

EWCV Newsletter October 2012



Dear Friends/Family,

Greetings from Masaka, Uganda. Here is an update on events happening at EWCV in Uganda.

Praise Items:

- EWCV Social Worker, Allan Kisakye & his wife, Harriet, are the proud new parents of a baby girl named Virtuous who was born September 30th. The family is living near the property of EWCV having moved from Lukaya. See photo below.
- Paul Ssekenjako, EWCV Maintenance Man, has completed his two years program of studies for Civil Engineering, Diploma Course, at Royal Mutessa University here in Masaka. He is now awaiting the announcement of the graduation date as it has been postponed once again.
- Family #3 has adjusted nicely to their new home at the property after their move from Soweto, Masaka, August 15th earlier this year.
- Our accountant, Sam Kaneye, has just finished working with our External Auditor, Deus, in doing our Annual Audit Report for 2011-2012. The financial year runs from July 1st each year to June 30th of the following year.
- The farmers of EWCV had a very fine harvest and have now replanted for this rainy season which is upon us. The new crops are coming along well.

Other News:

- The two new classrooms built for Eagles Wings High School through the grant from Classrooms for Africa (C4A) are nearing completion. The donor will be at the

school on Monday morning from Canada to place a plaque in memory of his late father. When the new school year begins in February 2013 this new school will allow the Senior Two students (Two Streams) to have their classes there. The new Senior One students (Two Streams) will occupy the old school. We will be needing to construct two laboratories in the future along with six more classrooms, a library, Head Master's Office/Staffroom, a Computer Lab, and two toilet facilities for students. We are praying for God's provisions for all this. Each new classroom will cost \$11,200 USD. We will also be needing to construct new desks for each of the classrooms along with providing new textbooks for the teachers and students.

- Family News: Daughter, Linda, continues nursing in the Palliative Care Ward at St. Boniface Hospital. She has started teaching a class of nurses on her ward once a week and is enjoying this new venture. Our granddaughter Amanda Vandenakker (21) is studying Respiratory Therapy at the Health Sciences Centre through University of Manitoba. She received a \$1000 scholarship and is an A Student. Wow! Grandson, Joshua (19), is working at Sears near their home in Transcona, Winnipeg, and is developing an interest in Videography. He graduated from Grade Twelve a year ago. Granddaughter Jennifer (14) is now taking her Grade 9 at Murdock McKay Collegiate in Transcona. She is also studying dance (tap, modern, and ballet) twice each week after school. She will be going on a Missions trip with her dance group of twelve girls to the Dominican Republic next July 2013. Our son, Mike Peckham, is working at Great West Life Insurance Company in Winnipeg in the computer department. His daughter, Sheena Peckham (21), continues her studies at the University of Winnipeg working towards her Degree in Education (4th year) in Early Education. Granddaughter, Felicia (26), continues to raise her two daughters Holly and Freya. We are quite proud of our family and are truly blessed by them all.
- Bill & Ann Peckham have now been in Uganda for over 10 years (August 17th, 2002) so are now applying for Residency Papers for Uganda. They have now received their Special Pass Visa to cover for 3 months during which the Residency Papers are approved, good Lord willing. Ann will celebrate her 70th birthday December 25th, 2012 and Elisha will celebrate his 4th birthday November 25th next month. We are not 100% sure that he will be 4 years because he just lost his first tooth. Perhaps he will be 5 years old.
- Volunteers with Hellenic Ministries from Germany and Greece were truly a blessing to the children and staff of EWCV along with our own EWCV volunteer, Jana Charlo, from Canada who returned recently after assisting in so many ways. She is a remarkable young lady. Our friend, Joan Davidson Vautour, will be returning to volunteer with EWCV for another six months at the beginning of January 2013. She says that she has her airline tickets booked. We look forward to having her back with EWCV and living in our neighborhood again.
- A Health Clinic was organized and held at the primary school on the property. Dr. Haris Macris, his mother-in-law, Dr. Soteria Muscovis (Chicago), and his brother-in-

law, Dr. Peter Muscovis (Boston) were the three doctors who attempted to examine the three families (72 children) of EWCV so that Dr. Haris would have updated histories of these children for his clinic. The volunteers from Germany assisted with the clinic. Visitors with the Macris family included Dr. Peter and Ariadney Muscovis with their little girl, Lydia, as well as Maria's parents Elias and Soteria Muscovis from Chicago. They have all returned to the USA after helping the Macris family move into their new home.

- Our thanks to those of you who are donating your monetary Christmas gifts to go to the children of EWCV instead of receiving the gifts yourselves. We are still in need of donations towards the children's gift bags and special meals during the Christmas season to make these events happen.

