

decided to be a mango hunter and climb one tree for us and get us some mangos. We left the school to head to Alpha Learning Center with a large box full. Fresh mangos are so much better than anything I have ever bought from a store.

Alpha Learning Center is the newest CII location and the least developed. Classrooms were built using wood poles and elephant grass and had dirt floors. Even though this isn't a great condition for kids to learn in, these children are so excited to be there to learn. Alpha Learning Center has some blackboards and supplies but there is a lot that needs to be done yet. We left them some funding to get more school supplies for the kids as well as the concrete to begin rebuilding the wood and grass structures. They do have a clean water well in this area too and more families are sending their children to this school because they know they will get clean water and food.

On our way back we visited the farm that CII purchased a couple years ago. It was dark by the time we arrived so I didn't get a chance to see the whole farm but it is pretty substantial in size. Currently, there are about 10 acres of corn, one acre of potatoes, two acres of Cutie orange trees, and several mango trees along with some goats. Last year CII bought a tractor, now what we need is a barn so the tractor and tools can be locked up. Also about \$4,000 is still needed to install a well and pump irrigation system. Another challenge is monkeys, they come in and destroy crops, not always eating anything, but just vandalizing. No one wants to harm the monkeys so the best solution might be getting some farm dogs to scare them off.

Tuesday we visited a neighborhood within Kampala where the Tom & Jan Kindergarten is located. We spent the day helping Pastor Phil do a favor for Bishop Herbert by fixing their church's sound system. By the end of the day it sounded great.

Tom and Jan is well developed but there is still work to be done. The pit latrine, which is what most of the schools have, needs to be replaced with flushing toilets, a better cooking area needs to be built and the children's playground equipment needs to be repaired. There has already been a renovation of the original classrooms that were on the property and it looks great. A three-classroom addition was built not long ago and the interior needs to be finished. Once this is finished the plan is to put another addition in place. With the funding CII left for the interior classrooms to be finished and the addition to be started, it will be exciting to see how far they come next year.

Wednesday brought us to the last school, Remnant Christian School. Remnant is the most advanced location that CII supports.

When we arrived at the school we had a huge welcoming from the students. They had set up a singing program for us in their cafeteria area that was adorable. About an hour later we left to have lunch with Pastor Lawrence and his wife and little son.

During the program there were two little girls, no older than five maybe, in the front row that kept waving and smiling at me, when we left the building they started fighting over who could hold my hand. Eventually, I had to have an older student translate that I needed to go but I promised we would come back. Unfortunately, we



The kids on the playground at Rock of Joy School while we get ready to move out the beds that are in between the buildings.



No amount of traffic pictures that I took could show how packed the roads were.

went to tour the location to see what had been done and we never got a chance to go back. I have pictures of them so I am hoping I can pass them along to Pastor Lawrence so I can get a message to them so they know I didn't forget.

The night before Pastor Lawrence had stopped by our hotel to pick up some funds to purchase a cow right away in the

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