

**Winter 2004**

*"Poverty is the worst form of violence"* - **Mahatma Gandhi**

Dear Friends:

The holidays are now over and the year 2003 has gone by very quickly. As we begin a new year, we at WHM are reminded of the words by the late Mahatma Gandhi that *"Poverty is the worst form of violence"*. As we sponsor children, construct much needed water wells and schools in Uganda and Rwanda, we are fighting the worst form of violence and helping to break the vicious cycle of poverty. We hope that this brief report will add some warmth to your heart as most of you go through a long and cold winter.

### **DONATIONS**

Your support in 2003 enabled World Harvest Mission to continue assisting organizations and Churches in Rwanda and Uganda both financially and through donations. WHM sponsored children in Uganda and Rwanda received donations from far away places such as Germany, Spain, Japan, Canada and the United States. Some of the donations included: Bibles, text books, exercise books, 150 Children backpacks, 4 Sewing machines, 25 Computers, an electronic music keyboard, toothbrushes, crayons, toys, and clothes. Major recipients included: Better Foundation School, Kayonza Orphanage, & Africa New Life in Kigali, Rwanda; Africa Renewal Ministries in Gaba, Uganda; and Nakigo senior secondary school in Iganga, Uganda.

### **MISSION TRIPS**

#### **Mission Trip to Uganda: June 13, 2003 – June 20, 2003**

Team members preached in over 27 schools, and there were 650 commitments to the Lord in those 5 days. We also donated items to schools, orphanages and churches. The second annual Prophetic Conference was a great blessing, and was attended each day by about 450 Pastors and over 500 believers from different parts of Uganda and Rwanda.

#### **Mission Trip to Rwanda: June 6, 2003 – June 13, 2003**

In Rwanda, team activities included: visiting schools & orphanages; donating books & clothes; preaching & teaching in churches, women's conferences, lunch hour fellowships and university campuses; and distributing children's care packages filled with gifts from sponsors in the US and other countries. Over 350 women received gift packages at the two women's conferences, and 30 orphans at Africa New Life Ministries in Kayonza received gift packages.

### **WHM PROGRAMS**

#### **Children Sponsorship Program – Uganda, Rwanda**

This program enables us to provide children with the benefits of an education, health care, spiritual, and emotional support. Because of economic hardships, few parents in Uganda or Rwanda can afford sending children to good primary or senior secondary schools. Your \$25 a month enables us to positively impact the lives of Africa's future generation. We depend on you to tell your friends about the needs of these children, and the benefits of reaching out to help them.

### **Christian Unity Fellowship - Rwanda**

One of our partners in the United States enabled us to purchase 1 ½ acres of land in Kigali, Rwanda where we plan to build an elementary (primary) school. We are looking to partner with organizations, Churches or individuals who will help us to construct this much needed primary school on scenic mountain Kigali, overlooking the capital city of Rwanda.

### **Water Wells Program - Uganda**

Tragically, 5,000 children die a day as a result of water-borne diseases in developing areas of the world such as Africa. Our first water well at Nakigo secondary school has been a great blessing to the village as well as to over 400 students at that school. Any donation large or small will help us reach our goal of \$3,000 to construct water well at Bunyiro primary school with a student population of close to 1,000 students.

### **Nakigo Senior Secondary School - Uganda**

World Harvest Mission has continued to support churches and schools in Uganda and Rwanda. In 2003 WHM provided funds to help construct the roof for a science laboratory and library being constructed at Nakigo Senior Secondary School in Iganga Uganda.

### **CHALLENGES**

In spite of our many successes in 2003, we still face several challenges. AIDS and poverty continue to have a profound impact on the lives of especially the children. In many cases, older children are expected to take on the role of caregiver for sick parents and siblings. This takes a tremendous toll on the financial, physical, emotional and psychological well-being on these children and their families, and often results in the children dropping out of school. In partnership with local organizations, our role is to assist such children by finding sponsors, and helping with the construction of schools.

### **CONCLUSION**

We hope that this short report will add some warmth to your heart as most of you go through this long winter. The year 2003 was full of challenges but also very fulfilling and working together, we gave many people hope and a reason to live. Yet, there is much that remains to be accomplished, we will need your continued support and encouragement. We also depend on you to share about our accomplishments and we ask you to remember the children in your giving in 2004. Because of you, things are already better.

Happy 2004!

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