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Finally!

Dear Friends,

After two and a half years of Covid restrictions we are finally resuming our trips to Uganda. Our last time there had been in December of 2019 when we returned with the choir after their successful USA tour. We tried to make a trip in April 2020 but Covid had begun its rampage throughout the world and at that time no one really understood what we were facing. That shut down travels for two more years.



We made our first trip back to Uganda post Covid in May of this year. It was so good to see the kids at the school and be with the people of

Kosovo again. The thing that was immediately obvious, was how much the children had grown! Wow! When the choir had been with us in 2019 they were 10 to 13 years old. Now they are between the ages of 12 and 16. We realized how these years were the big growth years for children of these ages.

The school was functioning well! Some teachers had moved on while other new teachers had joined



the staff. Everyone was happy to be back in regular school classes. So many of the choir kids were in P7 which means they will go to high school next year (January).



As you know we usually take gifts for some of the children. Since we had not gone since 2019, we had accumulated a lot of gifts. We ended up taking six (6)

suitcases full of just gifts, plus our own clothes. It was quite a sight as Jennifer and I made our way to the airport with 8 bags and our carry-ons. When we handed them out to the children, Alex the chaperone said "American joy was back at **Treasured Kids** School again!"



We are planning to return to Uganda again on November 9th. This trip will be a little different in that we will not spend as much time in Kosovo at Treasured Kids. We feel we need to travel to reestablish our ties with other friends around the country. As you know, a large part of what we did in Uganda was offer leadership training seminars. In the past we had traveled all over teaching and training leaders. There is still a huge desire for training and we need to reconnect with these centers.



Leader ship training in Entebbe

While in Uganda in May we started funding another agriculture project, this one with Pastor Michael and Afaayo Bible church. It's a poultry business operating under the church to help families in the church with their financial needs. The goal is to grow the business from 400 birds 2000 birds.

We sense God leading us to support other ministries around the country that will make a difference in peo-



Pastor Michael with Pastor Ross



The two story chicken coup in Entebbe



Our good friends Richard and Deborah Kaaya

ple's lives. So we covet your prayers and ask you to stand with us as we do a little exploring and connect again with our many friends in Uganda. Our goal is to hear God clearly and reengage as He leads us.

Love and Blessings!

Ross and Jennifer