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A NOTE FROM BISHOP BILL ATWOOD



Seed Project Success!

Remember when a whole village in S. Sudan had their homes and seeds burned? Your faithfulness intervened! The first thing that these amazing Christians wanted to do was not rebuild their houses. The very first thing they wanted was a church! Now it's not like what you are used to. This church is just a roof supported by poles, but it keeps the sun off.

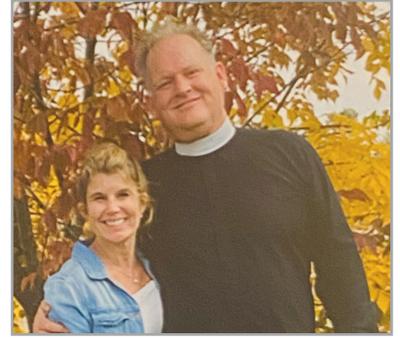
First, they wanted to worship, then they planted. We were

able to send new hybrid seed that DOUBLED the harvest. Now, the corn has been harvested. Here you can see some of it being sun dried for preservation. Imagine the impact that your gift is making. All the people who contributed to this project were the hands and feet of Jesus giving concrete love and care to our brothers and sisters in desperate circumstances. The community's response to your generosity has been absolute joy. Now they are celebrating the harvest because of God's love and your faithfulness!



UGANDA MISSION

The Rev. Dr. Rob Cornelison, the Director of Field Operations for Ekklesia, and his wife, Wendy, the Executive Director of S.E.E.D. of Hope Global, will be leading a mission to Uganda June 28 - July 8. For this Uganda Mission, they will take a team of thirteen men and women who have been trained in inner-healing prayer, spiritual warfare, public health, and/or the Stories in Grace curriculum. Team members come from five states, including: Florida, Connecticut, Michigan, Oregon, and Texas. They will be working with Bishop Johnson Gukumba and representatives from five northern dioceses in Uganda to train local men and women to reach the traumatized in their communities with the hope and healing of Jesus Christ. They will be working in the area where the LRA has been attacking women and kidnapping children. The trip is a collaborative effort between Ekklesia and S.E.E.D. of Hope Global. Wendy Cornelison is the Uganda Mission administrator and will provide leadership of female trainers for both inner-healing prayer and the *Stories in Grace* curriculum.



Rev. Dr. Rob Cornelison
(Ekk Dir. of Field Operations)
& wife Wendy Cornelison
(Dir. of S.E.E.D. of Hope Global)

Ekklesia has developed the *Healing the Wounds of Trauma* Initiative at the request of our international partners in response to the millions of traumatized people around the world who have no access to trauma care. Ekklesia has cost effective, lay led interventions that have been proven to work through rigorous field testing. To see the Program Overview and test results, go to www.ekk.org/trauma-recovery.



Ekklesia's Healing wounds of Trauma Initiative is having an incredible impact on groups like this one Wendy worked with on a recent trip to the Dominican Republic

This Uganda Mission is only the first of many trips Ekklesia will be offering as we release the Healing the Wounds of Trauma Initiative to our international partners. We will also be offering trauma training and guidance to local congregations and agencies in the near future. If you would like more information on upcoming trips, training opportunities at home, or how you can financially support the Healing the Wounds of Trauma Initiative, please contact The Rev Dr. Rob Cornelison at rob@ekk.org or the Ekklesia office at 972-446-2267.

S. SUDAN LIFE SAVING SURGERIES



Late one night in Juba, South Sudan Abp Paul Yugusuk messaged with an urgent need. He had just arrived at the Juba Teaching Hospital with a young 22 year old girl named Keji. She had been shot in the head during a raid by cattle thieves. The message said that the family was very poor and they could not pay the \$375 needed for a lifesaving operation! Imagine! Saving a life for \$375! We were able to initiate an immediate transfer of the funds needed and the hospital was able to start the surgery immediately. It was totally successful and saved her life! Soon after we received the successful surgery report, Abp Paul messaged that there were two more children that had also been shot in the head (What kind of monsters do that?!). Given how close the additional injuries were to the first, Abp Paul negotiated a "group rate" discount with the hospital to do the additional surgeries for another \$200! That was \$575 for all three surgeries! We are so thankful for our good friend Abp. Paul's partnership! Your giving enabled Ekklesia to help save these precious lives.



Top & far left: Abp Paul & Laku after surgery

Middle: Josephine recovering after surgery

Right: Keji after successful surgery

BISHOP'S WELL LENT APPEAL UPDATE



Our Bishop's Well Fund is a well of resources deployed in a timely manner for effective projects and urgent needs globally. In addition to sustainable development projects, we often receive requests for emergency aid. Recently, heartbreaking reports are coming to us from Kenya and Uganda. The global economy is experiencing out of control inflation. Staples such as maize (corn), cooking oil, and matoke (a hard green banana that is steamed into a past for food in Uganda) have tripled in price in the last three months. Imagine the burden for subsistence farmers living on \$300 per capita annual income!



While this crisis is on the radar of the governments there, and eventually relief will surface somehow, in the mean time we get heartbreaking emergency requests. Over the 40 days of Lent, Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, to Easter Sunday, April 17th, we asked that you consider making a sacrificial gift. Thank you to all of those who responded! While there will probably always be more requests than we could ever answer, every time we are able to intervene it is because of your great vision and compassion! It is an amazing privilege to partner with you in "making disciples and quenching poverty."

Above: Nomadic Tribes in Kenya

Right: Bishop's Well sustainable development project water bore holes offer local access to clean water in areas where there either isn't a water source or the current surface water source is contaminated and unsafe.



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