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## GET INVOLVED

*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

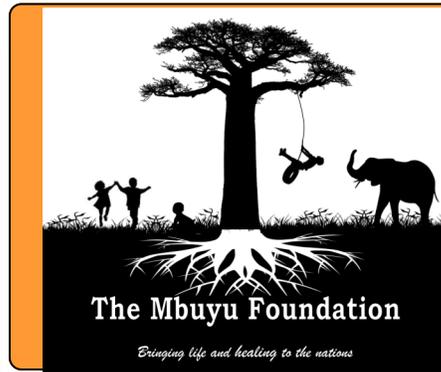
(this could be on a large scale or small, even maybe a garage sale, or making items to sell at local markets. We can always supply you with

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*

2017 FIRST HALF OF YEAR

Well this is coming to you a little bit on the side

late

It was meant to reach you at end of April and we are now at the end of MAY! Can you believe how quickly this year is flying by.

I'm sure you will forgive us with our delay with all that we have been through this first part of the year.

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.

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 3 months and we are most grateful. Once again we have much to praise and thank God for.



Enjoy reading all our news in the coming pages!

Mungu Akubariki (God bless you) / / (Bob & Hezekiah & Ezriel)



## 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 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
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Raise close to \$5000 towards skills training for women who live in the slums
- ◆ Collected 20 hand crochet animal toys & 5 crochet baby blankets to give out in Uganda



## MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER



*New items for sale*



# What's Coming up

## **C-SECTION KITS FOR HOSPITALS**

One of the big issues Rob has discovered working in Ugandan hospitals is women dying and babies dying needlessly when the basics aren't available for emergency c-sections.

Women come in needing an emergency c section—and there's no basic materials needed—so the family has to go away and try and find the items needed—which is difficult in remote areas or in the middle of the night.

For \$50 AUD we can make up emergency csection kits.

We have started this process.

Our Ugandan volunteers will help us make up the kits and then we will donate them to rural hospitals.

This is something that people all over the world can get behind by purchasing a c-section kit on behalf of someone else or by supporting monthly.

## **Rob Heads Home**

## **OUR WEBSITE**

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Please continue to check out our blog—we've uploaded quite a few lately with more to come in coming weeks. We will be continuing to do the blog while we are in Australia as our team in Uganda will continue to run the various ministries so we will keep you up to date.

## **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 2017—this starts back in mid January so we need to find somewhere quickly before Rob joins Leah in Australia for birth of baby.
- ◆ For all the sections of the ministry to run and function well in our absence and for our team who will look after things while we are gone.
  - ◆ 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 next year) and the Skills training which will be the main focus's of 2017.
  - ◆ 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 everything to fall in to place for Rob & Hezekiah to be able to come to Australia for the birth of bub.