I have invited him to Australia to bless him . After living in a mud hut with no water or electricity this I trust will be a great time for him, we hope to teach him many more skills including welding and also beekeeping as this has great potential in Kaihura . Im sure during his six month stay he will be a fantastic ambassador for Uganda.

Honorata is doing well back in Kaihura , she is staying until Easter. God has blessed her with many talents and tasks including teaching at Dorcus and helping Faith write a book of her amazing life story , she has also provided funds to provide at least some of the girls beds which will be made by the boys teaching them valuable skills.

Melinda had a great time baby sitting two young orphans Victor and Precious as well as visiting the nursery and making heaps of new friends at Dorcus . Travis from Global Support Mission has done well over the past year , bringing to Kaihura more than thirty people from the U.S. , I think I need some tips on how to motivate people ! It does make me wonder If the \$100,000. spent on those trips could have been put to better use but when I see their hearts touched and hear of lives changed I know Its Gods plan. One couple who visited ,seeing the orphans living in such poor conditions donated \$10,000. US to start the new building , and another business man gave \$40,000. US to start the hospital . Thanks Be to God!

Back here in Australia we have formed an organization called Australia Bringing Hope , we now have a board of nine people and hope to inspire people to join our team of volunteers to help raise funds for people in need overseas, especially in Africa and for the moment at least working in Kaihura! We already have a Yorke penninsular farmer who wants to travel over next year , and Im also working on a beekeeping project that will generate a much needed income for BHF . I wish to thank all those who have given money , time and encouragement over the last year .

I find it very difficult to put into words how I feel about those people in Kaihura , and how much they need our help, many tears have been shed as I see and hear of their stories especially touched by the young children, Id like to do more but cant .. but God can . I pray that He reaches out and touches many more.

Please help us by spreading the word, perhaps sending this email on to others . Feel free to contact me by email or phone 0428844885 or email [australiabringinghope@gmail.com](mailto:australiabringinghope@gmail.com)

Yours in Christ,

Phillip Grigg.

## DEANS REPORT.....TRIP TO UGANDA.

Late last year it became evident that God was calling me to go to Uganda . After I had agreed to go I soon realized that it was Gods appointed and anointed timing .

I was aware of the Holy Spirits prompting and leading as we made preparations to leave. Several people had prophecy and visions for me while I would be in Uganda.

For years I have had problems with my back but I realized later that the lord had healed my back and now ten months later it is still fine . Praise God ! And so the trip ...

It took thirty two hours from the time we left home to the time we arrived at Kaihura . At about 11pm we were graciously welcomed and a meal awaited us. It took nearly two weeks to adjust from the travel/ culture shock , the different food , to be able to put names to faces and be confident to know my way around Bringing Hope and the village . Thanks to Phill for his guidance.

### WORK

We were not able to achieve as much as we had hoped . It soon became evident to me that it takes much longer to do things in Uganda than it does at home , mainly due to the lack of equipment.

However what we did was significant because no one at Bringing Hope at that time had any welding skills. We were able to make window frames to complete the vocational school, repair the hammer mill come flour mill construct a toilet seat , provide some tin work on the guttering of the vocational ,as well as some maintenance work on same,and provide tiles for the outside shower rooms.

Phill was the welder, I was the offsider with the help of two young men from Bringing Hope.

### WORSHIP

It was a joy to worship with about 90 Ugandans . For people who have so little in the way of material things it was inspiring to hear them worship and praise God . Phill was able to preach at two services as well as a Saturday seminar .

We were privileged to pray for about two thirds of the congregation in a ministry time near the end of the services , as far as we know about three people gave their hearts to the Lord.

### PROGRESS REPORT

Much building has happened in the last twelve months . The vocational school is near completion . Faiths house has been built but still needs plastering and ceilings. The flour has been constructed and a start made on the Home Again house for the orphans.

### NEEDS

Simply money. A steady stream to provide a constant supply of food , wages, and to cover the rent of buildings . At present wages and rent are often three months in arrears. Medical supplies and equipment are needed and sponsors for children . Money for school fees and books.A water supply of their own as well as more gutters and tanks . The list goes on ! Almost everything we take for granted.

Also more income generating projects of their own rather than depending on support from other people. At present the flour mill is their only source of income!

### FUTURE PLANS

A site on their present land has been set aside for a hospital. \$100,000 .U.S. is required for the first stage . Negotiations for another block of land at the end of the village are under way . On this they plan to build new offices, a new bigger Church and a

shed for a co-op honey extracting venture.

I was blessed to be able to live and work with the people of Bringing Hope . They have sacrificed so much and have committed themselves in caring for the orphans and girls at the vocational school. Please pray for them and I would encourage you to support them in whatever way you are able.

DEAN SCHUNKE.