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This year I received a very special gift for Christmas that I did not yet tell you all about! I named him Buster, after a dog I had when I was young! A lady who makes cakes for us at Christmas time and Easter decided to get a gift for me for Christmas and she went to Kampala and bought me a beautiful black puppy. Buster has been a real fun pet for the children at the orphanage. The kids here do not have pets and they have never had one before. The workers all laugh at the idea of a pet. Buster, however, is very happy when he gets to play with the children.

We have been working hard to finish wood burning stoves in a couple of homes. These stoves were designed by an engineer from Illinois who came to visit us last year with his wife. The stoves are wonderful and the people love them. Most of the people here in the village cook on three rocks on the ground and make a little camp fire.



Florence, the former witch doctor that gave her life to Christ, is very happy now since her son, Jonah, has also given his life to Christ. There has been a big party to burn down all the shrines that were there for Satan. We have burned them down to the ground and there is a real change in this home. Jonah used to look so evil before, as did Florence. Now they are smiling and happy and believe that the Lord is now taking care of them. They need your prayers, however, as they are receiving a lot of demonic attacks. They are pictured here.

Most of the youth and children are back in school now and we are thankful for the support you give to them. Without your support they would not be going to school. We have nine youth that have finished their advanced level of school now and will be joining courses in September for their careers. We are happy to say that most of the children and youth have done well in school.



To your left you can see that we had a big snake at the orphanage. The king cobra was around six feet long. Whenever dry season comes they come up to the homes looking for water. You can especially find them around areas where sinks drain or where the wells are. Andy and David killed it and were proudly displaying the job they did!

Andy says that when I was in America there was also a snake that he and Jon encountered. You may remember, one of our small children was killed by a snake bite from such a snake as this.

We have a new family that has two young boys sponsored in a nearby village called Jami. The two boys suffered from serious malnutrition and had never gone to school. One of them is five years old and the other is seven years of age. The parents were Islamic, but the wife had decided to try a Christian church at the encouragement of a neighbor. They have only a two room mud hut for their six children and themselves. We are thankful that the father has now started coming to church and even more, he has accepted Jesus as His Lord and Savior.

We have two children that really need your prayers. We have put them in a boarding school and they are very young. The grandparents cannot keep them, their father died and the mother abandoned them. They are four and six years of age and both are sponsored. Please pray that we find a good home for them. The school where we have put them has a good matron to care for them and look out for them and they will get three meals a day. However, they need some special love and care for nourishment too. Your prayers are needed.

Some of you are requesting updated letters on information about your sponsored children. We are currently very busy but are planning to send out update letters with the children's letters in April and May of this year. Please remember to send any of your correspondence to you sponsored children to the field office or e-mail below. Thank you for your love and care and support of these children and youth.

God bless you, *Katherine*

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