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*Here are a few ways you can
get involved*

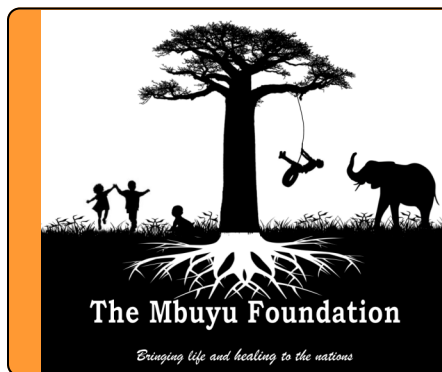
- ◆ Hold a fundraiser to help us raise the money for the land &

building the Mbuyu Village

(this could be on a large scale or small, even maybe a garage sale, or making items to sell at local markets. We can always supply you with

posters and brochures)

- ◆ Sponsor a particular project, whether through a monthly donation or a one off.
- ◆ Become a monthly partner
- ◆ Volunteer and help us through sewing & crocheting or knitting in our PACHA PROJECT.
- ◆ Share about us and our projects and dreams with family, friends & work colleagues.
- ◆ Contact us about purchasing one of our beautiful items made with local materials from MBUYU DESIGNS—all money raised goes to skills training.
- ◆ Partner with us by praying for the things we are believing for!



Newsletter

*Real, true faith, is about caring for the
orphans and widows who need help and keeping yourself
free from the world's influence.*

James 1:27

Can you believe we are in June already! This year is certainly flying—we had been thinking we would do a newsletter quarterly but since we send out emails and I do a blog we would do newsletters twice a year.

Our emails haven't been very regular in the last few months but I'm sure you can forgive us since we've had a busy time in the last few months as a family.

We welcomed our new little miracle to our family and you can read all about that inside the first cover.

It hasn't been any easy few months for us with health challenges and feeling very far away from Uganda and our ministry there but God has been faithful.

God has been teaching us an awful lot about patience and about trusting HIS timing—something that is very difficult—be very careful when you ask God to teach you patience :) because He will create those opportunities for you to learn it :)

We have seen so many provisions from God in the past few months—some of which we may share in the newsletters, others we will keep tucked away in our heart and only us and God will know how those secret provisions have proved God faithful once again.

In many ways we have struggled greatly with being home this time, while it is a beautiful reason to be home (our new little man) and while spending time with friends and family is one of our greatest joys - there is a constant pull on our hearts to be back in Uganda furthering our work (God's work) there.

We feel very humbled by the support people give us, prayerfully and financially and we do not take that lightly.

We feel honoured that people are helping to support us in fulfilling our calling to help the beautiful people of Uganda and to make a difference there. I guess because we feel so humbled by that, every day we feel the weight of what we've been called to do and the trust that people put in us to do that—especially when people back us with their hard earned money.

I guess its these things and emotions that have made it harder to be home this time, while our ministry and organisation is still so young, it has been hard to leave it in the hands of others there.

So we have had to learn to trust and leave it to God—something we want to do but not always easy :)

It is very difficult at times to live between two cultures and lands—something that we do all the time, even when in Uganda, you never get a break from it.

I know for myself the need that is in Uganda never leaves my mind, so at times it can be frustrating having to be home (especially now as its my health keeping us here) but we also know that God is using this time, not just for us as a family but for the organization too. We have been very blessed to be able to do some fundraising and speaking and sharing about our heart for Uganda and its people at some local schools and church groups.

In the coming months you may see many blogs where I may share more on the internal challenges we face as we try to make a difference in our home Uganda, and I guess even here too in Australia.

The coming months are not going to be easy for us— and we will share more about that in the newsletter but for now we reflect back on the love and support you have given us in the past few months and we are most grateful. Once again we have much to praise and thank God for.

Mungu Akubariki (God bless you)

Leah (Rob & Hezekiah & Ezrael)



NEWS



SIFA

POINTS

Sifa is the Swahili word for PRAISE—and we have so much to be grateful for over the past few months - we always want to live a life of

thankfulness.

So you'll always find our SIFA points right here.

- ◆ For the amazing help Daniel & Brooke & their girls were in the 3 months they were in Uganda.
- ◆ The arrival of our second little miracle. Our little warrior Ezrael
- ◆ Our Queen of Katwe fundraiser night which was a great success
- ◆ The fact that the Read for Life program is going so well we need bigger premises
- ◆ The financial blessings from supporters, that enable us to help others.

Our new addition

We were very blessed with another little miracle—a beautiful boy on February 16th

Ezrael Amani Colin Makanda

Ezrael (Hebrew) God is my strength

Amani (Swahili) Faithful, loyal, peaceful

Colin (after Leah's dad) Victorious

He was born one month early via a scheduled csection.

He had a lot of challenges in the first two weeks in the NICU, and in the 6 weeks when he came home, as did Leah but both are recovering slowly, but steadily. You can read more about Leah's health challenges (and God's faithfulness & strength despite) in upcoming blogs



In the last 6 months through the generous donations of our supporters we have been able to do the follow

- ◆ Provide food for various charities and children's and babies homes.
- ◆ We have been able to purchase 40 new schoolbags for disabled children (see our Blog for photos and story)
- ◆ We have been able to employ a social worker to run a survey through local slums, which will enable us to better help and equip the precious people who live there.
- ◆ Pay for an operation for a 8 year old who desperately needed her tonsils removed
- ◆ Run the read for life program for 120 children
- ◆ Raised enough money to put together close to 100 emergency C-section kits
- ◆ Sponsor a number of children to education.
- ◆ Raised \$5000 towards skills training for women who live in the slums
- ◆ Collected over 20 hand crochet animal toys & 5 crochet baby blankets to give out in Uganda



Movie Night Fundraiser

We had a great time in late March doing a movie fundraiser night.

All proceeds of the night go towards our training skills project we aim to set up in the second half of 2017.



We were able to hire a local cinema and show the movie "Queen of Katwe". This is a fantastic movie showing the true story of a young Ugandan girl who overcome living in the slums to find hope through the game chess.

It shows a very adequate depiction of the life of the children and women involved in our programs in the slums. We encourage you to see it if you haven't, it will give you a great understanding of the life of these precious people.

We also sold items from our Mbuyu Designs store— with the help of our wonderful helpers who ran the stall for us on the night.

Rob and I kicked off the night by sharing a bit of our story and the challenges the people living in the slums are facing and what we are trying to do to help these precious people.

It was a great night—we are so thankful for the amazing team who supported us by selling tickets and running the ticket table, those who ran the craft stall and those who arranged the very yummy supper. We were able to raise close to \$3000 on the night towards skills training for the women in the slums.



WE are super thankful to all those who helped us raise money around Christmas time to purchase 40 new school bags for the disabled

children at The Salvation Army children's home.

Many of these children had never had their own bag before. THANK YOU for bringing smiles to these precious children.



We have been so blessed by the amazing support from so many ladies all over Australia who have been crocheting/knitting baby toys, and blankets for us to sell on our stalls—and

to give away to women & children in Uganda.

If you'd like to be involved or would like more

information send us an email

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SLUM SURVEY

Over the past few months we have had our beautiful employee Juliet running a survey amongst a selection of families that call Katanga slums home in Uganda.

We decided that we want to create programs to help the people that comes from ideas given to us by the people that actually call these places home.

We spoke to the government official for the area and they were very impressed that we were seeking the advice of those that lived there—we were given their blessing to do the survey and future ministries in the slum. And they have come along and have seen our read for life program and were very impressed.

Juliet has surveyed, so far, close to 200 families from various sections of the slums. She has met with some in their homes and others have come to our location. She sits and asks them questions ranging from the number of people in their family, what sort of dwelling they live in, location to water and sanitation, and we give them the opportunity to share with us the needs they see their community has and how they think it could be fixed.

Once completed we will then put all the information together and work out how we can best help

the people that live in the slums.



We have so many beautiful Ugandan products for sale and all proceeds go to our skills training for the women in the slums.



We have beautiful beaded items, such as necklaces and bracelets, handmade purses, baby blankets, crochet and knitted toys

If you are interested in seeing our selection or buying something from us please email us

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In memory of Porter

On year ago a beautiful little boy who was only 10 days old suddenly died from an unexpected illness. His family attends Mainly Music at Eastlakes Salvos. In memory of Porters life and to honour his memory the Mainly Music team and Porters family decided to raise money towards emergency C-section kits in Uganda.

We are so grateful and very humbled by this gift. They raised enough money for almost 6 emergency C-section kits to help save the lives of women and children. What a special way to honour Porters life and celebrate what should have been his first birthday. Please join us in praying for Porters family.

If you'd like more information on our C-section kits drop us an email.

What's Coming up

We have finally been given a quote for a shipping container from Newcastle to Uganda so that we can send over all the medical and schooling equipment people want to give us.

For a 20 FOOT container it will cost approx. \$6000

We hope to start fundraising for this soon

If you'd like to fundraise to help us pay for this please let us

READ FOR LIFE

We are STILL trying to find a new location for our Read for life program. We have found a place that would be perfect for not only our read for life program but our skills training and a base for the ministry - we could also run a medical clinic there—but the owners are wanting \$2500 AUD per month. Although this is not too bad for what it is and for the area, it is out of our current budget. We are praying for guidance and provision if this is where we are meant to rent.

ROB HEADS HOME

Very sadly by the end of this month Rob will be returning to Uganda on his own as his visa runs out. We also feel that it is time for him to return to work and the ministry in Uganda—even though this is going to be incredibly difficult to be separated.

Leah and Ezrael are still yet to be given the ok to wean off the medications which are not available in Uganda and Leah is also fighting an African bug that has been attacking her intestines— it has taken some months for Dr's to figure out what has been going on since it

started taking affect after the birth of Ezrael—she has just started treatment which is making her quite unwell.

Please pray for them as they are apart. And for healing for Leah from this infection that can become a lifelong battle without proper treatment

OUR WEBSITE

Our website is currently in the works and should be live within the next few weeks—we will send out an email when its up so you can check it out and share it with your friends.

In the meantime our blog is still up and running so check it out

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WHAT WE ARE BELIEVING FOR

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR THESE MIRACLES NEEDED

- ◆ For the perfect location for our READ FOR LIFE program
- ◆ For funding a shipping container to Uganda so we can fill it with medical supplies and school supplies that have been donated.
- ◆ For guidance in regards to the purchasing of the land.
- ◆ For the funds to continue the projects we have running and for the Free Surgical Camps (kicking off this year) and the Skills training
 - ◆ As always we pray for God's extra blessings upon all those who are supporting us whether financially or prayerfully. Join us in praying for all our partners.
- ◆ For quick healing for Leah and Ezrael so Leah and the boys can return to Uganda and Rob ASAP