

MARCH 4, 2012 MISSIONS SUNDAY



BARHD, Bushenyi Alliance for Rural Health and Development, oversees the Dr. and Mrs. B Clinic and Maternity Ward in Kyeibanga, Uganda. This clinic serves several villages; many villagers walking five miles or more to receive medications, wellness checks for babies and pregnant women, immunization, HIV/AIDS testing and clean water. The Ugandan government provides the staff for the Dr. B Clinic, BARHD buys the medications and soon will be providing a midwife for the maternity ward. Partnering with "Water4 Foundation" and "Wishing Well," a well was drilled at the clinic in 2010. Plans for a second well are being considered. Additionally, thanks to the Rotary Club in Denmark, the Mrs. B Maternity Ward now has a 70,000 L cistern/water tank. New mothers can take a shower before returning to their villages.

MOSQUITO NETS

Approximately 1500 mosquito nets have been distributed to pregnant or young mothers at the clinic. Through a partnership with "His Nets" BARHD has distributed 8500 nets among the four clinics and schools. The BARHD team plans to hand out 1500 nets this year. Malaria remains a leading cause of illness, yet there has been a significant reduction, especially among 6 month to 5-year-olds. One net costs \$10, will cover a family of 10 and will last 10 years.

AT THE CLINIC

Approximately 159 children per month are being immunized at the Dr. B Clinic. Women and children come to the clinic to receive immunization and wellness checks, as well as medications and vitamins that are administered by a nurse. Recently more Ugandans have come to the clinic to be assessed and tested for HIV/AIDS with kits given to the clinic by a company in Canada. These kits are beginning to make a big impact.

EDUCATION

BARHD sponsors 262 orphan students. \$365 will pay a student's schooling, boarding and uniform for one year. The student sponsored by the Belknap family writes "Our family is very proud of your support towards my education. They are always praying for you that God grants your many blessings."

Thank you!

The BARHD team, will return to Uganda in June/July 2012 to visit the schools and check the clinics. We will educate mothers about the importance of wellness checks and immunizations, how to use mosquito nets, good nutrition and sanitation and the value of their children studying and staying in school. Ron Williams DDS will be teaching at the dental school and helping patients. With your help and support, BARHD has made an impact in the Bushenyi district!

JoAnn Belknap (Dr. Hal Belknap, here in spirit)