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Beloved brothers and sisters and friends of Vision for Africa

I am already back in my beloved Uganda for a few weeks and I am very happy how our staff has managed everything wonderfully in my absence. With great joy I could convince myself that soon I will only be the overflying helicopter.

Gladly I think back to the time in Europe and thank all the churches where I was allowed to serve, for their trust and the blessing and love that was allowed to flow to Uganda through it.

Someone once told me that so many Christians are poor and remain poor because they are too lazy and too comfortable for the blessing, because the blessing of God means a lot of responsibility, work and administration.

I can only confirm this 100%. We here in VFA are all very often stretched to the limit.

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Providing food and water for thousands of students and staff and their families coming our way is also a challenge, but we see the Lord's clear leading that HE is offering us more and more land (without us seeking it) at relatively still reasonable prices.

We would like to give you a little insight into the progress we have made so far:



1. OUR VFA TALENT ACADEMY

Today I was able to see for myself that the roof truss is already under construction and that the construction company has set the end of December as the completion date for the school.



We are also happy to inform you that we have found a very good water source and the borehole will guarantee enough water for the whole school.

2. OUR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN NAKIFUMA

This school is a real joy for all of us. The students, many of whom come from very poor backgrounds, are so grateful to be able to study in such a beautiful school and we realize that they are all doing their best as we encourage them and call them the future leaders of the world.

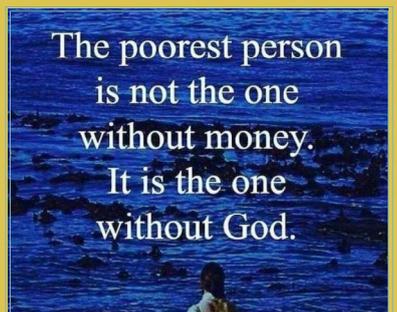
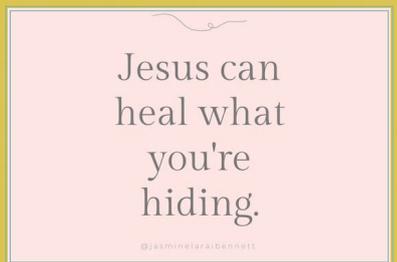
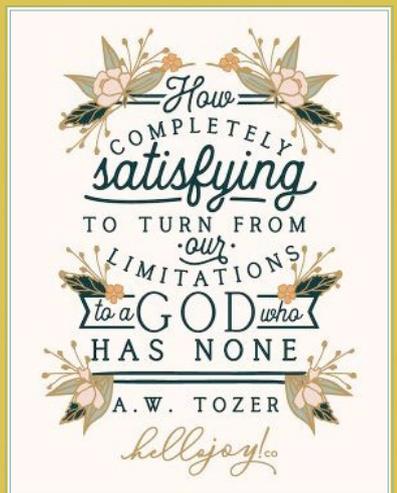


3. OUR PRAYER MOUNTAIN

On the Prayer Mountain we may also experience a real expansion. More and more guests from Europe are coming and enjoying the peace and the wonderful weather, the good food and especially the strong presence of God there. We urgently need more guest rooms and small round huts for our guests.

4. KIKONDO

In Kikondo, at Lake Victoria, the increase of new students is so enormous that we should build new classrooms and dormitories again.



5. SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

At the School for the Blind, we had a wonderful graduation ceremony last week. My heart has not been so moved as it was there for a long time, because the gratitude and heartfelt love of these people is so genuine and convincing.

Unfortunately, in Uganda, disabled people are often kept hidden in homes for years. We take them out where we can and give them back their value and a chance to become independent in various professions.



6. LAND OF HOPE

Here in our first part of the work „Land of Hope“ life is also getting more and more intense.

The vocational school „Christian College“ has received so many new students. We are in the process of building new classrooms with a wonderful computer lab. It should be finished soon.

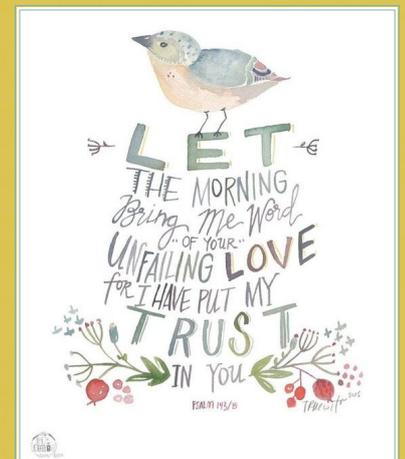


7. BUILDING PROJECT HOTEL EXTENSION

The hotel expansion should also be finished in two weeks.

We get so many requests for conferences, prayer meetings, etc and unfortunately cannot accommodate all the participants and so they go to other hotels but would so love to stay with us.

Many groups have already registered and we could not accommodate them because of lack of space. This is going to improve a lot now.



8. WORK WITH FORMER PROSTITUTES

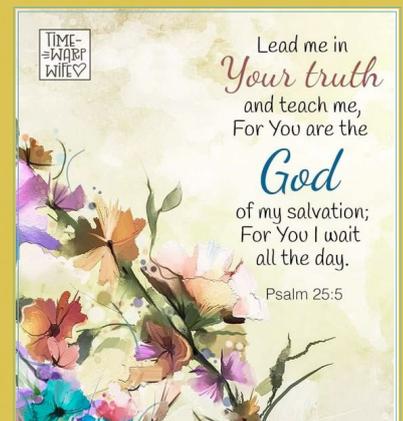
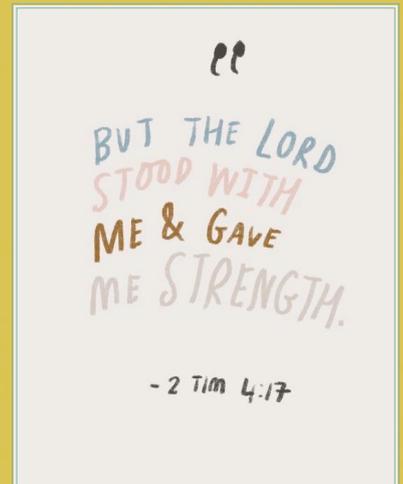
Working in Kampala with the former prostitutes is such a great joy. These women are so incredibly grateful that they now know their children are safe in our schools and almost all of them are learning a practical trade. They sew and knit with machines, they make the most beautiful jewelry, bags, shoes and much more.

We have now received the impression from the Lord that we should build a whole village for them, with apartments, schools, kindergarten, hospital, various workshops and sales opportunities for their manufactured wonderful works.



9. WORK AMONG MUSLIMS

The work among the Muslims is also progressing very rapidly and blessedly. They also need their own work to be able to feed themselves and their families.



10. TRUCK FOR EVANGELISM & WORSHIP

Already ten years ago we started on the Prayer Mountain with leadership conferences for the highest from the government, business and church. This weekend we will have our 33rd conference. And every conference is very well attended.

We have now heard from the Lord to start evangelism all over the country, but also to start building up pastors in discipleship, because we do not want church members, but disciples of Jesus who will become more and more like their Master and Lord.

On 9/28/1922, exactly 100 years ago, William Seymour, founder of Azusa Street, LA, died. He and someone else prophesied a far greater revival and outpouring of the Holy Spirit independently 100 years ago... this is true NOW!

In addition, very generous brothers and sisters from Europe have already donated so that we can buy two „evangelism trucks“ (mobile stages on trucks, see pictures on the right).

We are in the process of purchasing the best for the best price and thank you for your prayers that the Lord will give us all the wisdom needed for this new dimension of ministry.

Dear brothers, sisters and friends, this is quite a long letter today and I thank you for your patience in reading it.

Please pray if the Lord would set you to be blessed, because what we give to the poor, we lend to God! If we seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first, then the Lord will give us everything else.

If the Lord speaks to you and you have joy and peace to support one of these projects financially, then we are extremely grateful and pray for a 100-fold blessing for you!

Please write to your donation only the keyword in which of the 9 projects your donation may be used.

With warmest blessings and thanks from wonderful Uganda.

Your Maria with family and team

Maria L. Preau



P.S. I have been sent something that I want to share with you as a blessing:

HOW DOES YOUR DAY FEEL?

There are days when we feel like **PAUL**; we just want to write letters and strengthen our brothers.

There are days when we feel like **PETER**; we just want to deny everything and everyone.

There are days we feel like **JOB**; we just want to die and end the pain and suffering.

There are days we feel like **SOLOMON**; we want advice to make decisions.

There are days when we feel like **JONAH**; we just want to escape from our responsibilities.

There are days when we feel like **MOSES**; unable to control our temper because those we care about are hurting and pressuring us.

There are days when we feel like **SARAH**; sad because of something that didn't happen and that we „laughed“ at because we thought it was impossible.

There are days when we feel like the **GOOD SAMARITAN**; wanting to do good no matter what.

There are days when we feel strong like **JOSHUA** and **CALEB**; ready for war.

There are days we feel like **JEREMIAH**; the fear in our heart is too great.

There are days we feel like **DANIEL**; our strength is in prayer and no one can stop us.

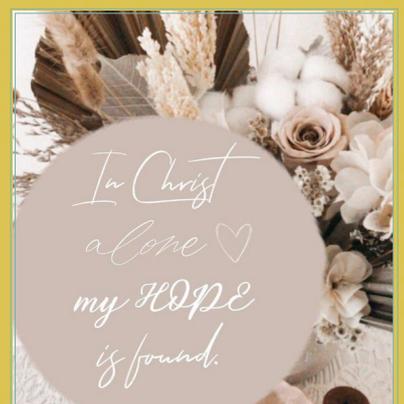
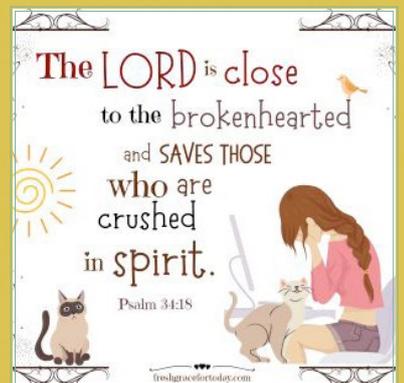
There are days when we feel like **ELIJAH**; we prefer to hide in the cave.

There are days when we feel like singing and dancing, like **DAVID** and **MIRIAM**.

There are days when we feel like **HANNAH**; we don't want to eat at all, we just want to cry.

Faith does not make things easy it makes them possible.

LUKE 1:37



There are days when we have the faith like **ABRAHAM** to win everything, to jump over walls and overcome armies.

There are days when we look at the hills and wonder:
Where will my help come from?

This does not mean that we are strong or weak. It means that we are only human and have limitations.

I don't know what your day looks like today, but remember, whatever your day looks like, the Almighty still governs the affairs of men.

God is with you and will never leave you.

HE IS WITH YOU TODAY, TOMORROW and FOREVER.

