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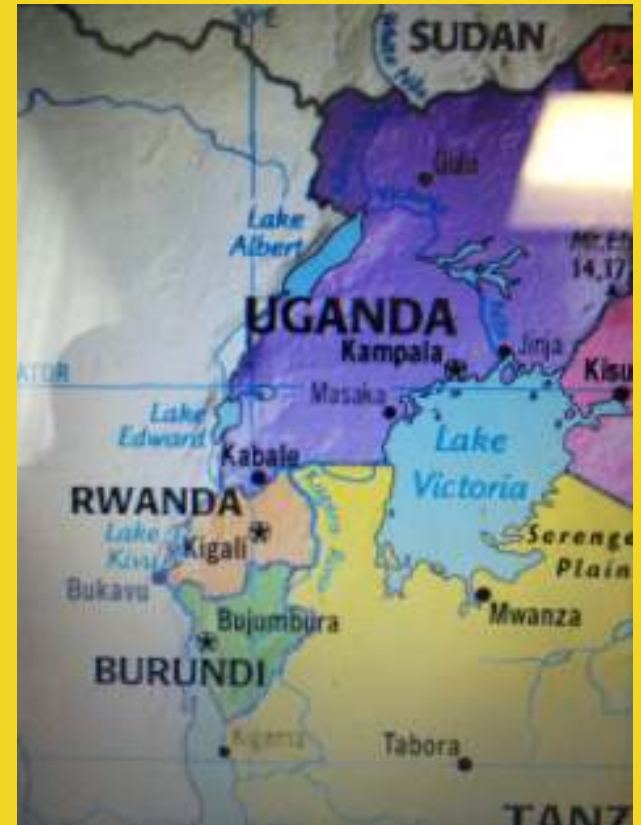


**2014 SMPI Report**



**2014 is an amazing success story of God's provision and faithfulness. Our donor partners have supported SMPI for 8 years and this year's accomplishments were enormous.**





The first big news was the blessing of being able to purchase a new Toyota Surf - well not really new. It is a year 2000 vehicle in really good condition with low miles. We were encouraged to get a different vehicle because of all the driving we do throughout the nation. Our travels take us from Kigali, Rwanda, through Kabale, Mbarara and Masaka and finally into and around Kampala Uganda. The total distance is 315 miles with a driving time of approximately 7 hours plus the border crossing. Having a strong 4 wheel drive vehicle is a comfort to us as we make the trek every 6 months. We do not want to break down en route! One of our good friends told us that if we bought this vehicle we would “own Uganda.” ☺





Your support this year enabled SMPI to contribute to the elimination of debt from the housing units that were purchased by Treasured Kids Primary School as Teachers Quarters . Providing housing for teachers is an important way to keep good teachers from leaving for other schools. Now that the debt has been eliminated there is no need to rent some of the units to others. The seven unit building is now filled with teachers from TKPS. What a blessing!

And this building is located up toward the top of the hill. When the rain comes these teachers are no longer living in the valley where it floods.

Our Leadership Training classes continue in full force. This year we began training in our third country in East Africa – Burundi, giving us 7 different training sites every time we go.

Our friends in Burundi talked about this training as being so practical and helpful – far better than most conferences they have attended. So encouraging to hear!



Bujumbura (capital) is at the north end of Lake Tanganyika.

This large lake extends 418 miles to Zambia in the south. Tanzania and the Congo border it on the east and west respectively. There is a very active trade business between these countries. Ships constantly travel from one end to the other delivering and picking up merchandise.





This year was a big year for the farm. We continue to grow food for the school children but this year SMPI was able to add value to the community surrounding the farm. Thanks to a generous donation we drilled a well which will provide clean, potable water for 4500 children and 3000 adults as well as for our workers living at the farm.





Gathering with the villagers to dedicate the well



Pumping the handle to bring water to the surface were two children dressed in green. This was a very moving ceremony as Jennifer and I and the elders of the community pumped the well together but finished with only the children pumping to signify the blessing the well will be to future generations



The ribbon (string) is cut. The well is officially open!





Thanking God for His provision of life giving water





We have begun to plant a boundary bush called Ki-apple to separate our property from those around us. We will continue to plant this bush until the entire property is enclosed by it. We cleared 5 feet of space and planted the 6 inch plants down the middle of the cleared area – all 1200 of them. 😊

And finally, after many fund raising projects by the JV youth of Grace Christian Fellowship we were able to plant a full acre of banana trees. 400 trees in total! These trees will begin to produce in one year's time. This banana is called "matoke" and is a staple food for this region of the country. These trees will hopefully help us reach our goal of making the farm self sustaining





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It has been quite a year for SMPI in East Africa! It feels like so much has been accomplished. We are ever grateful to all of you who stand with us in this mission to help improve the lives of children and adults.

Jennifer and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

While much has been accomplished there is so much more to do. One of our goals for 2015 is to raise enough money to replace the toilet facilities at Treasured Kids Primary School (\$12,000). This is a very necessary project and a matter of sanitation for the children and teachers alike!