



IN THE FIELD

Ministries

Happy New Year from ITFM!

Wishing you many blessings in 2011

Four of us traveled to Uganda this past February and began mapping out a direction for ITFM's work in Uganda. Two pictures from our Safari at Murchison Falls follow.



ITFM's PROJECTS CONTINUE TO SERVE

Over the past few years, ITFM has provided clean water for two villages. We have constructed a permanent elementary school that educates over 500 children. ITFM also built a teachers housing unit in the same village with twelve rooms. This enables the new school to attract and retain quality teachers.

With the help of school children here in the US, ITFM has been able to give \$26,000 worth of school supplies to village schools in Uganda, in just 3 years.



ITFM helped 3 local pastors by setting up solar powered cell phone charging businesses in their homes. This supports their families and aids the village in communicating more easily with the outside world. Yes, they have mobile phones all over Africa!



What does the future hold for In The Field Ministries?

Many of the Ugandan students that we have been working with over the past several years are growing up and ITFM is working hard to discover ways to improve their future as they become adults. Working in Uganda is not always easy and when problems arise, the answers are not always clear. What happens when the kids complete 7th grade if they are not suited to go on to University? What projects that we complete will be self sustaining? How can we best serve the people there without having them become dependent on us? How can we improve the lives of the widows and orphans? What projects can we do now with our limited funds?

Since our goal at In The Field is to provide "Strategic Community Improvements" one way we want to try and make a bigger impact is to create a "Home Base" in Uganda. This would include setting up an office & storage facility. By having a home base, we won't "reinvent the wheel" every time we arrive. We are currently looking for a suitably sized location to begin.

Our clinic project is still moving forward even though fundraising has been difficult in this economy. ITFM will not start a project until the money is available to complete it. Hope is high that a clinic building (a scaled down version) will go up in the future on the property that we purchase this year.

Things we can work toward now

Would you consider helping us give the people of Uganda a brighter future? Your investment will not only help individuals but several communities as well. What can you do?

1. **Home Base:** Some funds are available for our goal of land and a small building. The more land purchased, the more help possible for the nearby villages. 10+ acres would be ideal.
2. **Water:** We are planning to drill a bore hole on this new site for current and future work. This is a priority need and will be \$10,000—\$15,000 to have a well drilled, depending on its location and depth.
3. **Clinic:** Over the past year we have been fundraising to begin a bush clinic and this will be one of our very first buildings. Initially we are planning to keep it small, with the local community in mind and grow it over time as funding increases.
4. **Goats:** John has been researching this project for over a year now. It would be a small micro business opportunity using goats as a pilot program. This program will initially focus on women. Goats will be provided and the women will pay back the loan with goats from their herd. Training would be given on vaccinations, feed and general care as well as basic business concepts. In order to start a healthy goat herd, we would need good feed, a corn grinder to process our own corn, a barn, fencing and storage area.
5. **Materials / Transport:** To use our Finn Builder for construction we will also need an engine powered cement mixer at \$5000. Other materials needed include wheel barrows, shovels, etc., and transportation to get them all to the site.
6. **Tech school:** We envision the school to teach mechanics, woodworking, sewing, welding etc. As it grows we intend it to be self-sustaining with a small tuition requirement. This will enable the children who are not attending the University to have an opportunity to learn new things and support their families.



Boots on the ground

ITFM understands that these projects and goals will require quite a bit of time on the ground in Uganda and are working to make this a reality. We are prepared to spend additional time to get these new projects organized and started. That is going to require additional commitment from us for increased travel to and from Africa and in country living expenses. It all adds up quickly. We are asking you to make a commitment to us so that we can make a commitment to those in Uganda. **Would you consider adding us to your monthly prayer and financial support network?**



Ensuring long term success in a foreign culture is impossible to do alone. We are looking for new opportunities to reach out to the people of Uganda, where we can make an impact.

Will you consider joining with us on a monthly basis or a one time gift and make a difference in someone else's life?

Please go to our web site www.inthefieldministries.org and sign up to donate. It's so easy and will help many Ugandans have a better future! Thank you!

Or send a check to **ITFM** PO BOX 899 North Bend, WA 98045

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Please go on line to www.inthefieldministries.org and sign up for a monthly contribution.

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_____ I am interested in hearing about how I can go to Uganda.

_____ Please remove me from your mailing list.

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