

# BLACK BUFFALO GLOBAL MISSIONS



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This past October, I was excited to have my wife Linda join me as we made another trip to our mission work in Uganda. We also had a group of six others join us from our Christian School here in Dawson Creek, B.C., Canada. It was an amazing trip to Uganda! I'd like to share with you some of the many highlights of this latest trip.

For the past year our school here in Canada has been raising money for this trip. The goal was to have our students experience a mission's trip, and also to help purchase a van for Pastor Kavuma Fred. A van was also needed to transport food and other supplies to where the school is located as well as provide rides for children to a clinic located a few miles from our school. Riding on the back of a motorbike can be dangerous as well. In the past year Pastor Kavuma was involved in two accidents. In my mind a van was a must.





Linda and I left a couple days before our group, arriving on a Tuesday night, so that we could be with Pastor Kavuma as we purchased a van. The purchasing process in Uganda is quite the experience, nothing like we are used to here in North America. After three days we were finally able to buy the van and have it road-worthy with new tires, oil change, brakes, etc.



We purchased a used 7 passenger-Toyota van, with a diesel motor. It is in good shape, ready to be used for the ministry. We are so thankful to our school and others that helped us with this much needed project. Our Mountain Christian School group arrived late on Thursday night. Between the eight of us, we brought 17 check-on suitcases, 8 carry-ons, and 8 backpacks. We were loaded with many things to give away. Most of us carried very little for ourselves, we wanted to leave behind as much as we could.

On Saturday, Linda spoke at the Ladies Conference in Kampala, our girls also attended the conference, while all the guys saw that the work was done on the van such as an oilchange and wheel alignment, etc. Sunday morning, we all enjoyed the service at Pastor Kavuma's church and I was privileged to bring the Word to these precious folks, and also pray with and minister to many.





Late on Sunday afternoon, after a wonderful meal with the Pastor and his family, our group prepared for the trip to Luwero while Linda and I went to visit Pastor Kavuma's son, Daniel, where he is training to become a doctor (through support of individuals through BBGM). We were blessed to present him with an iPad from our school to use with his schooling. It was wonderful to see the place where he is studying and how thankful he is to be able to do this. He was also very excited about the van that was purchased and had to take a ride before we headed back to pick up our crew and head to Luwero. Our group arrived that night and the next day we made our way to our school. We stayed in Luwero for four nights so we could be close to the school and all the children. During our days in Luwero, we were able to bless the children and adults with shoes, uniforms, quilts, and many other things. The soccer balls and Fanta pop (donated by a member of our group) were very much the favourites!



During Vacation Bible School last summer, a church in Wyoming raised over \$3,000 to buy all the children shoes. They heard about a US company that develop a shoe that is called, "The Shoe That Grows". The shoe or sandal is designed to grow several sizes with some simple adjustments. We were able to give out over 200 of these shoes! We also fit the uniforms with the children that needed them. We had sent the funds to Kavuma to have them made before we arrived. They were thrilled to have a uniform to wear to school!



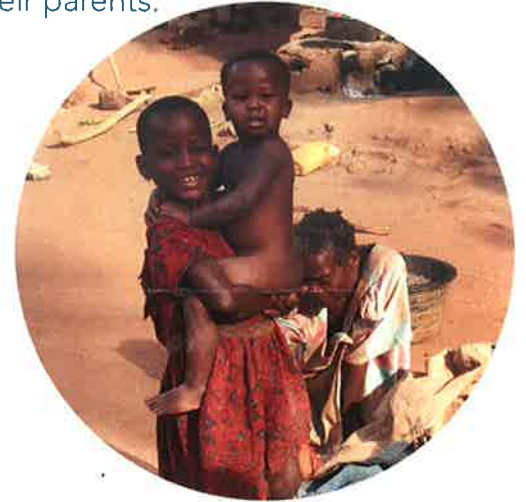
Every day we feed over 200 children two meals a day. One day we joined the children and ate the same lunch that they ate. It was quite the experience for our group to eat a meal without utensils, using our fingers. Pastor Kavuma gave us a brief lesson on how it's done in Uganda! The food was very tasty.



Another day we took our group to visit four different homes of children who are being cared for by folks in the surrounding area. I wanted them to experience how many of the kids live in this poor area. Each home had its own story. In one we saw 6 of these orphan children being raised by an older lady in a crowded home. In another, twin 4-year-old boys and their 6-year-old sister were playing quietly by the road by themselves. The man who cares for them is hardly every home, which is a great concern, as these little ones are underdeveloped from improper care and need much attention that is not given. Four children in another home were being raised by a young woman. The home consisted of two rooms, one without a roof. We came upon another home of a little guy named John. He and his brother have been living with a lady for 4 years after being abandoned by their parents.

Our hearts were heavy as we headed back to the school, but also blessed to see the joy and the hope on these children's faces. They have so little but are so grateful for what they do have. The need is so great, it can be overwhelming. Right now, at our school we have 20 kids living in the larger room, and 12 in the smaller. Each room has a house mom. These ladies not only care for the children but play with them in the warm evening hours.

The need for a children's home is very real, with over 130 orphans attending our school.



To build this much needed home, we first need to purchase the land. Right now, we have taken a step of faith and have put a down payment of \$11,000 on a piece of property that borders our school, and have begun to make the bricks for the home. The owner is asking \$21,000 for this piece of property that is just over two acres. Our goal is to raise the remaining \$10,000 by March. From there we can begin to build this much needed children's home.



The Scripture in James 1:27 has taken on new meaning for me as I head up this ministry of BBGM. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." NIV

Through BBGM and our partners, we are fulfilling this Scripture verse as we care for orphans and widows in their distress. And let me say, the need is very real.





We saw this great need after visiting the home where the three small children were alone, and no family, only a man who grudgingly looks after them. At times they sleep outside and if it wasn't for our school, they would go to sleep hungry. I am so thankful we can make a difference. And with God's help, we will one day have a children's home for the many just like these little ones that Jesus loves.

Because of your partnership, over 200 kids are getting two meals a day, an education, clothing, medical care, and the wonderful message of Jesus. Because of your partnership we have a new office building that is now completed, there is a playground, and there is now solar power throughout the school and living facility. All this has taken place since my last visit last October 2017.



The needs are great, there is so much that needs to be done. As we come into this Christmas season, we are asking you to open your heart and help us make a difference in the lives of these, the less fortunate, but no less important to the Lord. We not only need \$10,000 to pay off the land, but we will need more to build the children's home. Together we can do so much more.

We are working towards setting up for child sponsorships and hope to have this running early in the new year. As we develop this, we will be posting it on our web site [www.blackbuffalo.org](http://www.blackbuffalo.org), our Facebook page "Black Buffalo Global Missions", and by newsletter.

There is an old hymn that talks about counting your blessings. As I came back from Uganda, my heart was overwhelmed by the many blessings I can enjoy and even take for granted. I was also reminded by the Lord of my responsibility to care for others. With your partnership we can do amazing things for the kingdom of God.

For His Kingdom.

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