



Children of Bombo

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Making a difference in eternity, one life at a time

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Deborah has vision problems associated with Albinism

Merry Christmas

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 (Matthew 1:23)

For to us a child is born... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

The joy of Christmas is not limited to His birth. It is built even more on the triumph of His death and resurrection - that gives meaning to His birth. [Billy Graham]

HIV/AIDS a Global Crisis

The pandemic threatens not only millions of lives, but globally security. Nations, communities, and families have lost the leaders of today and tomorrow. Healthcare systems have been overwhelmed, economics undermined and schools robbed of both students and teachers.

AIDS has killed at least 25 million people worldwide, and another 42 million are living with HIV or AIDS. To put these numbers in perspective, imagine the population of Texas dead and the population of California slowly dying.

"This is a threat to an entire generation; this is a threat to an entire civilization," said UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Source: Samaritan's Purse

Just a thought at Christmas and a Hope for the Future

As we approach our holiday season, reflect on how God has truly blessed us here in the United States. Basically, we are without want. We take for granted clean water we can drink right from the tap. We will feast on a Thanksgiving meal surrounded by family and/or friends. The holidays will be spent shopping for gifts for those who have everything they already need. We will celebrate Christmas and many will not even think of our Lord and Savior. Christmas parties, overeating, shopping, often 'til we drop. We are truly blessed.

As we reflect on how much we have and how God has richly blessed our family, I

am somewhat ashamed when I put it in perspective with what the rest of the developing world (we used to call this the third world) has and how they will spend Christmas.

Many without a meal, most without gifts, but many praising and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. We have seen joy that only knowing Christ can bring from people trapped in poverty, the likes we seldom see.

But what comes to mind are the ones who do not celebrate the birth of our Lord, the ones, both at home and abroad, that do not know Him. What a sad place they live in, whether in poverty or

wealth.

We want to be different this Christmas. We want to look beyond our own comfort and the safety of our homes. We want to share the blessings the Lord has lavishly given to us with those who cannot afford the basic necessities.

Our desire is to be able to send to Bombo Uganda support for those basic needs.

This can be done by simply sending a donation to Align Ministries. Please pray and consider sending a regular on-going gift each month to give those that are in need a hope for a future.

Align Ministries – Our Purpose

Align Ministries is a purpose driven ministry focused on assisted people who are unable to care for their own needs. Then moving these people from a position of relief to development or self support with the primary goal of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who do not know Him.

We also want to enable the local church to build up

leaders from their own congregations as well as working with the local church in discipleship training for their people.

Align Ministries has made a commitment to never seek the recognition for ministry done through the local church. God has anointed the local church and holds it in His highest esteem. The local church will always be there,

long after "we" have packed up and gone home. The local church is there to minister to its people and to share the Gospel with them.

Our purpose is to assist the local church to do just that. To give the local church, in impoverished areas, resources so they can minister to the people of their communities so they can be a beacon or place of hope in their community.

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Why we are doing this:

The Great Commandment Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it. 'Love your neighbor as yourself'"

The Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 4:19

Come follow Me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men.

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I commit to pray daily for Align Ministries and the people of Uganda

Align Ministries will send you an itemized receipt of your gifts and donations to the address you provide.

Comfort the Hurting - Give Hope to the Hopeless

God placed Bombo Uganda on our hearts. It is a place where God was already blessing and for that reason we are following His leading. As we shared with many of you, Bombo Pentecostal Church has grown tremendously in the past year. Not just in numbers but in spiritual maturity. Pastor Alex and his wife Millie have prayed and committed to working with Align Ministries in reaching Bombo and outlying areas for Christ.

Millie has estimated that 70 to 80% of their church is infected with HIV/AIDS. That means that 100% are infected or affected by this virus. We are not going to play the blame game on this; it just doesn't matter what happened yesterday. It does matter what happens now and tomorrow.

We have shown you pictures of several people in the first two newsletters who have AIDS or serious

health issues. They are hurting and hopeless. They do not see hope for tomorrow. Elaine was talking with a lady named Mille (not Pastor Alex's wife), she was crying and sharing the effects of her disease, AIDS. Her husband brought home the virus and has since died, she has lost two children to AIDS and has one child at home with the virus. In a cry of frustration and despair, she asked Elaine, Are you telling me there is hope?

We ask you, is there hope? From a human perspective, we might answer no. But in God's perspective there is always hope. We often have preconceived ideas of what hope looks like. Hope for Millie may not be a complete cure, but that she will be able to raise her children to any age of dependency and not have them go to an orphanage when she dies.

Clifford has AIDS and is paralyzed on his left side from a brain lesion caused



Clifford has AIDS and is paralyzed on the left side. He cares for his 3 children the best he can. His wife died of AIDS.

by the virus and must walk with the aid of a stick. His wife died of AIDS and he is trying to raise his children without a job. He raises money by doing whatever he can. A member of the Bombo community said, I don't know how he survives. He is not doing to well.

Story after story of people hurting and hopeless.

Help us to change this.

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. James 2: 26