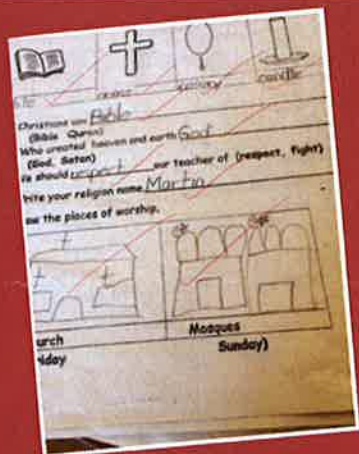


Orphan Outlook

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Concern

Our youngest students at SOAP are in the Primary 1 class. Since the Ugandan curriculum requires Religious Education, they were recently learning about some differences between Christianity and other religions. Everything was quiet as the children worked on their papers. Then suddenly as he was drawing a mosque, in all seriousness, Martin yelled out, "The people who go here are not going to go to heaven!" Martin was concerned about those who need Christ! We are so glad that even a P1 child can know the truth and care about others!

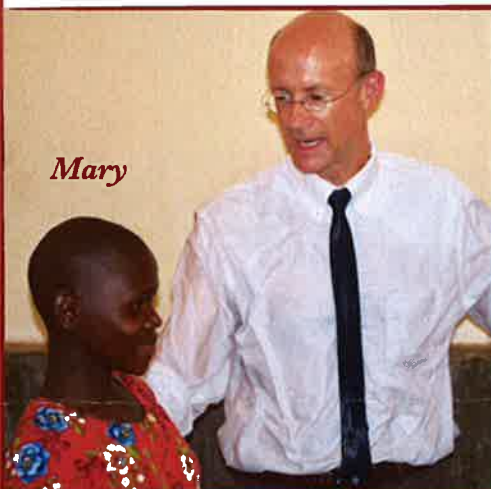
Orphan Baptisms

We are so thankful that over the past few years, many of the children at SOAP have put their trust in Christ for salvation. But a lot of these baby believers had not yet taken the first step of obedience to the Lord by being baptized.

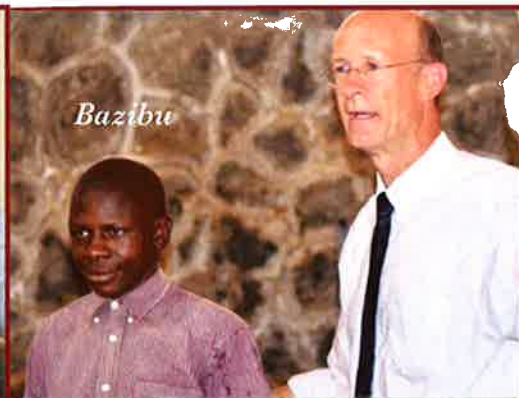
In the last few weeks, those who wanted to follow the Lord in baptism were individually counseled

to make sure they were trusting Christ alone and not baptism for their eternal salvation. Then on October 1, seventeen of the SOAP orphans and some other young believers obeyed the Lord by being baptized.

Please pray that they will continue to follow the Lord, taking each step of obedience that He so desires.



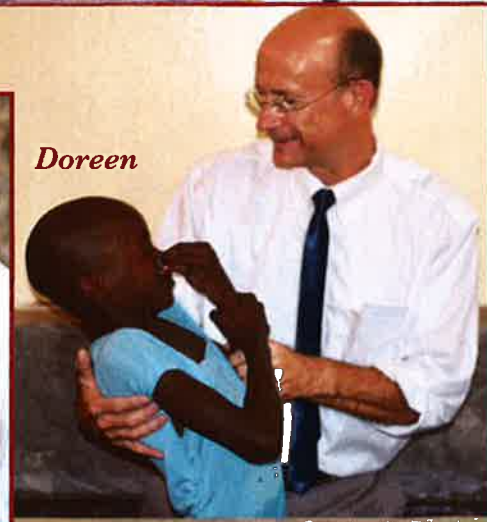
Mary



Bazibu



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Doreen

One More Soul

By Pamela Wieler

September marked four months of teaching Bible at God's Grace Primary School. Recently, I asked Ivan, one of our secondary boys who was translating for me, to share a little from his heart. After my lessons and his small message, we were able to talk to four of the children one-on-one and were thrilled to hear them pray and ask Christ to forgive them and save them.

I do not think I'll ever forget Ronald! We had talked to all the children that had expressed interest in salvation, but Ronald was missing. Ivan, and I couldn't find him, so we decided to leave.

As we were walking, a lady started running behind us begging us not to go. She said her nephew was at home crying because we had left without talking with him! Come to find out, Ronald had gone to take his crying sister home. As I looked down the road, there was Ronald, crying, wiping his eyes, trying to run to catch up with us!

What a blessing to be able to stop on the side of the road, go through Scripture with him, and see him get saved. A huge smile spread across his face! His mother had also come up and was so appreciative that we would spend time talking to Ronald. Come to find out, he was being sent to a different boarding school that very day, and I may not ever see him again. God certainly works in mysterious ways!

Independence Day Parade

Uganda was granted independence from Britain on October 9, 1962. Every year in Uganda, Independence Day is celebrated in a variety of ways. Traditionally, a large crowd gathers in Soroti at the Bataan sports grounds for a celebration march.

Local schools are invited to participate along with police and army units. Each group marches around the parade grounds using different marching steps much to the delight of the spectators.

Independent Baptist School was well represented this year as our students proudly marched in the Independence Day Parade.



New Teachers

The Lord has allowed us to welcome several new teachers to our staff at Independent Baptist School this year. It is sweet to see the cooperation and joyful spirit among the teachers as they demonstrate genuine care for the children they are teaching. Please pray that we will all continue to work together doing all to the glory of God.

Restoration

By Alan Sutphen

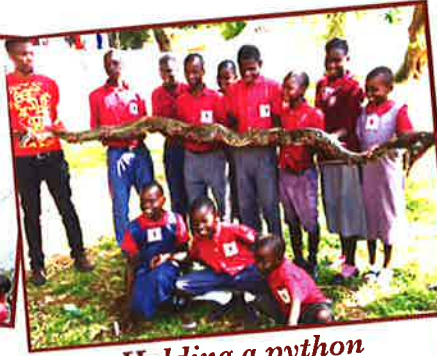
One of our former orphans came before the church recently to confess and ask forgiveness of his sin of fornication committed last year. In our grief he was dismissed from SOAP, but he has shown great commitment in restoring himself by moving away from the girl, working to save money for child support and for his future education. His confession was also made before his peers, which took courage, but was a great example of how, after committing sin, sincere repentance genuinely changes one's direction in life.



Ready to swing



Flying high in the swings



Holding a python



Riding a camel

Trade Show

The 11 students who successfully completed 24 days of obedience (by not disobeying in school or out of school) were rewarded with a field trip to the annual trade show in Soroti.

Giving a Helping Hand

By Kerri Phillips

Our Primary 6 & Primary 7 Bible Classes have been learning about helping others, and they wanted to put that into action.



The children sang for Ms. Elizabeth first.

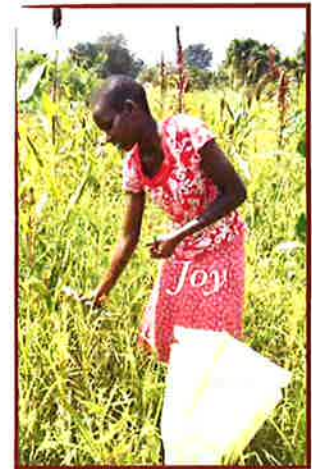
We decided to help a widow named Ms. Elizabeth who needed assistance with her harvest. Due to diabetes, she lost one of her legs so we were eager to help in any way we could.

The boys saw that she needed about 150 heaps of dirt where sweet potatoes could be planted, so they got busy. They weren't able to finish digging so they asked me if I could bring them back again so they could finish for her. It was a joy to see such servants' hearts.



The girls and I harvested her millet for her. Millet is a cereal grain that is a staple crop for many people in Uganda. After harvesting, we dug up the plants and got the land ready for her next harvest.

The girls were waiting for the boys so they kept looking around to see if Ms. Elizabeth needed anything else. They found empty jerrycans (20 liter

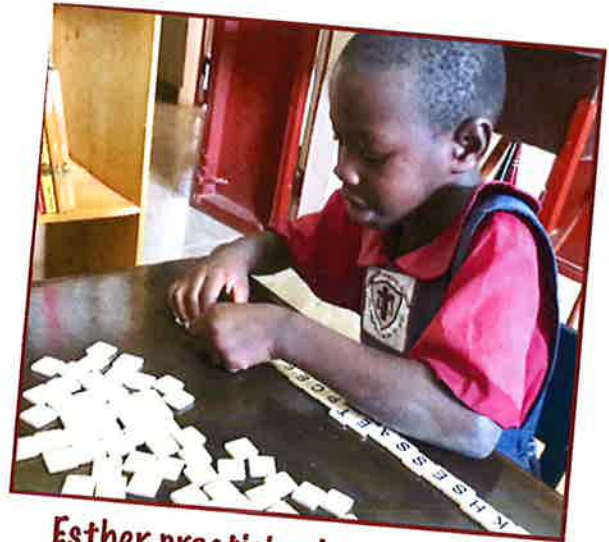


plastic containers for water) so they took them to the bore hole and got her water.

The children really had sweet spirits as they helped Ms. Elizabeth. It was great to see them putting into action what they have learned.

Prayer Requests and Praises

The greatest way that anyone partners with SOAP is through effectual, fervent prayer. It is a spiritual battle, and Satan desperately wants to destroy this work of God. Your earnest prayers are a vital part in fulfilling God's wonderful plan for these children. While we welcome anyone to join the growing number of prayer partners who faithfully pray for a specific orphan at SOAP, we also appreciate each one who prays for the SOAP ministry as a whole.



Esther practicing letter sounds during tutoring at school

Praise the Lord for:

- Many of the orphans following the Lord in believers' baptism.
- Children who are developing the character quality of obedience in their lives.
- A sweet spirit of unity among the teachers and staff at Independent Baptist School.
- Children who want to implement what they are learning in practical ways in their daily lives.
- Martin and Timothy, two of our youngest orphans, trusting Christ for salvation.

Please pray for:

- The children who have recently been baptized to continue following the Lord.
- Protection, safety, and strong godly character as the children visit with their extended families in their home villages during the Christmas holidays. (Dec. 8 - Jan. 29)
- The secondary students to be protected from worldly enticements and to stand strong for what is right while visiting their villages during Christmas.
- Wisdom and direction in planning and preparing for the 2018 school year beginning February 5.



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