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Waffle and Dr. Val's Newsletter

Beauty of Kindness

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Special Praises for this Month:

1. We have 6 new churches now!!! God is opening so many doors for His Good News to reach people during this Pandemic time
2. Waffle has been sick quite a bit these last few months, but is getting stronger now. We pray that this will give him good immunity for any other sicknesses that may come around.

My Revelation

I am so perplexed. One of my definitions of crazy is doing the same thing over and over with an expectation of a different result. As I observed the problem-solving skills of some of our sponsored students, I became so intrigued! The Non-Timothy students supported by CLIDE qualify because they are in the top 10% of their class. They have a high aptitude and big home challenges. A quarter are true orphans (meaning both parents are no longer living), with many having one parent deceased. Some are in the category of financial destitution. They had tried all they could to be the best, but "lack of school fees had chased them from school". Village families will often choose one or two to go to school with the rest remaining home. A scholarship makes a huge difference to their families. These kids are the hope of not just the family but for the village. They will come back after education and be a light in the community. We feel that these very bright students are God's gift to the villages.

With the Non-Timothy Students, we only support school fees and uniforms, not their requirements of books or transportation. This means that the students that require extra help may need to come for "work study" with Val and I. We teach painting, gardening, animal husbandry, landscape, construction, electrical, plumbing, glazing, cement work, ethno-vet



and accounting. This allows them to earn the extra they need and to bless the Church, CLIDE members and community members with the work that they perform; learning practical skills, social skills, and spiritual skills while earning their way through school instead of developing dependency.

But back to my perplexities. As I watched a half dozen of these students (averaging 19 years of age) try to return a Guinea Fowl back to its pen after it found a weakness in my fencing, they tried to get it to move so they could capture it. They tried over and over doing the same thing with the same results. I could see it was not working, and they could see it was not working. Why then the repetition? When my world makes little sense here in Uganda... I go to, you guessed it, to Val. Her explanation was

enlightening and endearing. In my USA way of thinking, I would have thought that they would stop, reevaluate, brainstorm and choose another way. These however think in community, work in community and love one another in community. Someone had suggested the first course of action. The others quickly followed. When it was not working however, out of respect for the first idea, they continued that course until the originator could see another course was needed. It was their way of not embarrassing the one that had proposed the idea. Their kindness and respect for each other dictate how ideas are presented and manifested. When they have a success, they all enjoy it as a team, and when there is a failure, they all take ownership of the same. The point is, they focus on relationship rather than getting the job done. Even if a task fails, it could be called a great success if relationships and team work were built. Being right with the group is more important than being right about the topic.

My scales need balancing in view of being right about something and being right with those around me. It is a kind of love, a kind of beauty that I have come to enjoy in the Karamojong, and especially in Val. The perplexity was quelled and more understanding gained: this life is not so much about wins and failures, but of the challenges we face together.

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My Application

So... speaking of challenges we face together, here, just now, in these days with locusts by the millions, no jobs and people are going hungry, uncertainty in knowing when Covid-19 will come to take our aged and immune challenged, and the world economy on the brink, we are feeling "the Challenge." It may be daunting, but we were called to it and will not shy from it. Val and I are with CLIDE (Community Livestock Integrated Development Consultancy), the NGO that Val and our team members started many years ago and we are ready to take on the days ahead. The docket is full of great opportunities, such as:

We are now up to 6 new churches in the remote areas around Mt. Moroto. We mentor and organize church services for these churches every week.

Raiding has again come to Kangole, sometimes with shooting at night so close you could think they were just on the other side of the fence. We continue Peace Building.

Covid 19 infections are on the rise, especially in the Moroto area. This has us busy with

the Covid 19 task force. This last week they are opening up some of the grade levels in schools, and this means some of our sponsored students are going back to school. We are busy helping them get there, while guiding them concerning the risks of COVID-19.



We currently have a big program teaching Goat Fattening and Leather Production. This has CLIDE going to 42 villages all over Karamoja teaching 2-day classes for hundreds of women. We teach only 20 at a time because of social distancing. We are making great connections with these places and enjoying working with another NGO, Farm Africa. These classes will

continue through October.

With the Climate Changing, we have had rain, lots of rain, for long periods of time. It is an unusual year and crops have really suffered and some have rotted. We are making plans to respond to the anticipated poor harvest in January.

Then add the usual work load that we had before all this started and you can see the need we have for prayer to keep us and CLIDE able to maintain these sustained efforts.

All of these challenges mean serving together, praying together, and though many of you are far from here in distance, being together. There is coming a day, when in heaven, we will be together with our Precious Savior and will look back on these days and see where we served and fulfilled the verse in Mark 9:35 where Jesus said to them "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else." NLT

Love Sets Us Free

So I'm learning to accept others for who they are, and grow with them. Releasing my expectations, letting them be who God made them to be. Recently we released Herman back into the wild. She is a Pied Crow and we have enjoyed bringing her up. When we first received her from the nest as a very homely chick (thus the name Herman monster), we thought she was male and so the name Herman. She

still comes and talks to me here in Kangole and checks her old cage to see where I have left some meat for her. I miss her, but know that it is best for her to have freedom and relationships with fellow-crows, to be who God made her to be. Perhaps someday you may come to visit us here.... And of course, meet our friends and animals too.

Whether in spirit or in person we are glad we are together, "with you."



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Prayer Points and Plans:

Please pray for the new believers in our new churches. Pray that we can find or train up some pastors to mentor these growing flocks. We hope to baptize them in 2 weeks!

Waffle's mom passed away a few weeks ago. Pray for his sister, Missy, who has faithfully cared for her for several years.

COVID-19 is increasing in Uganda. The fatality rate is fair so far, but it has not yet hit the villages. Pray that God puts a protection around our elderly in the villages to keep them from being exposed, until a vaccine can be made available.