



AGAPE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

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Since our last quarterly newsletter, God has continued to do some pretty amazing stuff! Frank and Loretta James, Bill's parents came for three months to serve and work at the village. They were amazing! Some of the many projects they worked on included finishing the painting of the windows and trim on all of the houses (which now look beautiful), tons of odd jobs and miscellaneous repairs, including sewing 100's of clothing articles for all of the kids. Bill's dad is quite a tailor and can run a sewing machine like no other man we know! ☺ They led the morning devotions with the employees, made lots of good friends, and one of the best things he did was celebrate his 75th birthday with all of the kids. It was a real blessing to have them serve along side of us! We also had three teams come to serve at Agape. One of the teams came from Calvary Chapel in Portland, OR. While they were at the village, they spent time teaching and loving on the kids, plastering the exterior of the church, and working in the community to complete the Living Water project that was started back in January by CCLA and The Bridge. They added the fourth water tap which was a part of the original plan, and then God led them to put a 5th water tap near the home of the local witch doctor! It was such an amazing opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus and testify to the greatness of our God and Savior to the witch doctor. The team carved the words LIVING WATER and the Bible verse John 4:10 on the tap! We believe that her life was certainly impacted and that God has the power to set her free



and save her - in Jesus' name! The next team that came to serve was from Embrace Uganda. Although their visit was short, they spent time ministering to the kids and blessed them in so many ways. They also took on the incredibly huge job of painting the inside of the church, which looks amazing! We are thankful for all that God did in and through them! Our most recent team was from Calvary Chapel Lake Arrowhead and The Bridge. It was a small team, but this time the visit was extra



special because Pastor Tom from CCLA came too! He was a most welcomed blessing along with the

few other team members who came with Mama Sandi.



They loved on the kids, worked on a couple of small projects,



harvested the corn from the plantation,

and had a great time! All in all, the kids have been extremely blessed by the teams that have come over the past few months. We are thankful for all that God has done and we look forward to what He is going to do next. Thank you for praying and please don't stop! ☺ GOD BLESS YOU!

SEASONS CHANGE

In the book of Ecclesiastes it tells us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Over the past few months, all of us at ACV have experienced times of trials and times of peace, times of suffering and times of rejoicing, times of sickness and times of healing! But the one constant that we have experienced during all of those times, is God's faithfulness! One of our favorite songs to sing at ACV is about seasons. The words say, "Seasons come and seasons go, but JESUS, He is the same, JESUS, He'll never change." Isn't that a comforting truth?! Seasons change, but Jesus never does! With that being said, we are excited to say that we are entering a new season of change at Agape Children's Village.

After much prayer, the James family, (the on-site missionaries) have been led by God to take a step of faith in a new direction. Jacques Masiko (the founder and vision bearer of the children's village) who has been working closely with the James' during the last 18 months, has made the decision to take a more active role at ACV and will be working with the current staff at the village to continue the work that God has been doing! It's certainly a big transition, and the James family will surely be missed, but we serve a BIG God and we know that we can count on Him to be faithful to complete that work that He started 10 years ago through Jacques. Please pray as we all go in the new directions that God is leading us! To Him be the glory and honor forever!!