



Spring Trip Report 2017

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This Trip We Had A Team of Ten!

What a Great Joy for Us!

Spring 2017 will forever be etched in our minds. We have had couples and several others go with us to Uganda but this trip we were joined by a team of ten people. What an amazing experience it was. And what an amazing team! They were all so willing to serve and give. The money they raised for the trip gave us the ability to accomplish some significant projects. Pastor Deo and Fiona along with the school teachers and staff asked us to help with a badly needed landscaping project. The compound of Treasured



Kids Primary School is predominately dirt—as in bare ground. That is a significant issue since in the dry season it is very dusty which leads to sickness among the students and staff and in the rainy season it turns quickly to mud. The project we funded was to put paver stones and flower beds between the two buildings thereby giving students and staff the ability to get around without getting muddy and help keep the dust un-

der control during the dry season

The team started with a walk around Kosovo, the slum area where the school is located. What an eye opening experience to see the houses and conditions they live in. Sunday morning church services were fun and enjoyable. The



team was asked to minister to the children's church and as usual they rose to the occasion and did a great job. Sunday evening we went to the Ndere cultural center where we all enjoyed a cultural theatre and dance show full of East African dances and unique stories. Monday morning began with a vacation bible school at the TKPS kindergarten followed by a time of handing

out the gifts the sponsors sent with us and praying over the children. That is always one of our favorite times - so meaningful, so moving. Several of the team members were able to meet their own sponsored child and have something to eat with them—a great benefit of sponsoring with SMPI.





Tuesday was another VBS, this time with the Primary 1-4 students. After that it was time to go shopping downtown at the African Village market. And then



by how excited they were to get some new-er things to wear. From the farm we headed back to town to prepare for the women's outreach. The ladies did a great job.



Sixty one women from the community came, heard testimonies and the gospel and left with a sack of food for their family. And best of all, six of them accepted Jesus' sacrifice and decided to follow Him. BAM!

Thursday we finished the VBS program by ministering to the Primary 5-7 students. I should say that in each VBS there was a story, a craft and a game time. The theme was "He knows my name."

After a long week of working hard we left for Murchison Falls, a game park in the northern

back to the school to pack the food for the outreach to single unsaved moms in Kosovo.

Wednesday we travelled to the farm and walked the

part of Uganda. It was an arduous trip which included a breakdown of one of our vans however after seeing the animals everyone agreed it was well worth it. We



started with a river cruise on the Nile river where we saw an abundance of hippos and some crocodiles. And then came the safari! Elephants, giraffes, wart hogs, cape buffalo, baboons, Africa kob and oribis and their babies. And finally the most sought after of all, the lions. What a way to finish the trip!

entire 18 acres. It really is an amazing experience to be there and actually see the scope of



what is being grown. We had a neat opportunity to bless the workers and hand out some clothes for them. We were all surprised



All of this is possible because of you our supporters! Thank You! Love and Blessings!

Ross & Jennifer