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Minnesota church provides tooth paste and tooth brushes for 150 orphans and widows.

Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church/Cokato, MN collected the supplies and I checked a 2nd bag to bring the supplies to Uganda. Your church, Sunday School or VBS is welcome to participate in similar projects. It's a wonderful way to share the love of Christ with widows and orphans in DR Congo and central Uganda. Over the next year, I plan to bring over the counter medicine to each location. Items such as pain



medications for adults and children, meds for fever, cough and cold are always in need. Another project your church could become involved in is "Pennies for Pure Water" which will enable us to install safe water systems. If you have an interest in either project, I can assist you in a number of ways. Email me at gmork1@aol.com or call me at **612.310.2395** for more information. We were blessed with designated gifts that enabled us to bring two projects to the forefront. The pictures show a work in progress for the production well in Uganda. A solar powered submersible pump fills two large tanks that supply water to drip irrigation lines. I happened to be in Uganda when they were blessed with a gentle, soaking rainfall. Date; February 2nd, 2018. People couldn't remember for sure when they last received rain, some thought late October and others said it was the first week in November, 2017. Three months without rain. That's almost an entire growing season. Even the grass withered away in the hot dry climate. Livestock had to be moved to areas that still had grass to feed on. The drip irrigation will supply much needed moisture to the maize (corn).



The well was enclosed in a brick building. The solar system will be installed to power the pump. The tanks in the field were enclosed in a protective fence and placed on a raised platform. The system allows for expansion in the future. The chicken project in Uganda is nearing the time of egg production. Five hundred chickens were purchased at the age of 1 month. They will soon begin laying eggs. The eggs will be sold at various markets in the larger cities. Once in full operation, they will hatch some eggs to expand the operation and increase the profit margin. Grace, one of widows you support through your partnership, is doing well in her micro loan business. Her store is on the main road and only a few blocks from the primary school, so lots of traffic. She sends her thanks to you for the micro loan. She said it is such a wonderful gift. Her profits are steadily increasing and she is able to invest some of the profits back into the business.

Update on Chaplain Emmanuel

I asked the DR Congo Team to come to Uganda to meet with me. They boarded a bus and arrived in Kampala 13 hours later. We made arrangements for Chaplain to see a doctor at one of the area hospitals. He has suffered from severe headaches for many months. The doctor sent him for an MRI. The scan was sent to India for analysis. The report came back within 4 hours and showed no internal problems. We were thankful for that report. The doctor put him on meds for migraines. We are praying he will find relief through the treatment. The cost of an MRI in Uganda, read by someone in India, \$55 U.S.



Please keep DRC in prayer.

I've been in communication with Bisoke and Chaplain Emmanuel. Thousands of people are fleeing the small villages north of Bunia in fear of an escalation in armed conflict. The main road from Uganda to Bunia is now blocked. Food prices are rising quickly. The children are still in school in Bunia and Bogoro but most other schools are closed. Why the increase in armed conflict? Bisoke's comments, "Before people try to say that it is tribal fighting but it is not the tribal war but it is something which is political." I will explore avenues to assist Bisoke and Chaplain in the supply of basic medicines in preparation for the worst as we pray for the best outcome.

WAYS TO HELP

- ___ Assist with school fees, keep children in school
- ___ Introduce the Pennies for Pure Water project as a way to educate others to the needs of our widows and orphans
- ___ Micro Loans, a goal this year is to increase the dollar amount of each micro loan.
- ___ General Fund, Where most needed

Thank you, Glenn Mork, Executive Director, HCCA

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