

Dear friends and family, greetings again!

I am grateful and excited about this wonderful opportunity visit and serve in Uganda again. Plans are beginning to take shape, relationships are being established and renewed and support is coming in steadily.

I want to begin by thanking all of you who have already sent in checks toward the expenses of the trip. Because of your prompt response we are already more than 75% funded. I know that many of you have truly given sacrificially from tight budgets. Again, thank you and thanks be to God!

The itinerary and anticipated activity for the month are now more definite, though not completely confirmed:

- Jinja, May 4-13: With Global Outreach and Grace Community Church - Carpentry (rebuilding the entry area to the Good Shepherd Home Guest House); worship leadership for team; off-hours ministry to orphans and staff care-givers
- Mbale, May 14-15 (TENTATIVE): Visit with fellow Madison member, Rich Leep, to learn about his work with farmers in the foothills of Mt. Elgon
- Kampala and Lira, May 16-21: (Details to be confirmed) Participation with CRWRC Justice Training; observing CRWRC community projects; visit to Lira to work with Jonathan Ryskamp, who is involved with AIDS awareness training and ministry to AIDS victims
- Hoima and Masindi, May 22-June 3: With Encounter Uganda 2007 and Christ Church Grove Farm - Pastors Conference in Masindi, Well-drilling team support, team worship leadership and ministry to orphans and staff at Mustard Seed Orphanage.
- Entebbe and departure for the U.S., June 3, arriving home, Friday evening, June 3.

I have now been assigned a code number (**503910**) with the CRWRC (2850 Kalamazoo SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49560). **Ruth Buntin**, to whose attention contributions should be sent has asked you use this number, rather than my name, in your check notation section. Thanks to each of you who will be sending in support during the next week. It would be great to leave knowing that the entire budget is covered.

Please keep Brenda in your prayers; she will be up to her ears with mothering ministry to our son, Jim (who is returning home for a while as he looks for a new living situation) and foster daughter, Amir (who is about to get her driver's license). Additionally, we have been mentoring a young man whose marriage has just fallen apart; he and his two toddler children may be staying with her for a couple of weeks in May. So, her hands are full.

Please pray for me that I will be well prepared to sing confidently about the hope that is in me through God's grace and the Gospel and to work hard and skillfully, whenever asked, at the physical tasks to which I am assigned. Pray that I will be a faithful witness in word and deed, to the faithfulness of our amazing and wonderful God.

I'll be sending one more email before departure (if I don't get too busy with preparations), so - until next week, blessings and God's peace to you all.

In His love and service,

Bob