

Educator's Trip 2016



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THANK YOU
to everyone who
supported us in
prayer and/or
financially.

OVERALL the trip was everything we hoped for and more! The Lord directed us and guided us through divine appointments and opened our eyes to His purposes.

He helped us to establish the new piggery project on a firm foundation. This project will supplement teacher salaries at Alpha Omega School.

Our next steps are to facilitate the professional development of teachers in this rural area and train them to bring a Biblical worldview to all their students.

The team was healthy and God used each one to further His Kingdom there. Thank you! We could not have done it without you!

BACKGROUND Founded by Pastor Moses in 2011, The Alpha Omega Secondary School is still in the throes of growth as a Christian school. With financial help from CLC and other sources, great progress has been made in building the campus and currently 380 students are enrolled. For the past two years we have taken teams of educators to Alpha Omega and our goal each time has been to go as learners, to enter into the life of the school and to determine how God is leading us. We want to align ourselves with what God is doing there and each year He has shown us the next steps.

In addition, for the past two years God has been drawing our attention to local Christian elementary schools.

AMAZIMA Pastor Moses met us in Entebbe and on the first evening the director of ACSI (Association of Christian Schools international), Davis Samuel, joined us in our hotel to share his vision for education in Uganda.

The next day we had a planned visit to Amazima, the ministry of Katie Davis (author of Kisses from Katie). However, through Davis Samuel, God opened doors for us to spend a good deal of time with Mark Guthrie, Director of the Amazima School and with Lisa Coggin, a veteran educator who is developing an African classical curriculum.

This visit was extremely fruitful, inspiring and directive.

OUR TEAM: We (Frank and Sue Robb) led a team of five wonderful elementary school teachers and one businessman. Sara Rohr, Charlotte Deibel and Julie Barnett (all from Covenant Life School), Bernadette Johns and Emily Kraatz (teachers in the public school system) all brought their gifting and training to bear on our visit, and their input was invaluable in determining how to proceed in the future.

The business acumen of Ken Tarter was vital in the establishment of the new piggery and in future plans for the schools.



WHAT DID WE DO?

We observed teachers, shared the gospel, taught, encouraged the teachers and provided much needed school supplies and recreational equipment (purchased by CLS and through contributions of individuals) at Alpha Omega and five primary schools.

We joined in supporting Alpha Omega students in their soccer, netball and volleyball competitions and judged school debates.

We shared testimonies and studies from God's Word at school chapel, at outdoor gospel crusades, at church services and on Radio Kamwenge.

We accompanied Alpha Omega students on an outreach to the local prison where we also participated in impromptu sharing and singing. Of the about 400 prisoners, about 10 percent responded to receive Christ!

We were hosted to wonderful feasts of goat and local fare with the teachers and enabled the students to enjoy a feast by providing a whole cow for slaughter.

We experienced the love and hospitality of our Ugandan brothers and sisters. We had a precious visit with Pastor Christopher who was terminally ill with TB and has since gone to be with the Lord.

We joined Pastor Moses on a site visit to the land he has purchased for a primary school in Kiburara. We enthusiastically prayed for this vision to materialize.

We experienced the love and faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. He gave us strength, wisdom and grace for every situation.



Piggery Progress

Last year we left Uganda with a vision for a piggery. CLS had a drive to collect funds for this, and with the help of many other donations, this year we saw that vision materialize!

Ken Tarter and his business expertise in collaboration with Pastor Moses, Frank, Sue and

Pamela the accountant, got the piggery project off to a good start. The housing for the manager, the storeroom, the water tank and latrines have been built and the piggens are under construction.

The manager is currently receiving training by interning at an established pig farm.



Teacher Training and Development

Through the engagement of our teachers with the students and the local teachers and through interactions with ACSI, AMAZIMA ministries and discussions with Pastor Moses, we believe the Lord has shown us clearly how He wants us to proceed.

Our future involvement will be in supporting teachers, and we hope to facilitate the professional development of teachers in this rural area (some are teaching without any teachers training) and to train them to bring a Biblical worldview to all their students. The latter will be done in association with ACSI in Uganda. Plans by ACSI are already in place to focus training in western Uganda in 2017. Both types of training are available for teachers in the school vacations, and our goal is to train 28 teachers in 2017.

Professional development (teacher diploma) costs \$370 per teacher per year for elementary teachers and \$420 for secondary school teachers. ACSI training (training teachers to bring a Biblical world view into all their teaching) costs \$170 per teacher per year.

The average age in Uganda is around 14 years, so by strengthening and supporting these Christian schools and educators, there is a real potential to change the nation. ACSI International believes that the future emphasis in worldwide evangelism will be through Christian education. If you wish to help support this very worthy cause see details below:



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