

HighWay Ministries+ International

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The Pearl of Africa

This summer I had the pleasure of traveling to Africa for the very first time with a young couple from High Way Community. Jim and Kendra Crider moved to Boulder from Dallas, TX a year and a half ago and have been a significant part of our church community ever since. With Kendra having a strong passion for Africa, Jim serving as a teacher in our Kids Ministry, and both

having a love for seeing the lives of those around them changed by the gospel, we knew that God was leading them to go with me on this scouting venture. Over the last four years, our church and HWMII have been monthly financial partners with two organizations in Uganda: Afaayo Foundation and

SIFA Children. Three years ago, SIFA Children's Choir sang at our church one Sunday in Boulder. Since that time we have continued to build a relationship with both leaders and felt God's leading to travel to Africa and see their work first hand. Both organizations work with a vast number of orphans who live in their cities and surrounding villages. Their vision is to feed, clothe and give the children a proper education. Between the two, over a thousand Ugandan children receive support every day. Each life being touched is given the hope that they too can make a difference in their world.

With plans to bring ministry teams to work on the ground there, I knew that we needed to take time and see the ins and outs of each ministry and visit the children that we had been sowing into these past few years. We spent the first five days in Jinja working with Ivan Kusasira and Afaayo Foundation. They arranged for us to stay at the YWAM base and provided daily opportunities to minister in churches as well as visit orphans in their care. We were excited to take a couple of tubs of children's shoes with us to give away and had a

wonderful time helping each orphan find a pair that fit them. The Crowder kids were especially happy to see the pictures because they had helped to pick out all of the shoes themselves. We built great relationships with the area pastors and deepened our love for Ivan and his family.

The last leg of the trip lasted for three days in Kampala with SIFA Children and Glory Ministries Int'l. This organization alone has a thousand children in their care, so our time felt like a blur going from one school to the next seeing all of the beautiful children they provide for on a daily basis. Pastor Michael Muwonge and his great staff maintain their organization with a great excellence and contagious vision. We spent a considerable amount of time with his leadership and were blown away by the impact that SIFA is making in Uganda.

Ultimately, our trip was a huge success! We are now in the stage of debriefing and beginning the process of making the necessary plans for the next trip. It is exciting to know that God has begun to open up ministry to us in the Pearl of Africa: Uganda!

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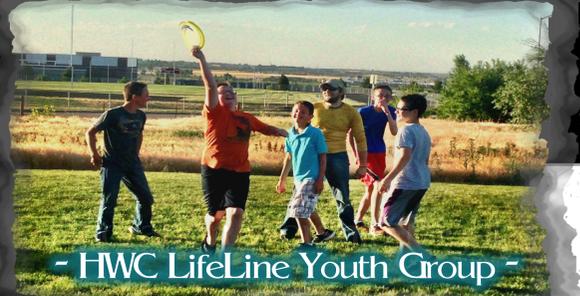
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- HWC LifeLine Youth Group -

Romans 15:13 NKJV "I pray that God will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him."

Church Growth

Building HMMI's Global Base

Among the many things happening this summer, we have begun the process of building our global ministry contact base. As we have communicated in previous newsletters, HMMI has received numerous contacts over the last year and a half from ministries around the world asking us for covering, training and financial help. We have begun organizing, contacting and connecting the various ones with others in their countries and regions. As the Uganda trip was approaching, we sent emails to the twenty-three pastors we are connecting to in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania informing them of our arrival. Due to the shortness of funds, many were unable to come but desperately wished to meet. Out of all the possible meetings, two men traveled the distances to come. Alfred Juma came ten hours from Kenya and Robert Achwera traveled down from Northern Uganda...just to meet us face to face!

One of our favorite memories will be the connection that began with Pastor Alfred (Kenya) and Pastor James from Jubilee Christian Center in Jinja. Because James hosted Alfred's stay during his time there, the two of them have now made plans to build ministry partnerships with their two churches! With one trip, HMMI has now helped to unite a church in Uganda with another church in Kenya!

Over the next few months we will begin to organize the needs of each ministry, so we can better inform you of how you can help. Many pastors are needing ministry training materials to help disciple their leaders and pastors. Please consider sending us any books you would want to donate or financial gifts to help in this area, and we will see that it gets to each of them.

Making New Friends

We had the pleasure this summer of hosting a team from blood:water mission and Venture Expeditions. This team had spent a week in the mountains climbing four summits and building awareness for the work that BWM is doing in Africa. HMMI has faithfully supported BWM every month for seven years, so it was exciting to build personal relationships with others who share our passion. The entire team stayed with our family for the weekend and shared at High Way Community that Sunday. Our prayers go with each of the team members as they continue to raise support for such an amazing organization.



- blood:water mission team @ HWC -

Prayer Requests

The greatest need we currently have is to increase our monthly support base. Many have given to HMMI over the years, and we are grateful to each. As it goes with other ministries, much of the support is seasonal. So, please pray about partnering with the vision God has given us and pray for others to do the same. The ministry has only just begun to see the huge potential we have for global impact.



Pics from time in Uganda



All of the pics can be seen at HMMI Facebook page.