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Asante Kids News

A Future and a Hope for 104 Children

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Since 2003 Calvin people, in cooperation with Streams of Life Church in Kampala,

Uganda, have been helping children to go to school in Uganda. This past year we had 104 children, many of whom have been in the program since primary years. Several of those have completed University or vocational training and are now employed. Without our help, these children would not have had much hope for the future.

Along with their schooling, the children are involved in programs at Streams of Life Church that help them develop their faith and encourage them to become men and women of God. Three of the girls are teaching in the Sunday School. Some of the young men are skilled in running the sound equipment. They are encouraged to give back to the church and

community as a way of serving God and giving thanks for the opportunities that they have had.

As we begin the collection of fees for the coming year this month, we want to say thank you to those of you who have been faithful for so long in caring for these children. If you have not yet sponsored and are interested in knowing more about the program, there will be a table in the fellowship hall each Sunday in October where the Asante team can talk with you. There are always children waiting to be sponsored.

Over the past 2-3 years the cost of a high school education has increased in Uganda. The \$200 that we pay has not been enough to cover a year of school and some of our students are being sent home because they still owe school fees. After discussions with the Asante team in Uganda, we reluctantly decided to increase the annual fees for all the children to \$225 a year. This will allow for the extra expenses for the older students and leave some



flexibility for unexpected needs for all the children.

Increasingly, we have students who reach the end of high school and have hopes and dreams of careers that require further training. We do not have a provision for these students. Sometimes a sponsor can help by giving more than the annual school fees. Other times we have to say no. We have thought of establishing a scholarship fund for promising students to help them reach their goals. If someone is interested in talking about this idea, please let us know.

Children's and Youth Ministries Update

Sunday School

On Sunday mornings, three age groups meet at 9 a.m.: preK/Kindergarten with Laura Rung; 1st—5th grade with Donna Roth; and youth with Dennis and Michelle Schultz. The elementary students are using David C Cook's Bible-in-Life curriculum.

Children's Church

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed part way through the Sunday

service for their own time of worship and Bible teaching. This year they are collecting offering that will help support Asante Kids in Uganda. Sermon Notes for older students are available from the ushers.

Pioneer Club, Wednesdays @ 6:30

This group starts up again Wednesday, October 7 for kindergarten through 5th grade children. They meet at Calvin the first 3 Wednesdays of each month

for Bible stories, skill units, music, games and snack.

Youth Group, Wednesdays @ 6:30

Middle School and High School students will meet at Calvin at the same time as Pioneer Club, led by Vanessa Washburn and friends. This will be a time for fun, fellowship and Bible study.

Talk to Rachel Eby if you'd like to help, and pray for all these ministries.

Craig's Corner

Relax, Enjoy God and the Life He has Given You

By Pastor Craig Kulonis

Our home group has made it a practice to pick a verse or verses to memorize and reflect on for the whole year. This year my verse is in Psalm 37:7, "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him..."

We are living in times where there is continual pressure to always be on the go. Phil Knight gave us the slogan that speaks to the times we live in, "just do it" (Nike). I wonder what would happen if instead of "just do it" we considered "just be still." Do we find it hard to find time each day to sit and enjoy some time for quietness? I must confess Psalm 37:7 has challenged me this year. I am a doer and have a hard time believing that rest and quiet can accomplish anything of lasting value. Of course we know this is not true. We see God himself resting after the six days of creation in the book of Genesis.

Throughout Scripture, we find God calling his people to be still and wait upon Him to act. Here are a few examples:
Exodus 14:14: "The Lord will fight for

you while you keep still."

Habakkuk 2:20: The Lord is in his holy temple. **All the earth-be quiet** in his presence."

Psalm 62:5-6: "**Let all that I am wait quietly before God**, for my hope is in him. He alone is my rock and salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken."

The question I have to keep asking myself is this, "Is my relationship with my Father being cultivated by being with Him in **quietness and trust**? I must be willing to let go of worry, fear and all the other distractions that want to bombard my mind in order to arrive at that place of being still in my Father's presence. The Quakers call this discipline "centering down."

In the life of Jesus we can observe from the gospels that He made it a practice during his 3 years of public ministry to go off to a solitary place and be alone with His Father. In preparing His disciples to be His followers, He spoke these words in Matthew 6:6, "when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place, and your Father

who sees in secret will reward you."

I realize that most of you have heard this at some time in your Christian journey. The desire I have for each of you reading this is not to make you feel guilty or under obligation to build a rhythm of rest and quietness in your life, but to inspire you that it is in these times of rest and quietness that God works in ways we cannot understand. There is no right or wrong way to build a rhythm of rest and quietness in your life. It will be different for each of us. Ask the Lord to create in your soul a desire to be still in His presence. Perhaps you may discover new vistas of joy in gazing upon the beauty of the Lord.

I'm sure people were not much different in the days Jesus walked on the earth - they had responsibilities, trials, busy lives and were conditioned to go, go, go. I wonder if Jesus had some type of logo like the Nike swish on his sandals, but instead of meaning "just do it" it meant "just be still." God is waiting to spend time with you, why not go be with him. It may change your life forever.

All Church Fall Work Day Sat. October 31 9-11 a.m.

Bring your gloves, rakes and clippers and help clean up the church grounds and gutters before the winter rain. Your help is appreciated for any amount of time you can come. More hands means more work gets done!



Women's Fall Brunch "Keeping Friendships Alive"

Saturday, October 3
9:30 a.m. at Calvin

Call the church office so we know you
are coming: 541-757-8021

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Baby Showers!

Join the women of Calvin in Olleman Hall as we celebrate new babies expected this fall.

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.

For Vanessa Washburn. Their biggest request is for diapers of all sizes and diaper wipes. Registered at Target.

Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.

For Sarah Andresen. Registered at Target.

Calvin's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The Calvin church family will enjoy our annual Thanksgiving potluck on **Sunday, November 22, at 6 p.m.** in Olleman Hall. If you would like to help plan/host the event, please let Vikki Leavengood know.

The past few years we have had about 100 people attend. It's a great time to celebrate our blessings together.



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Sundays at Calvin

8:30 Prayer in the Prayer Room

9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10 a.m. Worship