

September 2009

Jesus is the Only Hope

I awoke this morning to the sound of a child crying. It was actually only 2:42 a.m. and there was drumming going on as well. The electricity had gone out due to a storm earlier in the evening. Many thoughts passed through my mind as I listened to the screaming and the drumming. I know that the drums are the witchdoctor who lives just across the way from the orphanage. He often drums to call up the dead and the evil spirits to do his work for the Devil. I was concerned that there was a child sacrifice going on or something of that nature. I got on my knees and prayed for about two hours until the noises stopped. I found out in the morning that a five-year-old boy had died, but from the AIDS virus. His mother died two years ago of the virus and his father is a serious witchdoctor. He was survived by an older brother and two younger sisters. The youngest sister is three years old and is showing signs of sickness on the skin. The oldest boy, Zebulon, had come to the youth open air evangelistic crusade that we had last January and was severely beaten by his father later that evening for coming. I have been trying to witness to this home for some time. Praise God that the father has recently allowed the three children to come to AWANA and to Sunday school every week.



I ask you to pray for Zebulon and his two younger sisters and for the Lord to work in their lives. Pray that through them we will be able to see the father change as well. Seven-year-old Zebulon and his 4-year-old sister are pictured here.

Mother Theresa said that the poverty stricken people do not need your loving kindness through what you can give second hand but your real loving kindness and care. I am thankful for all the donors that have shown real loving kindness and care by reaching out through sponsorship. Many of the children have grown into youth and I am so thankful for the fruits that we have been able to see in our lifetime here at HUM. May the Lord receive all the credit and be glorified. We really have some wonderful youth and it is a great honor to be a part of what God is doing in their lives.

Witchcraft is quite common in Uganda and we have several children who deal with this in their families.

Nathan, one of our sponsored boys, is really struggling as well. He loves the Lord and is concerned for the salvation and eternity of his earthly father, a witchdoctor. I feel for him, as I know that Nathan really loves the Lord and reads the Bible that we gave him. One Saturday, after AWANA club, Nathan shared his concerns with me and we got down on our knees and prayed that day. The next day Nathan came to me in Sunday school and said that his father wants nothing more to do with him and his mother. I ask all of you to pray for them as they live in extreme poverty. Nathan says that he knows that their only help comes from the Lord and that without Jesus he would not live. He wants his father to get saved.

These are some real stories of what we deal with here in Kamonkoli. I once had a missionary couple tell me that they could not work in this area because the witchcraft was too much. At that time I had only been here a few years and did not understand what they were talking about. I knew it was here, but not so much. We are not fighting flesh and blood but the principalities of darkness truly. I was happy to learn that one of the witchdoctors who lives behind the orphanage has picked up everything and left as the prayers are too many from this place! Praise the Lord and we are thankful, although I would prefer to see them change and come to Christ as Florence and Jonah and our late friend, Dison did.

After he left witchcraft, Dison struggled to make an income in a new and righteous way. Dison really wanted to do what would please the Lord. Satan continued to attack him to lure him back, but Dison stood firm and experienced a year of peace with Christ before he died of AIDS that he had contracted through his previous activities as a witchdoctor. Florence and Jonah burned down four huts with all their witchcraft trappings and replaced them with a big covered area to hold a Bible study. Give praise and thanks to the Lord. I tell you all of this so you can pray, and especially for these who are following the Lord. The children really suffer in these homes and need your prayers and love.

Our beloved Bettina has improved and will introduce with her future husband in December, Lord willing. Please pray for her continued healing.

Each person who gives to this ministry, whether in support of a child, youth or ministry funds has become a part of what we do. May the Lord bless each of you so much, now and in Heaven. I pray you have enjoyed the letters that you have received

from us and from your sponsored child. God has really stretched our faith in August and September as these are our largest spending times of the year with both secondary school fees and University costs. We were particularly surprised this year when these fees were unexpectedly increased for nearly all of the kids. This has very much depleted our ministry funds. Although our yearend supporters are always very generous we will struggle to make it through October. We ask if you are one of our annual yearend givers that you prayerfully consider moving up your gift to October. Monthly sponsors can help as well by giving their remaining 2009 sponsorship commitment as a quarterly gift in October. We know that this will not be possible for everyone, but if a few can do this it will really help us. We know that our Father knows our needs and will provide.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon as I will be in the U.S. for the next 2 months. My time is shorter this year, but it is always encouraging to me to see my brothers and sisters in Christ and I hope to make time for these relationships that God has provided. You may contact me at hum772001@yahoo.com or 303-847-9522. Thank you for all of your love and care and your many prayers.

In Christ Love, *Katherine*

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