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What do these two photos have in common? Life. Water. Growth. The green pepper is growing in the hot and dry climate. It is being fed much needed water through the drip irrigation system. The widows and children gathered for a Sunday Service at the farm. They too are growing in the Lord. We have many strong Christians in our group. The children are coming to know the Lord in deeper and richer ways.



The January 2019 trip to Uganda

So much accomplished, so much experienced. So much richness in our last day there. A Sunday service at the farm is one I will cherish for years to come.

Pastor Brent Raan and Michael Rokenbrodt are missionaries currently living in or near Jinja Uganda. I've know them for several years. They came to visit the ministry in Uganda. They assisted in leading worship at our Sunday service. Michael loves drama. He began the morning with a Sunday School lesson for the children. It was an incredible blessing to see the children fully engaged in drama as Michael taught them a story from the Bible. Pastor Brent used a style of teaching that engaged the adults in learning as well. It was not a time of just listening to what was being taught. Active participation by all ages allowed the Word of the Lord to speak directly to them. It has become a tradition to hold a Sunday service at our farm. We have found that if we attend a local church, only a few widows and children are in attendance. If we hold a worship service at the farm, most of the widows and children come for the day. A few years ago two men from North Dakota traveled with me. Our team members from DR Congo came to the farm during that trip. Together we washed the feet of the widows before the service. They also assisted in the distribution of communion and in other parts of the worship service.

This year the widows that experienced the washing of the feet asked if we could do it again so the widows new to the program could experience such a blessing. It's a special time of praying for each person by name as we wash their feet. A fairly large number of our widows are of Muslim belief yet they will come to the farm worship service. When communion is offered I stand to the side to offer a prayer of blessing for those that do not participate in communion. It's a wonderful time of worship. It's a wonderful time to pray for individual women and children. It brings a closeness that I've not experienced at the other ministry locations.



Edisa is one widow that is in need of special prayer and treatment. She is fifty years old. Her husband died two years ago. Her daughter died years ago, leaving Edisa to raise her grandchildren. She is the only caregiver for two teenage children. Edisa was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She will have surgery and follow up treatment at an area hospital. Please keep her in your prayers

Widows in DR Congo and Uganda will receive a \$100 increase in all micro loans/grants. It will be an exciting year to see the increase in funds and how that will impact families. Increased profits within the family unit will give them increased freedom. Freedom from constant worry. Freedom to begin planning beyond poverty. One of the team members from DR Congo shared a personal thought as they expressed their thanks for you, our partners;

"We don't have much to leave our children in Africa but if we can give them an education we have given them wealth." Thank you for giving them wealth!"

In our next newsletter I will lay out the vision for the ministry work in DR Congo. As we move forward there, we will need your prayer support in special ways. Lord's blessings to you.

Thank you for your partnership!

Glenn Mork, Executive Director, HCCA

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