

# HINES SIGHT

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We give thanks to the Lord who brings wonderful people to visit us like Cara and Danielle (in the picture to the left). They did so many things to give glory to God and were so loving to everyone. They did a sports camp for the youth, a vacation Bible school for the little kids, were part of a church plant and evangelism, visitation to the orphans homes and taking of food and other needed things. Thank you for the love and care, Danielle and Cara. We pray for your return in the future. May the Lord bless you.

There are many things in life that are hard to understand. We recently came across one of the worst cases I have yet seen, and I thought I had seen it all. We had some children who came to church looking for the white lady who helps children. There were four of them. The oldest was seven years of age. They continued to come always wearing the same rags each time and we began to wonder who are the parents of these children and where do they come from? We finally managed to get them to sit down and visit with us and tell us about themselves. It seems they live in a mud hut in a certain area of Kamonkoli. They sleep together in this one hut with a goat. Their mother died last year from AIDS. The father has AIDS and after the mother died took to drinking every day. He comes home late in the night and demands food to eat and if it is not there he beats the seven year old for not providing. They are forced to go and dig in gardens or work little jobs just to get a little food for the day. The oldest one is taking care of the other three. The youngest is a one and a half year old. This was unbelievable. We are now trying to get one of three different orphanages to take the three younger kids while we search for a sponsor to help the seven year old. Most orphanages will not take a seven year old. We do not have a house with any openings right now to take in the children. Please pray that the Lord will lead us in the right direction with these children. I gave thanks to God on my knees that night for a chance to help these children and that he brought them to us. It pained me to think of that little seven year old getting beaten because he did not work and get food that day for his Dad.

Sometimes, when I read in the Bible about the disciples, or even the Lord Himself, casting out demons I just shake my head. I know that demons and the works of the Devil are very real. I have witnessed so much of the work of the Devil right here in Kamonkoli. I know we are fighting against principalities of darkness, not flesh and blood. In the last few years I got involved in the life of a young teenage girl. She is now in her 4<sup>th</sup> year of high school. She has a widowed mother who used to be involved in witchcraft but came to the Lord and was delivered from the evil. She is now a strong member of the church with a testimony. This girl, however, was recently attracted to a man in his early 20's. It turned out that he practiced witchcraft and was blaming the mother for leaving the craft and joining the family of God. I always thought this young lady was following the Lord and I was so distressed to learn that she was in love with this witch. He threatened the ministry, to put a curse on us if we continued to interfere. I decided not to worry about it and prayed that the Lord would just change his heart. That week many things went wrong, causing all kinds of destruction to the ministry and the church. We all began to get on our knees and pray against this curse realizing that the Devil was hard at work. A week later the witchdoctor was arrested for defiling the young teenage girl. God is almighty and awesome and I believe He always defends us. A Pastor reminded me that the battle always belongs to the Lord. Amen! Pray for us as we desire to go and share the gospel with this man in prison. Pray for the Spirit to touch his heart and change him. The girl is now coming to church and we are trying to counsel her. Pray for her too.

This year is our ten year anniversary. We are planning a banquet in Denver, Colorado in November to recognize the ten years in the Lord's service in Kamonkoli as Hines Ugandan Ministries (HUM). I have been here for fourteen years, but only ten years as HUM. We are amazed to see how the Lord has blessed the ministry. Many of the children who we began helping when they were young are now in higher education programs and on their way to self-sufficiency, adulthood and a life in Christ. We have 18 youth going to school at the beginning of September in either a vocational course or university (nine of them are continuing). We had one that has finished her studies in comprehensive nursing this last May.

We are also hoping to start work on a Ministry Outreach Center soon that will centralize all of our work on the ministry property. This will include a youth center, which we need so much. We will also add a new missionary, Andy Kallander, to our staff to work with these youth. The Lord really used Andy while he served with us over the past year and has put on his heart a great vision to

minister to these young people as they transition to adulthood and become potential Godly leaders for Uganda. We have just finished our second year audit (2008). This makes two years of audit done here in Uganda. We are thankful to those who gave funds to make this possible.



These children need to feel the love of Christ. Pray for us to be able to continue reaching out to the children and making a difference. We aim to raise winners in Christ! We want to see the children grow up to make a difference for future generations; children who become leaders in their country and community to the glory of God. Thank you for your continued support. We praise the Lord for your help and prayers. Prayers are very important and please do not forget us in yours. We love you.

God bless you, *Katherine*

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