



**CROSSROADS FAMILY OF MINISTRIES  
ALONGSIDE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM  
&  
VICTORY OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**PROPOSED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM  
PROJECT - UGANDA - JANUARY 2011**

**August 2010 - Evaluation Trip Report**

Crossroads Alongside program are investigating an opportunity to mobilize teams from Canada to partner with VOM to build a 7 or 8 classroom school in the area of Barlonyo. The families of this area have been severely traumatized by the massacre of approximately 200 citizens during the rebel uprising in 2004 and presently children do not have acceptable, accessible school facilities. In response to this specific need, Crossroads and Alongside are reviewing, assessing and evaluating this opportunity.



**Plaque sign in memory**



**One mass grave**



**Boys looking for family**

In order to plan, prepare and market this project David Miclash attended Uganda and met with VOM team members and traveled to several existing VOM sites. Together we visited several VOM existing and progressing projects both agriculture and education sites in and around the city of Lira with Pastor Charles Okwir.



**Family without access to school**



**Agricultural projects**



Pastor Charles presented verbal historical and progress reports including identifying several needs especially as they pertain to the existing VOM boarding school in Lira. The land and buildings at this location are in desperate need of restoration. Pastor Charles indicated the VOM team is praying for someone to volunteer for a month or so to carry out the work. The work would consist of several floor and concourse concrete repairs. Land leveling including installation of drainage ditches and several small culverts is also desperately needed.

In addition we visited the proposed site for the school at the village of Barlonyo and met with village leaders. We were accompanied by Alex Odyek, the Barlonyo coordinator and Alito Farm Manager. Our meeting with the local leaders lasted approximately 2 hours with meeting agenda and discussions led by Pastor Charles Okwir.

It was evident that these leaders are truly influenced positively influenced and made commitments to actively participate not only in assisting to plan, prepare and engage the school construction, they also committed to involvement in supporting school curriculums and related activities to ensure the school will be progressive, relative and sustainable.

In order to engage the school construction project in January 2011, we advised VOM leadership that at minimum, it will be necessary for them to carry out the following schedule of activities:

- DESIGN CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS SELECTED BY THE TEAM AND FORWARDED TO ALONGSIDE PRIOR TO SEPT 10, 2010

We discussed several design options for the building and concluded that it would be prudent for VOM to scrutinize existing building drawings previously used by them in conjunction with church and school construction projects which have been carried out in concert with various building construction contractors in Lira area in the recent past.

- SCHEDULE OF MATERIALS PREPARED AND RELATED COSTS FORWARDED TO ALONGSIDE PRIOR TO SEPT 10, 2010 (Refer Appendix A attached)

We suggest that VOM prepare the schedule of material in concert with the design contractor. It should include all proposed costs as per sample attached including all local labour and supervision, materials, equipment, etc

- LAND CLEARED OF TREES, STUMPS, ROCKS PRIOR TO BY NOV 30, 2010

We visited and inspected the site in concert with local community leaders. . A significant amount of clearing has already taken place.



- FOUNDATION FOOTINGS POURED PRIOR TO JAN 5, 2011

In order to facilitate the team, we agreed that foundation footings should be poured and set prior to the team's arrival. They will be compatible with the design drawings. VOM should keep Alongside informed of work progress.

It will be necessary for all parties to keep in close communication with each other to ensure reliable and accurate reporting of progress, identification of problems and needs. It should be agreed that timely communications should be the responsibility of all parties.

#### CLEAN WATER PROJECTS:

In addition to our agricultural and educational site visits, we traveled with Pastor Johnson Ogema to 8 sites in and around Lira to inspect bore hole well restorations previously undertaken by VOM. We obtained preliminary data related to future opportunities for Alongside program teams.



#### SUMMARY:

At the conclusion of our visit to Uganda, I met with the VOM team and discussed the results of our trip and relating evaluation. After a lengthy debrief, all participants and parties strongly agreed to support the mobilization of a team from Crossroads Alongside program to construct a school in Barlonyo in partnership with VOM and the Barlonyo community.



A follow-up debriefing meeting will be held with David Mclash and David Shelley in order to draw conclusion and if it is agreed to move forward with mobilizing a team, we will collectively identify a strategy to accomplish this end.

**David R Mclash**  
**Crossroads Family of Ministries**  
**Director, Alongside International Program**

**BALONYO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE**

Contained herein are costs based on current rates pertaining to supervision and assistant labour, equipment both supportive and absorbed in the building construction and consumed materials and are quoted in US Dollars. Costs include excavating and pouring footings, erecting walls and installing metal roof for .... SIZE ... brick school building.

The quoted costs pertain to the calendar year 2011. Costs for additional labour, tools, equipment, in-country transportation, food, accommodation and security are to be provided by Alongside International teams from Canada and are not included herein.

**SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT LABOUR**

Construction supervisors (2)	\$	0.	
Hard labour excavators and mixers (2)		<u>0</u>	0

**MATERIALS**

Sand		0	
Cement		0	
Bricks		0	
Reinforcing bar		0	
Wooden planks		0	
Nails		0	
Galvanized roofing		<u>0</u>	0

**EQUIPMENT**

Materials transportation		0	
Generator and fuel		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**COSTS BUILDING MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION  
WITHOUT CONCRETE FLOOR****\$0000****CONCRETE FLOOR**

Sand		0	
Cement		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**COSTS BUILDING MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION  
INCLUDING POURED CONCRETE FLOOR****\$ 0000****BASIC EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT**

Desks materials & construction (quantity)		0	
Chalk boards (quantity)		0	
Misc. supplies		0	<u>0</u>

**COSTS BUILDING MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION,  
CONCRETE FLOOR & SCHOOL SUPPLIES****\$ 00000**

Date Prepared

Prepared by VOM

Pastor Charles Okwir

Reviewed by Alongside International

David Mclash

Approved by Crossroads Family of Ministries

David Shelley