

MISSIONARY

LOVE IN ACTION, UGANDA - Alan & Beryl Went

Beryl writes "Getting from the UK to Masaka, Uganda takes longer these days as there is no direct flight. We have a rest stop on the way in Entebbe but we are home now & back in the midst of things here in Masaka. It has been a full six months because Alan needed another operation which necessitated first a wait, and then healing time in the UK. After the op., Alan was finding his trouser belt uncomfortable over his scar, so has swapped over to the Old Man's answer of braces.

We were looking forward not just to work, but to catching up with friends here. Shortly after arriving in Entebbe we heard that one of our next-door neighbours had died. Wes was a great friend, & one of the first people we met in Uganda. He hailed from Trinidad & Tobago, & also lived in the UK, spending time in the RAF. At one point his Uganda children were asked to stand, and from all around the church, a large number stood proudly to say that Wes had been family to them. His wife Jacqui set a tone of celebration for Wes' long life, rather than of mourning for our loss. The presence of God was tangible as we worshipped God and gave honour to Wes' memory.

At our home in Masaka now, a lady is living and working with us who has a baby. This baby is sweet, adorable, full of laughter and giggles every time she sees Alan. Having experienced screamers before, I believe God is being merciful to me in my old age! I had occasion recently to see other babies whose eyes offered evidence of abandonment. I wake every morning seeing their faces and asking God "What?" "What are You saying to me?"

Although we are the founders & directors, we are not the only ones involved. We have an amazing team leading Love in Action here, & the other three directors are Ugandan. Uganda still remains a place where many children are in great need of love & education. Very many extended families care for their own orphaned relative but poverty takes them to breaking point. Please consider helping us to help them."

WEBBER STREET—CORNER HOUSE UPDATE

The London City Mission are planning to build over the top of the present building in Webber Street. The plan is to open in early summer this year. In the meantime they are now in the process of recruiting staff as well as the volunteers who will help us run the project. Other prayer points are:

- Pray that we would get enough volunteers for when we start, we need around 30 to begin with. For the volunteers themselves pray that they would be able to build good relationships with our residents & that this would be an opportunity for them to grow as well. Pray also that we would equip & train our volunteers well so they could not only work really effectively with us but also share the knowledge & experience they gain.
- Pray that God would lead the right people to apply & also pray particularly for great relationships between our staff, volunteers & residents.
- Pray for wisdom & discernment as they prepare to accept the first intake of residents & that we will be a real blessing to those who stay with us.
- As we set up the project a lot of thought & time is going into making sure that it is a safe space for everyone involved, with good boundaries & processes. Pray for God's peace & protection over the project & everyone involved.



In Touch

Praise the LORD!

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever!*

Psalms 106: 1

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019

10.30 AM MORNING MEETING

Welcome to our Easter services today
Jonny will be bringing us an Easter message
Communion will follow the service

A crèche facility is available for very young children should you require it during the morning service.

Following the service many of us will be enjoying refreshments together and we warmly welcome you to join us.

6.00 PM MEETING

Join us again this evening as we continue
to remember the resurrection of Christ.
Jonny will be bringing the message

If you have any questions regarding today's services or concerning the church please speak to **Jonny** (Pastor) afterwards

Sermons are available in MP3 format on our website; www.upneybaptist.org.uk

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