

Uganda Unfolding

Educational Care in Uganda

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Psalms 150:6

I had no sooner begun the first lesson with a new group of teachers at Joy Christian School in Kyenjojo when this little spotted tree frog plopped down from a rafter above me, right onto my shoulder and then onto the floor. (Oh dear; a brain cramp is beginning—



does this remind you of an old ditty about spaghetti?) While I welcomed him to class, I tried hard to keep track of where he was so he wouldn't get trampled. Clearly this training is of good value when even the animals want to join in!

One of the dogs at this children's home/school also wandered in and out throughout the week. He usually lay right in front of me, leaving me to skirt around him. I was mindful that his resident fleas and ticks may have also been listening in on the basic worldview teachings that all of creation belongs to God...but I didn't want them to adopt me!

In a school environment so focused on rote learning, teaching to exams, and counting scores as the ultimate hallmark of academic achievement, we try to broaden our teachers' thinking to reflect on what it means to be image bearers of God in all of its dimensions, especially in their teaching.

And so, as I led this group of educators who had given up a week of their vacation time to be there, I tried to find new and interesting ways for them to really grasp how learning could be fun even in environments with few resources and such heavy demands to cover a rigorous syllabus of study.

Even group work is a new idea for teachers; so we include activities they can also use. On the last day of lessons, each teacher was given a slip of paper with an animal name. They were assigned to find their fellow group members by making the noise of the animal. Then after the group assignment was done, they were again divided into "expert" groups, the group now looking like mixed farming with a variety of animals in it. Each "animal" was to share what he/she had learned in their group discussion.

And finally they were tasked as an animal group to compose and present a song in keeping with, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

I wish you could have been there with me to witness the joy and laughter!



Prayer & Praise

PRAISE

- ◆ For another EC graduation
- ◆ For family visits from my sister and brother-in-law and my niece.
- ◆ For physical healing
- ◆ For a refreshing spiritual retreat in Kenya with my colleagues and partner missionaries
- ◆ For very busy but satisfying sessions of training this school term break
- ◆ For two new EC training sites and more expressions of interest in beginning EC training
- ◆ For smooth transitions in leadership within Resonate Eastern and Southern Africa

PRAYER

- ◆ For safe travels and quick recovery from jet lag as I begin Home Service assignment
- ◆ That all my support needs will be met as we reach the end of the fiscal year— we're close!

A Glimpse into my World Here in Uganda



Uganda is a birder's paradise!



Meet Betsy: Thanks to generous supporters I now enjoy safe and reliable transport.



The floral bird of paradise.



Morning assembly. Some teachers I trained have 300 students in their grades 2 and 3 classrooms!



Matoke, steamed green bananas, is a dietary staple in my area. Most cooking is still done using charcoal.



Those little monkeys: so cute, until they start to raid my guard's fresh sweet corn.



The menyattas of the Karamajong in Northern Uganda.



Western Uganda, bordering Rwanda, is lush and green with fertile volcanic soil



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