

November Newsletter

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you have on hand
today,
what can you do*



“You have changed my life”.

Those were the words Rose told me as we said goodbye in August. My visit to Moshi, Tanzania, culminated in a long discussion on faith, trust and internal peace. Rose and I talked about our children, God, and the need to give our lives over to and fully trust the Lord, in all we have and do.

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Okay, I admit it. I LOVE my job!

I recently returned from a whirlwind summer in Africa . Six of the nine weeks of summer were spent driving, flying and walking around Eastern Africa.

Summer started at the end of June when I accompanied a team of cheerleaders, (mostly) from Bear River High School in Auburn, to Uganda. We served at the Lugazi Community Primary School in Lugazi, which is just north of Kampala. There, hundreds of children joined us in song, prayer and celebration as the team performed cheers and stunts, and taught songs to the school full of smiling faces. Team Nkoko (which means “chicken”), as we called ourselves, left an indelible mark on the students in Lugazi and our hearts were forever changed because of the love they showed to us.

In July, I had the pleasure of spending time in Nairobi, attending a meeting of the Kenyan VCI Board and seeing dear friends who had come up from their village to visit.

August led me not only back to Kenya and Uganda but also back to Tanzania where I was reacquainted with some great people I had met last March. We shared many long hours in discussion on the plight of the African people, the assurance of God’s perfect plan for us all, and the hospitality of our wonderful African hosts. We visited numerous VCI projects that were started in March. People who’d attended the training had gone home to initiate what they’d learned, such as installing hand-washing stations in front of their homes. But they didn’t stop there! They saw the benefits, most importantly the great improvement in their children’s health, so they in turn trained their neighbors on the benefits of sanitation, nutrition, health-care, education and economic security - the five Basic Home Practices that VCI teaches.

Village Care is truly making a huge difference in Africa and it is because of the support of people like you. Thank you so much for all your love and encouragement, as well as your continuing support for me and VCI.

May God bless you abundantly,

Sally



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Village Care changes lives!

A young Tanzanian father holds the precious picture of his completion of the VCI Outcomes, Practices and Open Space training he received in March, 2008. There, he learned that hand-washing before cooking or after using the toilet would improve his family's health. He installed his hand-washing station soon after and reported that since then his children no longer get stomach diseases every month.

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Village Care International, Inc. mobilizes communities to reach out to their widows, orphans and families who are in distress as a result of poverty and disease, to lift them out of despair and help them become contributing members of their community.

VCI offers every community the opportunity to participate in our "Outcomes, Practices and Open Space" three-day symposium where we provide the community members with the tools for mobilization.

The Outcomes are the things we want to achieve for our children and the Practices are the things we do to achieve the Outcomes.

Open Space is the program we use that empowers the community to start their own projects and programs, and begin to take care of themselves.

- The Outcomes we want to achieve are that each child will be safe, healthy, living in a loving home, going to school and being educated, and be well behaved in their community.
- The Practices that support the Outcomes are sanitation, nutrition, health care, education and economic security.

Our vision is for every community to be mobilized and empowered, every leader to be well trained and serving their community, and for every person to be thriving and contributing to the needs of others.

Village Care is currently working in **Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda**. The Outcomes, Practices and Open Space training has been offered and received by over 100 villages and over 60 orphanages, affecting the lives of thousands and thousands of children and families.

Hundreds of projects and programs have been started throughout Africa including toilet installation and maintenance, hand-washing stations, building livestock cages and pens, planting nutritional crops, meal charting to insure nutritional balance, loan programs, orphanages and schools.

The work is astounding, the people amazing and the movement is growing! Won't you please join us?

The life you change may be your own!