

CROSSROADS ALONGSIDE TEAM - UGANDA – JANUARY 2011



I am firmly convinced God knows exactly who he wants to be on our teams. The individuals on this team could only be specially picked by Him. Their skill, dedication and hard work were truly amazingly matched to the specific needs for this outreach.

The team



We medically examined and treated approximately 1500 sick people with some days more than 300 people waiting in line all day in the hot sun. Sadly we had to turn away more than 100 people per day. Many slept overnight in the grass outside our tent so that they could be sure to be treated the next day. We were shocked to learn that one child died in her mother's arms while waiting in line. Thank God for the wonderful partnership with Uganda health professionals who worked with our team. Their knowledge of the culture and language made our work much easier and more effective.

The Line up of people waiting for medical treatment.



Our team discovered many of the illnesses we treated were caused by the locals drinking contaminated water. Our investigation revealed their main source of water was a nearby stagnant pool. On further examination we found a borehole well in the area that was not in working order. Thankfully we were able to engage a local group to work with us to restore the well to working order. Praise God for immediate clean drinking water and surely much less illness.

A pregnant woman fetching drinking water



The 4 classroom school was brought from knee high walls height to the top lintel. The group was able to install the first roof truss before we left the country. The local workers will complete the roof within a week or two after we leave. Once again we are grateful to work alongside the gifted Uganda nationals to accomplish so much in such a short time. Their partnership, friendship and companionship were keys to making this job successful.

The school construction

We were told many times that the love of Christ was truly evident in our hands-on care for them and their families. We are looking for a new team so that by God's grace we may return very soon in order to continue treating sick people, providing more clean water and finish constructing the school.

David Miclash, Crossroads Alongside Team Leader.