

Ups & Downs and Godly Happenings...

Remember the story about the water tower going up last month? Well, we must tell you a most difficult thing - that same water tower has collapsed. We are extremely grateful no one was injured. A small portion of the fence line was also damaged. The structure was simply not strong enough to support a full 10,000 liter water tank. Since the collapse the tower has been fully demolished. Sam and his managed to preserve 1200+ bricks for use elsewhere.

Have you ever experienced a failure that made you want to hang your head down low just so you didn't have to look anyone in the eye because you felt so terrible? Well, that's a bit how the Development Team members felt about this misfortune, especially Sam Jackson. Sam was the one who did the research and supervised the entire project. But we all know this kind of thing does not phase God in the least! However, He is ever watchful to see how we will respond to this kind of adversity. After a time of prayer and giving the matter over to the Lord, Virgil called Sam and reminded him just how big our God really is! They talked about what could be done to get another water tank/tower – so plans are being made to make that happen. The dry season has started so it is a critical time to get water to the bananas and vanilla plants. And, wouldn't ya just know it? God had already provided the funds to replace the tower and repair the fence. This is an amazing miracle of huge proportions for all of us!



Before

Please keep the Development Team in prayer – not only have they had to deal with this heartbreaking event but there was a very large snake in the failed structure! It was a very, very good thing Sam saw it in time to kill it! Uganda is a lovely country but definitely has more than a few challenges! And snakes at the top of the list!

After



The Team continues to think of ways to utilize this property while they wait for the banana trees and vanilla vines to grow. They have planted short-term crops in between the trees and vines – such as green peppers, spinach, eggplant and “greens”. Each of these smaller crops are doing well and will provide food for their families and/or be sold to market. This income will be used to fund small projects on the land. They will need help to build a latrine and a guard shelter, though.

Last month we told you about the land Say Yes was able to purchase for Denis Colins. He continues to press the local officials to issue the coveted land title. He, too, has planted banana trees and small crops as he anticipates more painting jobs. Denis and Sarah want to raise rabbits on this property, which they could start if they had a fence around the land, since they live just ½ mile away. So...this is another one of those amazing times when a donor heard about the idea and

simply decided to fund it! We told Denis about it and boy-oh-boy you should've heard him! Once he shed tears of joy and got done jumping around he got right to working on the fence! He is currently waiting for the concrete and bricks to set up for the gate. Once that is



complete he will build a simple structure to

provide shade for two mature hens ready to lay eggs (courtesy of his brother, Mukisa Paul Evans) and three rabbits he has yet to purchase. And that right there, friends, is the beginning of a business. How sweet is that? God is so very good! He speaks to the heart of

someone half a world away just to match the cry of this one He loves so much. It's a beautiful thing to be a part of for sure!



This is the preparation for the gate to be set in place

As for Denis Buyinza (aka KD), the auto mechanic on the Development Team – due to the generosity of a Say Yes donor we were able to send him enough funds to put up a gate to fully secure the car repair business he and his partners have going on. Not only does this secure their business but provides secure overnight parking for business travelers. They still need a cover over the cars to allow them to work on cars in the rain or be out of the sun. And a paint compressor.

Pastor Edith in Masaka will be getting a maternity bed and two exam beds soon! She was overjoyed when she heard the funds were available to get this accomplished. We should have pictures for the next newsletter.

And Paul's mama pigs continue to produce! Three sows have delivered 25 or more piglets in just the last 3-4 weeks and one more sow is soon to deliver her bundle of piggies, too! Paul plans to keep these pigs until the year-end holidays when he can get the best price for them.

So there ya have it – you are fully up-to-date on what's going on in the Say Yes world of Uganda. We are truly looking forward to sharing “on-the-ground” news stories with you in just a few short months!

We thank you and the Uganda Team thanks you for your love!

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