



Spring Trip Report 2018

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So Much to Report!

What an incredible time in Uganda! We were joined by 15 friends from Grace—our largest team ever! The team spent the bulk of its time serving and ministering at Treasured Kids Primary School (TKPS). Since



the former school program children—now young adults with national and international reputations in the entertainment industry—returning for the celebration to share in the program.



We once again ran a Vacation Bible School type of program during the week, visited the farm and went shopping in downtown Kamapala to buy crafts from the local merchants.

One of the highlights of every trip is meeting with the sponsored children, praying for them and handing out the gifts from their sponsors. What a joy and privilege for us. Recently many of the



this trip put us in Uganda over the Easter weekend we were able to feed and minister to over 1000 children and adults on Easter

Monday. Deo ministries was able to build a new church building, a long time goal. They wanted to wait to use it until we got there so we could be a part of the official dedication ceremony. It was a high time of celebration with many of



sponsors have sent an additional gift for the families of the sponsored children. Again, seeing the joy on their faces as they receive their gifts is very moving. The team project this trip was to fund the building of a dining area for the students and teachers, including a new kitchen area. We had to leave before it was completed so we are eagerly waiting for pictures of the final product.



We recognize that those who travel on a team to Uganda have made a significant sacrifice to make the trip. So we always make arrangements for them to see some of the touristy sights while in Africa. This trip the team visited the equator, went to an African cultural dance show and visited an Afri-



Jennifer and I had arrived 10 days, before the team came, to minister in the other area of SMPI's involvement in East Africa. We continue to offer the EQUIP Train-

ing Seminars in various communities beginning in Kigali, Rwanda and then making our way through Kabale, Mbarara and Masaka on our way to Kampala. We look forward to leading another team in the spring of 2019.



can game park. How can you travel so far and not go to see the animals? Taking a boat cruise on the Nile river and a drive through the African savanna grasses is an amazing experience! In the end though, the team always refers to the time spent with the children enjoying their broad smiles, holding and hug-



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ging them as being the most significant time. Being in the community, seeing the conditions in a slum neighborhood and worshipping in church



services with the local people leaves a lasting impression. As we returned home many of the team were making plans to return to Uganda next spring 2019. We really hope many of them will.



As always, thank you for your continued support. We consider it a joy and privilege to be your representatives in East Africa

Love and Blessings!
Ross & Jennifer