



Beacon of Hope for Widows

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Ministry update

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Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus-Christ. We do thank the Lord every day for your partnership in the Ministry to Orphans and widows. In spite of harsh situations in the DRC, the Lord is still in action. Through you, He continues to impact lives and it is always a great joy to share news of what is happening with you.

Reasons for praises

You may not remember Mbusa (on the photo below) but you have been supporting him through Beacon of Hope. Mbusa and his young brother lived with their single mother until year 2016. When she died, Mbusa hired himself to a local bar (equivalent of a pub



in the UK) so that he would pay tuition fees for himself and his brother. Unfortunately, his salary (10\$) wasn't enough to cover their needs and yet his work took so much time he wasn't able to study. Finally Mbusa came to us and asked for help. We paid tuition fees for Mbusa and he used the little earning to pay fees for his young brother. By God's grace Mbusa successfully finished his secondary education. The above photo was taken when he came to thank all of you for support.

Mbusa wishes to become an English teacher. For that he has to go to a teacher training college for at least 3 years. He is now looking for a job so that he can start saving money for further studies. Thanks a lot to all of you. Your support brought some light and hope in Mbusa's life. Mbusa also wishes to support an orphan in future. Please uphold him before the Lord. As a primary school teacher his won't earn more than 50\$ a month. His main riches are the hope he has for future. Your support has ignited his trust in the Lord. As a result, he trusts the Lord for the impossible in his life.

Secondly we would like to praise the Lord for Ngaudjo (photo below). He is living with us since four years now. Ngaudjo and his father lived in a one bedroom house not far from my sister. His father worked as a night guard so often Ngaudjo came to spend night with my sister's son. One day his father fell sick and died the following day. Ngaudjo's father had no known relatives so he was buried by neighbours. When everyone left after the burial, the landlord locked up his house.

In the evening following his father's burial, Ngaudjo had nowhere to go so he sat in the dark behind my sister's home. She welcomed him in with hope that a relative would come to claim the boy. Eventually some distant relatives showed up but they all wanted the boy to come and help them graze their goats. Ngaudjo refused to go with them as he had never seen them before.



Finally my sister urged Ngaudjo to go with them. Very late at night she found him sleeping at her door step. Since then no one has ever come for him. Ngaudjo is a very a quiet boy. Only this month he asked for a hairdo such as Neimar's one. He says Neimar the footballer is his hero. This year he starts year two of secondary school. We hope he gets over the trauma and grows into a person who can look after himself.

Ministry to youth



Natural beauty of landscape around Beacon of Hope Centre attract youth for picnic. Young people from the Brethren Church of Bunia organise picnic and invite their friends to join in. This has become a powerful way of exposing unchurched young people to the Gospel. On August 4th 2018, (photo above), over 150 young people churched and unchurched spent a day at the centre. Christian young people wore T-Shirt on which it was written “Whoever you are, you need Jesus”. This inscription in French and English was the theme of the picnic. We are planning for more of such picnics in future. Young people wish to spend night at the centre but unfortunately there is no accommodation at the centre.

Football as holiday pass-time



Holidays are a dangerous time for children in general and orphans in particular for they wonder around aimlessly. To occupy orphans during holidays and week-end we organise football matches at the centre. Now-a-days we are playing makeshift balls for we do not have money to buy real balls. After playing football for hours at the centre boys go home tired and ready for bed.

New school year starts soon!

A new school year starts on September 3rd. Last year we helped 104 orphans attend schools. Each year more and more orphans are brought to us for help. It is sad to turn away orphans who come to seek help but we cannot help more at the moment for Wivenhoe Methodist Church which provides over 95% of our funding is already giving beyond what they can realistically afford.

Family corner

Akiiki and Maziga are back to university in Kampala. Akiiki started classes two weeks ago and Maziga started on August 20th. Unfortunately Akiiki's computer was stolen this

week-end. Banage is with them in Kampala while I look after Amooti and Tusiime in Bunia. There is plenty of uncertainty but we do trust the Lord for peace in the country. Amooti is on an antibiotic for his right eye swollen and cannot open. The doctor said some kind of germ entered his skin right in the eyebrow. He stays in bed reading with eye.

Prayer needs

Please pray for Mbusa as he looks for a job to sustain himself and his young brother. Also pray that the Lord would help him find ways to fund college education. Also pray for Ngaudjo. It is hard to know what is in his mind but we know that he worries about what future holds for him. As you can notice on the photo, Ngaudjo seldom looks at anyone. As for us, some legal steps need to be taken so that public administration would give us legal custody over him. Unfortunately that involves fees to be paid. Please pray for guidance from the Lord in this matter. Finally, pray for peaceful general elections in the DRC. We would also appreciate prayers for our ministry to youth. Please pray that we would find ways of organising more picnics and attract more and more unchurched youth to join in. May the Lord bless and keep you and you serve him through the ministry of Beacon of Hope to orphans and widows.

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