



# EWCV NEWSLETTER

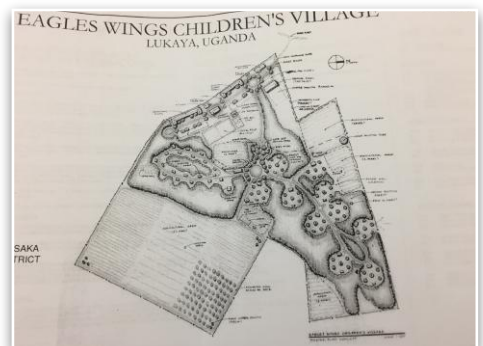


## CHRISTMAS GIFT DISTRIBUTION

*Thank you to the supporters who gave towards our Christmas gift drive. We were able to hand out food items to over 500 students.*

### A-Level

We have received donations to develop our ministry. Our Canadian and Ugandan leadership voted for us to begin building and operating Senior 5 this year with Senior 6 to come the following year. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity the Lord has provided, and we appreciate your prayer support for its completion. We are still hiring more teachers at the high school to accommodate the Senior 5 classes.



## New Students

We closed the year with over 550 students in our program, and the number is expected to grow this year with a new group of nursery students. We are optimistic about the performance of our students this year after seeing our results from the Senior 4 national exams and PLE taken by our P7 candidates last year.

## Children's Home Update

Local authorities have pledged their support for EW to continue operating as a children's home. We have been back and forth from their offices over threats made by the government to shutdown all children's homes in Uganda. Our local leaders have been adamant that they are grateful for the services we are providing their community. They assured us they would continue to help us with whatever approvals from federal government we need. The family kids, who were able to spend the holiday with extended family, reported back to the property this past weekend for the beginning of first term of the new school year.

## Bill and Ann Update

Ann's lumpectomy was successful, and she finished her radiation therapy with good results. We ask prayer now for a hip replacement that she needs. X-rays revealed she has bone rubbing on bone, which makes any movement extremely painful. She has an appointment with the orthopaedic surgeon 3 months from now, and then they have been told it will take another 8 months for the operation to take place. Bill has asked for her to be put on a waiting list in case of cancellations. We would appreciate your prayer that the surgery can be moved up, so that her pain can be alleviated soon.

## Building Projects

This year we hope to construct a computer laboratory, senior 5 and 6 classrooms, an administrative office, and staff housing. We also plan to complete security fencing around the populated areas of our property.





## Staff Development

We held 3 days of staff training and fellowship January 30 – February 1st. We have been emphasizing personal Biblical discipleship the past year and we plan to develop that further this year. We've discovered that many of our staff come from similarly broken situations as the children in the families. To give you an illustration, we hosted a marriage conference last August. A visiting pastor asked a group of about 40 of us (mostly our staff) how many people came from families where both parents only had one spouse and were faithful to that spouse throughout the marriage. Around 5 people raised their hands. Then the pastor asked how many of us had been faithful to be pure up until marriage and then faithful after marriage. Again, only about 5 people raised their hands. One of our staff just shared a conversation they had with a long-time friend. The friend told her about how they had been sent to live with an aunt who was married to a soldier. The girl was only around 11 at this point. She was raped at gunpoint repeatedly by the aunt's husband. When the girl told the aunt about it, the aunt did nothing. The girl ran away to her grandmother's, but there was an old man at her grandmother's who also raped her. The lady, now a mother with 5 children, 4 of which are girls, still struggles with her history. Our staff member was one of the first people the lady has shared her story with. John 8:31-32 "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Until we all transform our thinking by God's Word and allow it to set us free from our brokenness, we can't expect to plant good seed in our children. Pray for all of us in this regard. Pray that God would bring us people with humble hearts intent on seeking him. Pray that people would believe the truth and be set free.



## Visitors

We love having visitors come and take part in our ministry first-hand! If you are interested in coming to see us, email Jonathan at [jonathan.michalski@yahoo.com](mailto:jonathan.michalski@yahoo.com).



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