



# THE ENCOURAGER

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“ Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’ ”

John 20 : 29

Greetings in this final quarter of 2011! Since writing last I've put on more than 25,000 miles! Most of that going to Uganda, but I also went down to Guatemala for 10 days to get all the paperwork for Karla's application for a US visa. **I happily announce that it has been granted** and by the time you read this SHE WILL BE IN THE STATES! This is strictly a miracle of God that a 14 year old girl living in a one room hut with dirt floors gets a visa for the USA! GOD IS ALWAYS SO GOOD!

But let me tell you about going **back to Uganda**, above you see my sons, Christopher, the younger in front of me, whose parents were murdered when he was 10 and Joe, the older who is a technical whiz and a wonderful member on the small team I had working on outreaches when I was there! This year, Lauren Lowe, a missionary on leave from One Hope Ministries in South Africa went with me. What a great blessing to

take more things into the country and to have her to work with the kids. She was a hit all the way around! Inside you will see some pictures of her. We left from Washington D.C., I had arrived to visit my friends, the Bonillas a day in advance, and rest for the long flight over. We got into Entebbe airport on my birthday, yeah, 63 now and happy for every year. The first two days and nights we stay at the lovely mission house sponsored by Africa Inland Missions, hosted by Phyl Penner, a fabulous warm Canadian with the gift of hospitality!

This year I determined to rent an apartment for the duration of my stay, this worked out great. I could have people over and host them. Several mornings, I churned out 3 or 4 breakfasts. Then also it acted as a location to rest after long days working, traveling to get to locations. Most places we went required walking to the public transportation, sometimes 2 different van rides. Occasionally we would hire a private taxi and we established a good relationship with Kenneth. After

he drove us the first time, he thanked us and said now his family could eat! As you see inside the picture of me on the boda-boda and usually we would get home that way, quicker and they would bring us to the building where we walked up four flights of stairs, the apartment was Spartan, but had all we needed, when the electric AND the water were working!! One day we hosted the 7 oldest children from Christopher's orphanage and this day we'll all remember! We fed the kids, loved on them, fed them some more, they did some activities sheets, they ate more. I'd brought *Toy Story 3*, so they watched it on my computer and had their cookies and ice cream while we adults ate a fabulous meal Ugandan style cooked by Joe. The children whispered to Christopher, they could stay and just sleep on the floor! These children we saw three times as we made two trips to the orphanage which was quite an adventure to get there, requiring quite a bit of hiking into the location over rough mud paths.



We worked at the Kisugu Central Primary School. It is a private, Christian school with few resources and just over 100 kids from 5 years old up to 15. See Lauren instructing, before I taught the salvation bracelet and Joe is assisting.



Joe snapped this as we rode on boda-bodas, our frequent mode of transport!!



What a pleasure to return to the children's home in Nawasega started by Cliff and Julie Pash! Here's a few of the kids we made the Cross of Love with and the lovely Miriam.



Met, spoke, prayed for the village people of Bukeke.

Cliff, missionary extraordinaire, explains to Joe and Lauren how a school is planned for this area where they are now growing potatoes and corn. A bore hole will be drilled close by, the 1st for this village.



Lauren worked with the younger kids at Life of Hope Children's home, she has a great gift!





This year went again by boat to island in Lake Victoria to work in two locations, also had supplies for teachers. Lauren was really popular with the girls!!



Boys getting water from a "bore" hole, way out in the villages.



Going back to work with Pastor Lukoo in the slums of Ggaba, we had even more kids this year. 80 or more over 6 years old and about that many under!



Here's the group of kids from Christopher's children's home, Life Of Hope, and the craft the older ones made. All got Beanie Babies courtesy of Cori Fritz! Hey were soooo thrilled!!



You see from the pictures inside just a few of the highlights of working again in Uganda. Because Lauren accompanied me, we carried in 70 pounds of just school supplies, teacher's aids, books, Bibles. These we spread out over all our locations. Such joy was expressed to receive the resources. Everything from push pins, chalk to text books teachers could immediately use, hey at the school where we worked in the Kampala area, we made up boxes for the entire 14 teachers, they were just thrilled!! Christopher, received his first study Bible. He jumped literally for joy to get such a gift, glory to God!!

In renting the apartment, having a quiet place to rest, I really feel next time it will be for at least 2 months. I became friends with owner, a young Christian lawyer. I would gladly rent it again from her and use as a base, maybe **YOU would come over to help while I am there next time!!** There was so much more we did, but no more space to write, call me, be in touch, it was an amazing adventure for GOD!!

#### FUTURE PLANS and NEWS

With Karla here for about 6 weeks, I will travel with her, first to Phoenix, then south Texas,

central Texas, and up to Joplin. It has been our goal for some years for her to come here after her tercero basico which starts in January. I went ahead and paid her enrollment to demonstrate to the embassy officials, she IS returning. She was granted a one year tourist visa, we can reapply for her student visa next year. She needs to work on English and this will be immersion!

Unfortunately Telma was released from the nursing program when she scored a 76 on her final written exam. An 80 was required to continue. The pressure and fatigue just finally got to her as she had been top of the class. I was there when it happened, so could comfort her, tell her it was not the end of the world. She can reenter next year the last 4 months if that is what we decide to do. My grandchildren, Olga Lorena and Billy were thrilled to have their mom home. I told her to rest, spend time with them and start looking for a job. I'm hoping to transfer some of the funds that I've used to support her and the family to Christopher and the children. I lost sleep thinking how much they need, a better diet, nutrition. Yes, they're better off than on the streets or worse. I really fell in love with them all.

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Next year probably February, I will return to work in Medellin, Colombia. I've promised to give them 6 weeks, but not give up my apartment. I'll hold onto it until I go back for a stretch in Africa. Next year I'll get the multi-entry visa for 6 months, so I can travel to Rwanda, Sudan and Ethiopia. Also I've promised to be probably 1 to 2 months in Guatemala, so you can see it will be a busy 2012. **That is why I really need your continuing prayers and support!!** Only once a year do I include the commitment card and return envelope, remember IF you will be paying taxes, any donation to the work God has me doing is deductible! You can also access direct donation through the website of Heights Christian Church.

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*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

*Philippians 4:13*

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