



My Ebenezer family group



Maize harvesting at New Hope



Kobwin campers



My family group at Kobwin—Rose, Fable, David, me, Joel, Imaculet, Robert, Peter and Amos

Uganda struggles to recover from war and drought

NHICF

Also known as the “New Hope Institute of Childcare and Family,” NHICF has been a great place of learning and ministry. I have completed two months and have three months left before I start my ministry with African Renewal Ministries. What have I been doing here in the bush of Luweero at NHICF? Here are just a few highlights...

Ebenezer family

I am the newest member of the Ebenezer family here at New Hope. What does that mean exactly? That means that I am an auntie to the 20 children that live here. We garden together, have family devotions together, eat together, and much more. I have the privilege of speaking into the lives of these youth who are now my family and helping them with school work as well as learning more about the Lord. It is a privilege to be a part of such a dynamic group of young people! Please be praying for the kids in my family, that they will do well on their third term national exams in October. Also be praying for those who have not yet accepted Christ as their Savior.

Maize harvest

At New Hope, the goal is to teach the children to be self sufficient, rather than to always depend on outside aid. Each harvest season, all of New Hope Uganda helps to harvest maize, which is used to feed the children that live here year round. This year, due to the drought, the harvest was not large enough to meet the food need, so New Hope Uganda had to purchase extra maize from growers around the country to meet the need. Please be praying specifically for more rain in Uganda and an end to the food shortages that we are experiencing all over the country due to the drought.

Kobwin Camp

During the last week of August, NHICF was able to host a kid’s camp for children in Northern Uganda. There were 65 children, all of whom had been affected by the LRA (Lord’s Resistance Army). All of the children received Bibles, clothes and food. For many, these were the first Bibles they have ever owned, and it was great teaching them how to look up verses for the first time. After our four days together, we had seven accept Jesus as their Savior. In addition, many saw a true freedom and peace in their heart as they decided to forgive the rebel solders who had abducted them and caused them so much suffering and loss. Pray specifically for

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LENA PIRA'S NEWSLETTER

Fable, Imaculet and Rose, three girls that I was able to minister to during the camp. All three had been abducted from the LRA rebels but are now home safely. Pray that they will continue to forgive and find hope in the Lord.

Amuria food distribution

A bush village up north, Amuria is home to the children who attended the Kobwin Camp and has been facing serious food

shortages as a result of the drought in Uganda. NHICF was able to help with a food distribution to this village, providing seven tons of maize flour for them, which will feed all 183 families of the village for three to four weeks. After he received his family's portion of flour, one child proclaimed loudly, "Thank you! This is my best day ever!" Thank you to all of you for helping make this distribution possible! Please be praying for the families of Amuria as they continue to

recover from the war. Pray specifically that the families here will turn their hearts back to their children as they return from the LRA rebel camps.

With love,
Lena



Food distribution in Amuria

PRAY

- Pray for me as I continue to study at NHICF. Pray for understanding and continued growth.
- Pray for a Lugandan language helper!
- Pray for a home for me in Ggaba when I leave NHICF in December.
- Pray for discernment and wisdom as I decide which areas of ministry I will be apart of once I arrive at African Renewal Ministries.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

I am now at 99% of my monthly support! It has been amazing watching God provide for every need here. Thank you to all of you who are praying, supporting and loving me. I am blessed to have you as my sending team!

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

I can't possibly share everything in this short newsletter, but please feel free to visit my blog. There you will find stories, pictures and video of the people I meet and places I have been ministering, along with fun stories of my adjustment to life in Uganda.

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