

EWCV Newsletter – Summer, 2005

It seems like only yesterday that I was working on our Spring Newsletter when the snow was melting, the birds were returning from the south, and the buds were beginning to reappear on the trees. Now we have passed the Summer Solstice of June 22nd, the longest day of the year, and the days are getting shorter. June was the wettest month for years on the prairies according to the weather forecasters. Communities have been threatened with flooding and many homes in Gilbert Plains have water in the basements as the ground has been saturated from continuing rains during July.

Our Travels

Ann and I had driven to Alberta in February when we made four presentations at churches for our Ugandan orphanage project, Eagles Wings Children's Village. On May 4th we left home to drive out west, this time for nearly six weeks putting on over 5,000 miles to Vancouver Island. We proceeded back through southern B.C., across the US border to Colorado and finally to South Dakota where we visited friends and family.

We praise God for answered prayer for safety and excellent car performance during the entire trip. We were able to make many contacts who were interested in our project. This was made possible due to the kind hospitality of many families who provided a bed for us during our travels. Many thanks to all of you who so kindly took us into your home and to those who invited us for a meal. This gave us the opportunity to visit with relatives and friends we will possibly not see again. We had prayed before leaving that the Lord would prepare our path before us, and we now give Him the glory for the path He provided.

We drove to Moose Jaw, SK mid-June where we took part in celebrations for the 50th wedding anniversary of our sister Gloria & Lloyd Bassett. It was an awesome weekend spending time visiting with the Bassett family including their grandchildren. Our thanks go out to those family members and friends who worked so hard on the preparations to make it such a memorable weekend. These are wonderful memories for us to take back to Uganda along with the many digital snapshots!

The following week we spent in Winnipeg where we made another presentation for Eagles Wings Children's Village. We stayed in the city until July 4th when we returned to Gilbert Plains with our daughter, Linda and four of our grandchildren. Linda took the older children tubing down the Valley River through the rapids. It took them nearly four hours and they enjoyed the scenery along the way.

The following week our two sisters, Vicki and Gloria, joined us with their spouses, to take part in the celebration of St. Matthew's Anglican Church's 100th Anniversary held on July 14th in Gilbert Plains. We all owe our appreciation for the efforts of Ella and Carman Haliski who put in so much time organizing this special event.

We are so pleased that our son, Mike, has been hired on full time by EDS (Electronic Date Systems), an American firm, in Winnipeg. His new office is on the 22nd floor of the Richardson Building on the corner of Portage & Main. He is the Content Editor for EDS.

Ugandan News

"Eagles Wings Children's Village Inc." in Uganda has purchased 70 acres of land. Our lawyer in Kampala had to incorporate Eagles Wings before they could transfer the title properly. The Ugandan Board members had to provide their signatures for incorporation. The land has been properly surveyed with the markers in place. The surveyors in Uganda will check out the site for drilling a well so that we will have water on site soon. This will be top priority before starting the construction of the huts for accommodating children for sleeping and eating.

Eagles Wings in Canada has been incorporated in Manitoba with five board members including Patricia Bates of Winnipeg, Harry Humby of Winnipeg, Dale Myhre of Dauphin, Ken Buhler of Winnipegosis, and Darrell Aitken of Dauphin. Our Canadian lawyer for Eagles Wings is Scott Johnston of Dauphin and Howard Wirch is our Chartered Accountant from Dauphin. He will oversee the auditing of the books at the end of each year. Pat Bates will keep a record of all banking transactions using the Quick Books computer software. In Winnipeg, Pat and Harry have set up the bank account for Eagles Wings at CIBC St. Vital Branch. They have been successful already in transferring the money to Uganda needed for payment for the purchase of 70 acres of land for Eagles Wings near the town of Lukaya in the Masaka District.

We are departing Monday, September 26th from Winnipeg for the United Kingdom where we will spend three weeks stop over before our flight to Entebbe International Airport in Uganda

which is about 20 miles from Kampala. During our time in the UK, we will visit with friends in Scotland for a week and see about speaking in several churches.

We are still waiting for the Canadian Government to issue a Charitable Organization number. It seems that particular department has had some difficulties causing delays in their reviewing our file, so we are told. In the meantime our home church near Dauphin, Parkside Gospel Church, continues to issue income tax receipts for donations. This has enabled us to move forward with the project. We give God the glory for the progress which has taken place in Uganda as well as here in Canada. We praise Him for the generous donations which have come in and most of all for the prayers which people from around the world are committing for Eagles Wings. There were sufficient funds available to purchase the 70 acres of land.

This Saturday July 23rd we are beginning our drive east to Ottawa, Montreal, and Toronto. We plan to be away for nearly a month, returning around the 21st of August. During that time we will welcome opportunities once again to share plans for our orphanage wherever possible. We do have a power point presentation ready on our laptop computer for anyone interested. The van we are traveling in has a bed in the back and we will camp where necessary.

Prayer Requests For:

- 1) Safe travel to Eastern Canada
- 2) Continued progress for the plans for Eagles Wings
- 3) Preparations for departure from Canada Sept. 26th for Uganda.

Donations Requesting Income Tax Receipts:

Parkside Gospel Church
c/o Dean Durston, Treasurer
R.R.4 Comp32
Dauphin, MB.
R7N 2T7

Make cheques payable to "Parkside Gospel Church" earmarked for "Eagles Wings".

Our thanks go out to those of you walking beside us with this project and for the many prayers.
Bill & Ann