



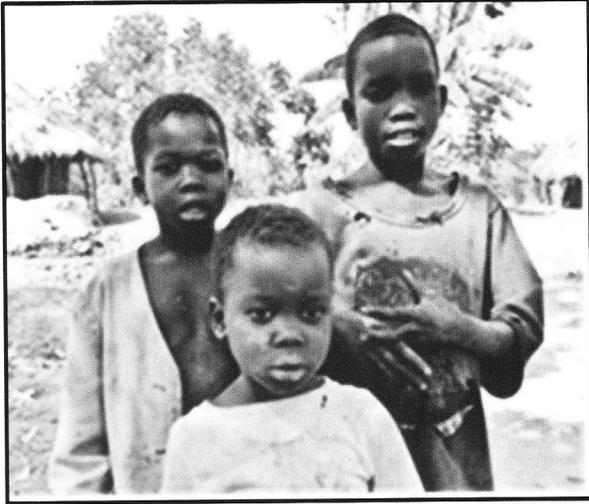
WOW. Thank you SO much. Because you gave to Village2Village Project, children went to school. HIV+ children and guardians received funds for additional food so they could take their medications. Twenty new children joined the program. A lending library was created. We held a medical clinic serving one hundred people. V2V teens renovated the homes of two village families in desperate need. Two young women graduated with bachelor's degrees. **ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE** children and young adults from Serere were given compassionate, caring adults to relate to, consistent education in the best schools available, regular and emergency medical and dental care, spiritual guidance, fun, laughter, love and support. Seventy-five guardians were supported through group support meetings, business planning, loans and empowerment programs so that they could improve the support they give to the rest of the children in their care. **YOU** are making a difference in the remote villages in the district of Serere, Uganda, **DAILY**. I am just returning from Uganda and they have sent me with a message: Eyalama Noi, Noi, Noi! (Thank you very, very much!) **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!** God bless you.

I will tell you about two of those whose lives have been changed by your support. Deborah graduated on July 4th third in her class with a degree in law. She has been in our program for 12 years. She will take the Ugandan bar exam in August. She has just been granted a coveted internship with the Ugandan Commission on Human Rights, after serving last summer with the Ugandan Parliament. It is a dream come true for this



Deborah & Carol- our two college graduates

girl who served home brewed gin to drunk men at eight years old and dreamed of justice for children harmed by others. Deborah says that if Village2Village and her sponsor had not come into her life, she would likely have been forced to marry and would have several children by now like so many of her village friends. Instead, she has been protecting the land rights of widows in Northern Uganda, writing a dissertation on children in armed conflict, and investigating how to help Ugandan victims of international human trafficking. She is the first of now six students from our program who have either graduated or are attending university. Many more will follow. We are so proud of all of them: they will change Serere, and some will perhaps change Uganda! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving a chance to young people like Deborah.



Solomon (at right) & his little brothers

The other extreme is little Solomon, who entered our program in August. Solomon's dad died suddenly a couple of years ago, and that emotional trauma was too much for Solomon's mom. She is unable to remain connected to reality for long. Because of that, Solomon's care has fallen to his 18 year old brother Luke, who is just beginning the 9th grade. He is earning all the money for his other siblings and himself to go to school through making bricks...the hard way, with clay and straw, and he takes care of his mom, too. He grows the food that feeds them, and he makes sure they have the little he can

provide. Thankfully, he doesn't have to worry about Solomon, who has just been given a loving sponsor. And V2V is trying to help Luke too, without discouraging his admirable work ethic through handouts.

Anyhow, there is so much that happens every day because of your giving that it would take a book to tell you about it all. Every bit that is given goes so far in Uganda! A few dollars of food keeps an HIV+ parent able to take their medication and be well to care for their child or grandchild. A few dollars for medical care provides treatment for malaria or a bed net that can be shared by three siblings. A few dollars for a mattress gets children off of the cow-dung floor up onto a softer place to sleep.

Please pray for our dedicated Ugandan staff, which has just expanded in number. Please also pray for Joseph Twoli, our acting Program Manager; our U.S. and Ugandan boards; Tony and Emily Ottaviano, the sponsors who have lived in Uganda and served our Kampala office faithfully for more than two years; and those of us serving here in the U.S. Most of all, pray for the children of V2V, who pray for **YOU** daily.

Many blessings,

Laurie Kroll

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