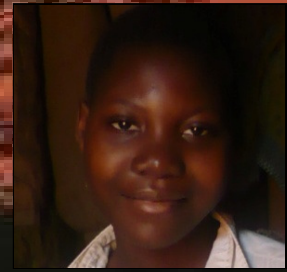


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Welcome to the January Newsletter.

We hope that everyone had a safe, enjoyable and blessed Christmas and new year. Frank, Michele and Hannah travelled to Australia and enjoyed an early Christmas with their children and grandchildren. They also visited churches in each state (except Vic. W.A. and N.T.) where they ministered and spent time with COME supporters. Thanks to all who hosted them whilst in Australia.

Many sponsors reported problems with the Christmas cards getting stopped in Customs. Unfortunately they contained banana fibre (a prohibited substance) so many were confiscated and destroyed. For clarification purposes, the money requested by Customs was not a fine, but a fumigation fee if the recipient wanted to have the card sent to them. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused, but next year we will look at an alternative!

Some great news is that a solicitor has been engaged to advise and set up the procedures for COME to gain tax deductibility in Australia. This may take up to two years, but in the meantime Australia HOPE International (one of our partners) has offered this facility to COME donors of large amounts which comply with the Gov't guidelines for development projects only. Please email Frank for more details.

For almost 3 weeks since F & M returned from Australia, the COME email computer and then the internet system were not functional – frustration upon frustration! There is so much we take for granted in the western world.

COME is currently hosting a team from Australia HOPE International who are in Uganda to evaluate our joint projects. The team is also travelling to other parts of Uganda where they have other projects.

Another team currently being hosted is from Fan the Flame Ministries. Evangelist Carl Butler and his team have been ministering in the north and the west of Uganda with crusades and seminars. In the four days of the first crusade over 1100 people became Christians! Jaslyn and Danielle from Brisbane City church are also here helping with new registrations and setting up the HOPE School library and other work with HOPE Schools.

Congratulations to Alice who introduced Peter to her parents for their engagement recently. They plan to marry sometime this year in the church at Lugala, so Alice has given an open invitation to any who would like to visit for the occasion!

Workers have cleared the land for the HOPE Medical Centre. We are now in the process of seeking permission from the National Environmental Agency prior to building approval.

COME has commenced building the new classrooms for HOPE Nursery School at Lugala, and hope to have them finished by the end of February. When the children move into them we will then convert the old classrooms



to much needed offices and accommodation. **There** are currently over 140 children who need sponsors. If you can assist by doing presentations at churches or with friendship groups please contact Michele.

Finances of about \$10,000 are still required for the new Children's Church at Lugala.

It is with sadness we report that Josephine (pictured above) passed away. The surgeon operated to perform a skin graft to one leg, but infection set in and she died peacefully several days later. We thank all who supported Josephine with finances and prayer.

Please note our new email address at the top of the page. Over the next few weeks we will be phasing out the come@infocom.co.ug address.

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