

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BLACK BUFFALO GLOBAL MISSIONS

After three years, we have finally made it back to Uganda! With a group of four of us, we spent 4 days, speaking at a conference in Kampala and then spending ten days at our children's home in Kigombe, just outside of Luwero. We have much to share from this trip, as some very exciting things took place. During our time in Kampala, we had a youth conference on Sunday night.



Over 200 youth came out from schools in the area with a group of around 30 older youth from our children's home in Luwero. What a joy to see them after three years of being away! Pastor Kavuma had rented a bus to bring the youth from our children's home. It was exciting to see how they have changed and grown in the Lord.



On Monday we headed out to Luwero and our children's home in Kigombe. Our hearts were blessed to see all those smiling faces. We now have 233 orphans living full time in our children's home. 375 children attend our school from Monday to Friday. With so many children now living full time in our home, it is a much busier place for sure!



We have decided on some names for our village and our home. Our community is now called the "Village of Joy" and our home is



called, "House of Joy". If you were to visit, you would see the joy in all the children. They love living there, they love Jesus, and are so thankful for all they have.

During our time in Uganda, thanks to some wonderful donations, we were able to buy 35 bunk beds, 162 mattresses, 200 sets of sheets, 150 mosquito nets, 10 soccer balls, 110 uniforms, and 150 new student desks. We were also able to buy medication for the clinic, soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, and many other items. Now all the children have beds to sleep on with a nice mattress, bedding, and a mosquito net to protect them.



On Sunday we had a beautiful service on the third floor of our children's home. With children and staff, around 250 gathered for worship. These kids love to sing, dance, and worship Jesus! You will be able to watch some of my YouTube videos (Black Buffalo Global Missions) in the coming weeks to see some of these events that I will be uploading.

After our Sunday service, we had a beautiful dedication of our House of Joy and then served cake to all who were there. And then thanks to some wonderful donations, we were able to give toques to all the children in our home. Even though it is hot to us, all the children just loved their toques. It is Winter there now, so when it dips to 70 degrees, it feels cool to them.



Because of the rising costs in Uganda, Pastor Kavuma has had to make some changes. Only the children living full time at our Village of Joy are being fed three times a day. The other children who come, now eat at home before coming to school.

Years ago, an agreement was made with families in the area, that if they took in these orphan children, we would feed and educate their children. Since the House of Joy is finished, all the orphan children were dropped off at the school. The village folks now help as much as they can with education and uniforms for their children and feed their children at home.

We are currently feeding the 233 children from our home. It is our goal to one day feed all 375 children a healthy lunch. We can only do this if prices go down and if our funding increases. Sometimes the responsibility of caring for all these wonderful children can feel overwhelming. I am so thankful to you, our faithful and generous partners. All that we do in Uganda is because of your support.

Without you this would not be happening. In 2020, we purchased a piece of land for a future High School. It was wonderful to see this land and how it is being used today as we wait for funds to build our new High School. In the last few years, we have planted various crops on that land, one of those crops is matoke (plantain). They look like bananas and are cooked much like a potato. Our children love it.

We continue to make bricks for our future High School. The government has allowed us to have these older students in our Village of Joy because we are showing our commitment to build a future High School. We do need to build a library and science lab. While we were there, we had a load of sand delivered. This building will help our students while we await the building of our High School and then one day our primary school would be able to use it for more classes and a library.



In closing, I want to ask if you consider helping us bless our children with a special Christmas meal. Their main diet consists of posho and beans. At least once a year it is nice to give them a treat of some meat, fruit, and even a bottle of pop. It would also be nice to bless them with a small gift for Christmas. Your generosity to BBGM is always greatly appreciated.

Please check our web site at blackbuffalo.org, our Facebook page at Black Buffalo Global Missions, and our YouTube channel at Black Buffalo Global Missions. If you subscribe to our YouTube channels, you will get the latest updates on these short videos we post every 2 to 3 weeks.



Thank you for partnering with BBGM, your generosity is making a big difference in the lives of hundreds. Every time you give, you are practicing pure and undefiled religion which is to look after orphans and widows in their distress.

On behalf of our BBGM board, we would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed new year! May His love and presence fill you with great joy during this wonderful season.

In Christ love,

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HOW TO GIVE

1. Checks can be sent to: Black Buffalo Global Missions, PO Box 280, Silverton, Oregon, U.S. 97381.
2. Through PayPal at www.blackbuffalo.org/donate-now/
3. In Canada, donations at this time should be sent through your local church until we get our charitable status in place. Ask your local church if you can donate to BBGM through them. Many churches are willing to accommodate this request. Then they can forward your donations to our BBGM U.S. office which is a registered charity with Oregon State.

All giving to Black Buffalo Global Missions through our US office will be receipted at the end of the year, in early January.

James 1:27. "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."