

COME Uganda

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Welcome to the September edition of the COME Uganda newsletter.



The COME ambulance is now registered and almost ready for use. It still has to go to the electrician to have the flashing lights and sirens connected, and then a bed has to be made for the patient.

The picture below shows some of the excited HOPE School children posing with "their" new ambulance.

We joke that it's going to be our run around car to get through the hectic Kampala traffic! It can sometimes take 40 minutes for us to travel the 7km to Kampala!

Last month we had a story of George who had lived in a small shelter for several years. George's brother confirmed that George was indeed 86 years old. We took him to hospital for assessment to find that there was not too much physically wrong with him (apart from being malnourished, cataracts which he refused to have an op to remove, and a locked knee joint). After spending 2 weeks in the care of Sarah, one of our mothers who normally cares for children in emergencies, he quickly gained strength. Dominic traced his relatives to a remote village about 300km away who were surprised to hear that George was still alive. He left the village in the 70's to work in Kampala, but after a few years they lost touch. Not knowing what reception he would get, George reluctantly agreed that we could take him back to his family for a "visit". He was unaware that we had prearranged for him to live with his younger sister (she is 79 years old). When we arrived at his home the whole village came to welcome him – presumably back from the dead! That afternoon there was a great celebration with much laughter and tears as George's family welcomed him home. After a big lunch we left a smiling and happy George surrounded by great grand children he had never seen before.

Pastor Francis Munai, a dynamic speaker from Mombasa has agreed to minister at the COME Uganda Leaders Conference in early December. Francis has a vibrant and motivational teaching gift to the degree that we know our leaders both in the 30+ COME churches, and the Organisation will be inspired to reach for new levels in their capacity as leaders. We have been postponing the conference for several years because of lack of funds, but have decided to push ahead believing that the finance will come in. The estimated cost of the 3 day conference, including transport for the delegates will be \$2,500. This will be money well spent as the conference will impact the leaders, who in turn will take the message back to their people. **Can you help with finances?**

Emergency Relief - Together we can!



Our builders working on Mama Shafic's house. They replaced the old leaky roof and lifted the height of the walls by 500mm.



Julie's old house is in the foreground. Whenever it rained the house would fill with water. Come built her and her 5 children the new block house (seen behind) which is high off the ground.



Edwin's house was put together with bits of wood, canvas, and vinyl. Whenever it rained the house would flood, but we raised the floor and put more solid walls to make it more habitable.



Betty is 4 months pregnant. After compulsory testing she was diagnosed as HIV+. Her husband took their children and abandoned her. Her house disintegrated with the rain but it is being rebuilt.



10 years ago Mama Emma's husband became a witchdoctor and vowed to sacrifice Emma to the spirits. Fearing for the lives of her other 5 children and herself they fled the home in what they were wearing. She has not seen her husband since. The pic on left shows Emma sick with malaria. We have also given the family bedding and mosquito nets. The family live in the swamp in a house

COME rebuilt for them after their old one all but collapsed in the storm.



Students at Brindabella Christian College in Canberra recently fundraised and donated \$1500 which went into our Emergency Food Program. Food prices have more than doubled in the last 6 months due to crop failure, making it difficult for the poor to purchase food. 38 buckets and 20 basins were given out in Lugala and the other 62 buckets were given out in Kasengejje village. They were given to the very needy - widows, large families and the destitute. The buckets and basins contained rice, flour, beans, oil, salt, sugar, tea and soap. 40 basins for bathing were also given out. A big thank you to the students who organised the fundraising!

For those who would like to bless their sponsored child this Christmas the deadline is October 28 for the \$50. We are not able to purchase requested items, but bulk buy the most needed general items which will benefit the whole family.

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