



Trip Results

Springbank Community Church
Uganda, Mukono
May 20 – June 3, 2009



Trip Objectives:

To work alongside Noah's Ark Children's Ministry (NACMU) in serving the lost and abandoned children in rural Uganda.

Team:

6 people from Springbank Community Church and 2 people from Full Gospel Church in Strathmore, alongside HFL team leader Steve Johnson travelled to Mukono on this trip.

Completed Objectives:

- > 107 children within the children's home were cared for and played with
- > A community sports day was held that catered to 200+ children and adults
- > The team went on a 2-day safari with highlights that included seeing giraffe's, elephants and tigers
- > The team began work on the secondary vocational school, thus solidifying the church's commitment to long term-involvement with NACMU and HFL
- > The team spent an afternoon at Jinja, which is the source of the Nile River. Highlights included a boat tour of Lake Victoria, shopping for collectibles and eating "Chicken-on-a-stick."

While at NACMU the team got to experience the joy of rescuing an abandoned baby from the local police station that was left unwanted on the side of the road earlier that week. The event was documented by a team member and the entire team prayed over the little boy who now had a home at NACMU. Conversely, the team also experienced the loss of one of the children at NACMU, a little boy, Chris, who passed away in his sleep from SIDS. The team prayed for the staff at NACMU and found assurance in knowing that although only at NACMU for a little while this child experienced the love of the Father and is now rejoicing with Jesus.

Testimonials:

"I saw the ugliness and beauty in poverty of the third world. And that God loves His people regardless of where they live and He's always taking care of them."

"My heart has been changed toward the missionaries and people. Piet and Pita work with these people to try to make real changes for the future, physical needs as well as spiritual needs."

"[I have learned] that we probably can't make a change for the whole country in the short-term, but we can make a difference for the one. God help us find the ones!"