



Special Edition 2021

PRAISE THE LORD!

\$350--will buy a cow! (\$700 two or \$1050 three!)

The HCCA team in D.R. Congo is hoping to increase their cattle herd at Bogoro. Profits from The Cattle Project go toward helping the widows and orphans, and an increase of even three head of cattle would be huge for them.

\$1800--will buy a boda boda!

The team members in Uganda are still seeking funds for a boda boda (small motorcycle) for transportation for their farm manager, James.

\$5000--will buy a bunkhouse!

The farm workers in Luwero are badly in need of a bunkhouse on the farm site. Both the boda boda and the bunkhouse will directly impact the widows and orphans.

\$30,000--will buy a van!

On the executive level, there is need for a replacement van which will help the HCCA team members travel between home and farm, as well as transport widows and orphans when needed.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! You followed God's prompting when you learned of a need, and in the process, you have blessed many, many people.



I had the privilege of being present when it was announced to the widows in Uganda that they would be getting a meeting house. Jonathan directed their attention to a grassy spot near where they were sitting out at the farm and informed them that before long there would be a building in that location. Shouts of joy went up from the entire group! (Jonathan and the Ugandan team met with the builder in October to finalize plans on the structure. Hopefully building will begin within the next couple months.)

I was also present when James, the farm manager, learned that funds had come in for a new boda boda. The usually serious-faced man cracked the biggest smile I had ever seen on him.

So how are we sitting as 2021 draws to a close for Hope Centers? We have paid all our bills but are sitting at 70% of our projected giving for the year. However, the year isn't over yet! We would love to see another \$15,000 come in for the van, and I have decided to take a little project under my wing as well.

I heard the excitement of the women over the building soon to come and learned of some of their dreams for the new place. Not only will it be a big enough shelter for all the widows and orphans to gather in during the



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"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction."

- James 1:27



rainy season, but in it there will be a spot to store medicine and medical supplies for those in need. But the dream that particularly caught my attention was that eventually the widows would love to procure about 10 sewing machines, enough for there to be a sewing class to train women on how to sew clothing, do alterations, and create sellable items. I quickly checked on the cost of a sewing machine in Uganda and learned that treadle sewing machines (there's no electricity at the farm) run about \$209 each. We can totally do this, I thought! In fact, while we're at it, we should also purchase 10 machines for the widows in D.R. Congo, who have also been dreaming of sewing classes for years now. There is just so much that can be done with a sewing machine, so for women who get trained in how to use them, a door to opportunity swings wide open.



So how about giving the gift of a sewing machine this Christmas?! In light of how much we Americans spend during the Christmas season (unfortunately on many items that will quickly break or get stuffed in the back of the closet and be long forgotten by summertime), \$209 for a machine that will get lots of use while bringing in income is not very much. And if just 20 people choose to donate the cost of a sewing machine, our project will be completed, and we will have made an incredible Christmas for a lot of African ladies struggling to support orphans as well as their own children. Please consider contributing this December! I can only imagine the excitement and rejoicing that will surround those machines.

Our Trip



In spite of visa problems in every country, being denied entry into D.R. Congo, repeated covid test results, bug bites, heat with no AC, and Zofeyah coming down with malaria, we had a good trip. It was profitable in the sense that much necessary work was accomplished in the meetings with the Ugandan team, but we also got to once again experience God at work in His leading and guiding. What appeared to be roadblocks ended up being His hand leading us in a different direction, and when that happens, the faith of everyone involved deepens. After spending hours of travel on planes, taxis, and on foot stopping into one border crossing hut after another (repeatedly showing our passports, having our negative covid papers stamped, and answering the same questions over and over again) only to be denied entry for rather exasperating. Obviously God did not want us to enter D.R. Congo. It was shortly after that Zofeyah started showing signs of sickness. We had taken our extra days to visit missionaries from the US, and they were the ones who urged Zofeyah to take a malaria test (which they had on hand). When she tested positive for two strains of malaria, they supplied her with meds. We praised the Lord He had sent us

people who recognized the symptoms and had tests and meds on hand so they were able to treat her promptly instead of letting her cross into a different country.

This is only one of the many stories of our latest trip. Stay tuned for more in the Winter 2022 newsletter coming up. Joy and peace to each of you this Christmastime!

-- Jonathan Unverzagt (and Hope)
Executive Director, HCCA



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