



Himes Herald

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May the peoples praise you, O God;...
May the nations be glad and sing for joy”
- Psalm 67:3-4

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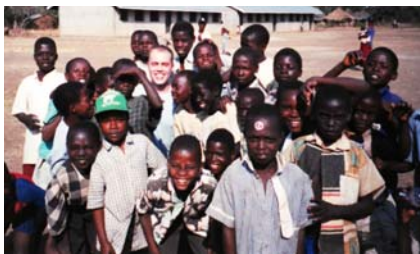
We wanted to send out a Special Missions Edition of the Himes Herald to our friends, family and all those that supported us through finances, prayer and donations for our recent trip to Uganda, Africa. You touched and changed hundreds of lives in Uganda through your giving. The below tells just a few of the things God is doing in Uganda.

The Life of a Ugandan

Make 1 dollar a day. Seven children per family. 40—45 year life expectancy. Those are some of the statistics you learn when you talk to a Ugandan. Living here in America, it seems like a very sad and desperate life. However, when you worship with a Ugandan you see a life and spirit that you very rarely see in churches in the United States. The Ugandans are one of the most loving and gentle people I have ever interacted with. They always smile and will always welcome you into their home (or hut).



Ugandan children love having their picture taken.



Scott with group of children after playing a game of football (soccer).

It is true that they have many problems. Poverty, AIDS, sickness, orphans, rebel fighting, struggling economy, hunger and lack of education are all issues they struggle with. However, once you get beyond these you see a people with a different perspective on life. Relationships, family, life after death, spiritual issues and their place with God are all very real care bouts in their daily life. Their struggles are a blessing in that they never get too busy, too caught up with work, too focused on getting more or too concerned about their status with others to ignore the most important things in life.



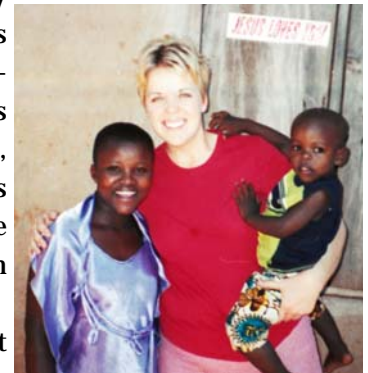
A typical Ugandan hut.

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Serving as Husband & Wife

Some thought is was not wise to spend two weeks in a challenging, foreign environment where we slept in separate rooms (a guys room and girls room) and were constantly surrounded by 20 other people after only being married for 3 1/2 months. There were challenges and the enemy tried many times to come between us and frustrate things. However, we serve a God who is in the relationship business, and He used these two weeks to strengthen our marriage and build our life together in amazing ways.



Courtney with the worship leader (14 years old) at Church Wakitaka and baby Joshua.

I (Scott) have not experienced more joy in our 4 months of being married then when I saw Courtney glorify God with her service and love of the Ugandan women and children. Seeing her love for Christ and sacrificial service to others has been the most amazing experience in our short time together. For two straight weeks, we were focused not on ourselves, but on God, His work in Uganda and His perspective for the world.

More Pictures

Unfortunately, it is not possible to include many pictures or information in a one page newsletter. To see more pictures and info on our trip visit “www.scotthimes.com”. Click on the “Pictures” and “Missions” links to see more from this trip.



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I Live, I Breathe

At church we sang a worship song called "I Live, I Breathe" by Stormie Omartian. This was the first time I had heard this song and was in awe by the first verse:

"I didn't deserve Your grace,

I didn't deserve Your mercy,

Still You took my place because You loved me,

And for You it wasn't enough to save my soul

to set me free and to make me whole,

You had a plan for me,

A destiny for my life"

Some times I take God's work in my life for granted. This verse sums up my whole Christian experience and made me realize everything that God has done and is doing in my life.

There is a God whose grace and mercy 'I didn't deserve.' Because of His love, He sent Jesus who 'took my place' to save my soul and provide eternal life. Just the promise of eternal life would be enough in itself, but **God didn't stop there**. He "set me free" from the challenges, burdens and worries of this life. He took my life which had many shortcomings, problems and backward things and made me whole. Once again, **God didn't stop there**. He now has a specific plan and destiny for my life. He will use me to impact people and reach the world.

The amazing thing about all this... what He has done for my life isn't special just for me. It's an offer he makes to **everyone** and that **anyone** can accept.