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Dear friends and supporters of Cornerstone Foundation,

Greetings to you all, as we start a new year in a world full of uncertainty and surprises. As we begin the new year, we are so thankful that our Heavenly Father knows what lies ahead of us, and that He remains in total control of future events. Nothing catches Him by surprise!

Sorry for the delay in sending out the newsletter, but we have delayed this issue waiting to hear from Uganda about our pending NGO Re-Registration. Documents were prepared and given to our agent in Kampala back in February 2020, but as is so often the case, progress in Uganda is rather slow. (*Details below.*)

Since our September Newsletter, we have continued praying and seeking God's guidance for the Cornerstone ministry, and for the help we need "on-site" in Kitgum, to continue with the oversight of the building program and the on-going care of our precious elderly widows.

Many of you reading this issue have also been praying with us, seeking His direction and wisdom for the future. Thank-you all for your prayers, and support.

We now have a better understanding of how frustrated the author of the book of Habakkuk felt when he wrote: "*How long, Oh Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?*" (*Habakkuk 1:2*)

Just a few verses later in verse 5, he records the Lord's answer:

"Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." WOW!!!

Pretty encouraging words. So, we will continue to seek His guidance in the days ahead to know just what He needs us to do to fulfill His plans for the project.

Current situation in Kitgum:

We received a short e-mail recently from one of our workmen, Obina Simon, letting us know that our two resident elderly widows are fine, and the workmen are safe and well. All six widows are continuing to receive their monthly support payments to ensure they have money for food and daily needs. Additional funds have been provided (through until the end of June 2021), for them to access should they need any medical care. Unfortunately, one of our neighbours decided to cut down a very large tree right next to our security fence, and yes, you guessed it, he managed to drop a large branch of the tree right on to the fence. Thankfully, no major damage was done, so following some minor repairs by our workmen, the property remains secure. Never a dull moment eh!!!

NGO Re-Registration:

All documents were finally lodged with the NGO Bureau by our agent in Kampala on 17th November 2020, after numerous e-mails requesting more and more information for the NGO Bureau.

(One "special" Certificate we possess shows that Cornerstone Foundation is now registered with the "Financial Intelligence Authority" and approved in accordance with the "Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2013") Our agent believes that our 5 Year "Re-Registration" should be approved in the next few weeks.

Annual General Meeting: 14.02.2021

The Annual General Meeting of Cornerstone Foundation will be held on Sunday 14th February at 2.00pm, at Gospel City Church, 26 Cowan Street, GAWLER.

A visual presentation of progress made in Kitgum will be given, and we trust the NGO Re-Registration will be approved by then, enabling Cornerstone to look to the future, knowing it is fully approved by the Ugandan Government.

Reports for the year 2020 will be presented by the Chairman, Treasurer and Founders, to up-date those present regarding the current standing of the Foundation. Please put this date in your diary, mobile phone, tablet or watch, or whatever means you choose to ensure you can come along and join with us to discuss and pray for the ministry in Kitgum.

Please consider if you could be involved at the management level. There are several positions available on the Management Board of the Foundation. A Nomination Form for Board Member is included with this newsletter.

Uganda Elections:

Elections to select the next President of Uganda will be held on 14th January 2021.

Violence on the streets of the capital city, Kampala following several arrests of one of the presidential candidates, Bobi Wine (Robert Kyagulanyi), has resulted in over 54 deaths and 600 arrests by Government authorities. Please pray for the people of Uganda as they select their next President and pray that the elections will be held without further violence.

Return to Uganda:

At this time, we have no idea when we will be able to return to Uganda, with all International flights out of Australia closed until sometime mid-year. Even in these uncertain times we can rest assured that the care of our elderly widows will continue in the coming months, but we will have to seek help in late June to get funds sent from Australia to be accessed in Kitgum for future widow support.

The impact of the Corona Virus world-wide will no doubt have an impact upon when the project can move forward, and the need for an “on-site” helper to oversee the building program remains a vital aspect for the future. In this period of uncertainty, please continue with us in prayer to seek the Lord’s clear direction.

Thank-you all for your support.

With our love,
Lubanga Omedi Gum: *(God Bless You)*

Wayne and Bev



UGANDA: “The Pearl of Africa” home of the “Crested Crane” the national bird, which is featured on the Ugandan flag.