

COME Uganda

Christian Outreach Mission & Evangelism Inc.

John 10:10b "I have *come* that they may have life, and have it to the full."

PROGRESS REPORT TO 15th July 2009

- **COME Headquarters**

In 2008 COME purchased another adjoining property at Lugala, which brings the landholding to 4 linked properties totalling approximately one acre. The land is fenced for security purposes and comprises Accommodation for Missionaries and Teachers, HOPE Nursery School, Office, and Lugala Christian Outreach church.

- **Staff**

COME has about 30 volunteers and over 40 employees. This year an accredited Social Worker and an Administrator were added to the staff.

- **HOPE Schools Kasengejje**

Two new classrooms were commissioned in January, which brings the number of new classrooms to four. The church building is temporarily doubling as a classroom.



Kasengejje "old"



Kasengejje "new"

- **HOPE Nursery School Lugala** has two new large classrooms which were completed this year.



- **HOPE Primary School Masanafu** is complete apart from a library.

- **Adult Literacy**

Approximately thirty men and women are currently learning English and basic numeracy. We have seen that many people are assisted in small business as they acquire these skills.

- **COME Uganda Office**

Our 5 office staff are now very happy that they have new offices. A waiting room and three private offices make the work environment much more pleasant.

- **Lugala Christian Outreach church (LCO)**

There are currently two services on Sunday mornings (average documented attendance 300) and a video every second Sunday afternoon for the children (attendance 180/250 children). When the new Nursery School multi purpose building is complete, the church children will not attend the main service, but go directly to their own service in the new building.

LCO continues to reach out to street children and the urban poor.

- **Other churches**

30 churches are now under the COME Oversight. COME has either planted, or has assisted the planting of many of these churches.

- **Evangelical Outreaches**

Early this year COME organised two crusade venues for Carl Butler of Fan the Flame Ministries. Several thousand people came to Jesus as a result. COME generally holds a smaller crusade and seminar at one of our churches every six to eight weeks.



A village crusade



A destitute patient at Mulago Hospital

- **Hospital Ministry**

COME continues to care for many destitute patients on a daily basis at the 3000 bed Mulago Referral Hospital in Kampala. The patients are fed, clothed, given emergency financial assistance for operations, scans, x rays, blood tests, medicines, prosthetics, and transport upon discharge. Late in 2008 COME donated \$7,000USD towards a portable ultrasound machine for the Emergency Department of Mulago. On a daily basis 12 volunteers and 3 staff are in attendance. On average 9 people become Christians each day through this ministry. Our team members also take most of the new converts through first principles bible study.

- **Medical and Community Care**

All children in the HOPE Schools and many in the church are eligible for free medical assistance for all types of ailments, including malaria.

Due to lack of finances, many destitute widows/abandoned mothers in Lugala and surrounds are unable to attend Hospital to receive HIV testing and/or ARV medicines. COME assists them with transport costs.

As Lugala and some surrounding areas are of a predominantly slum nature, COME also assists some people with food parcels and rent assistance.

- **Emergency Child Care**

This year the Kampala City Council granted COME status as an Emergency Carer for children in need. Four foster mothers currently assist five children with accommodation and care within our compound.

FUTURE

- **Medical**

The HOPE Medical Centre has been verbally approved by the Director of Health at Wakiso Council. An Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed which is currently being assessed, and final plans have been completed and approved. Initial earthworks will soon be carried out for Stage 1 in preparation for a team of Australian builders who will come in January 2010 to build the Outpatients and Maternity sections. Other sections will be built as finances become available.

Finances are in hand for part of the work, but there is still an urgent need for those churches and individuals who have pledged, to forward their contributions.

- **Medical Equipment**

One container load of medical equipment arrived in early July, and another container with more equipment from Brisbane will come soon. Funds are still needed for the Brisbane container to be sent.



Our new ambulance which arrived in the first container

- **Sponsorship**

There is a constant need for child sponsorship to be promoted. Currently, there are over 100 children in the HOPE Schools Program who are not sponsored. Each year 64 new children need sponsorship.

- **HOPE Schools**

Nursery

A new multi purpose building is nearing completion on the property at Lugala for the nursery children.

Primary

At Kasengejje, two more classrooms are needed before February next year, but if the church continues to be utilised, one classroom will be needed.

At Masanafu we hope to begin constructing a computer lab/library building in 2009.

Secondary

Construction will need to commence in 2010 to meet the needs of the Masanafu P7 children who will graduate into Secondary in 2011. This project is particularly challenging because of the scope of building due to the needs of secondary education.

- **Church Leadership Training**

There is a great need for the correct teaching of church Leaders as they are vulnerable to incorrect teaching if not grounded in God's word. There are many false teachers and doctrine circulating within Uganda which needs to be countered with correct biblical teachings so that the Leaders will follow Godly ways. COME held a Leaders Conference for 40 Leaders in 2007, but we would like to hold one each year for our Leaders from village churches.

- **Tax Deductibility**

COME has commenced the requirements to become a Tax Deductible Gift Recipient. The process may take up to two years, but when completed, will benefit those donors in Australia who require tax deductibility for certain aspects of the work of COME.



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Together we can

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