

Around the Corners

Each month we will share the heart and words of people who's lives have been affected by partnering with FCM to reach a world with the love of Christ.

"Southern Sudan was an area that I had prayed about as I saw the suffering and the negative effects of war. I really wanted to go and allow God to challenge me in this part of the country. Through Four Corners I made that trip, and it was an experience like I could have never imagined.

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I was shocked by the poverty, sickness, and polluted water and realized the many things we take for granted in America. With all that, I found the people to be hospitable, determined, and dedicated lovers and praisers of Jesus Christ. I saw the compassion and steadfastness of the people—people who do not complain about their situation. Sudan is a place God allowed me to experience, and I saw these people from a completely different perspective. Spiritually, I grew as a man, Christian, and pastor. To be in their presence and experience what they experience everyday, humbled me as a man. I can say I am so grateful

for this experience. I came back changed, renewed, focused, and humbled. I thought I was taking God and His Word to them, but God was there already at work. I challenge anyone to take the plunge; your life will never be the same. I'm looking forward to my next journey."

-Larry Arnold
Atlanta, Georgia



A Letter from Harold

I have been participating in short-term mission trips through Four Corners Ministries (FCM) for a number of years but no place in the world affected me like Uganda.

I never intended to travel to Africa. The last minute invitation to be a part of the 2008 team blind-sided me. "We need a pharmacist; the one that was going has dropped out because of a family emergency. Would you be willing to take his place?"

My first response was, no. Like so many other people, I had every excuse in the book for not going, not the least of which was that, "God has not called me to go to Africa." Although that sounded spiritual it was not true. After a couple of sleepless nights wrestling with the invitation, I knew that this was an open door to demonstrate God's unconditional love to forgotten people. Since returning from that first trip, I have tried to get over my initial experience but I cannot. Africa is a place that is easy to get in your heart!

You could not have convinced me in 2008 that just two short years later I would be on the Board of Directors of FCM and be serving as Chairman of FCM's capital campaign Building Hope, Adopting Life to benefit the vision of Abaana's Hope. Abaana's Hope is a comprehensive children's village that FCM is going to construct in Uganda to help address the need of orphan care. As children experience for the first time the power of unconditional love, they will be rescued through Abaana's Hope and Uganda will be impacted for generations to come.

I have never been more energized or excited about a project. I'm 64 years old but the work of Abaana's Hope is what my wife, Delores and I, will be devoting the remainder of our lives too. Over the next several months FCM will continue to provide you with updates on the capital campaign. Many of you will be receiving a call from our President Tripp Skipper to set up a personal meeting to talk with you about this incredible opportunity to make a difference in the lives of orphaned children. I encourage you to give this project every review and consideration. With three million orphans in Uganda, the need for orphan care is overwhelming. We cannot pretend that the world is ok just because we are. Now is the time to get involved.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows."
-James 1:27

Grace and Peace,



Harold Harmon
Campaign Chairman



Get to Know Us

Want to know more about FCM? Go to 4cornersministries.org and stay up to date with what we are doing, mission trips you can join, campaign support, eye opening videos and also as a way to get to know our team members and Board of Directors. Here is a short profile about a regular guy that is making a big impact.

Dale Rush is the founder and owner of "The Drug Store" in Ashland, Alabama, one of the largest independent pharmacies in East Alabama.

Dale has been serving on FCM's Board of Directors since 2005. His love for people has driven him to be a part of numerous medical teams in Central America and Africa. Dale is a man of



great compassion and generosity. He and his wife, Delores, sacrifice both their time and their treasure to invest in hurting people.

Dale and Delores live in Ashland, Alabama and are active members of County Line Baptist Church

2nd Annual Bike for Missions



Last year's Bike for Missions was so successful that we are excited to announce that FCM will continue to partner with Faith Riders for a day of fun in the sun and wind in your hair. Here's all the details:

When: Saturday, August 14th
 Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (CST)
 Cost: \$20.00/Rider & Bike, \$10.00 for Additional Rider Lunch will be served and door prizes given away! All proceeds to benefit the vision of Abaana's Hope.

2011 Uganda Trip



Uganda is called the "Pearl of Africa" but more impressive than the landscape is the beauty of the people. Join FCM in the Spring of 2011 for ten unforgettable days in Uganda. After arriving in Entebbe, Uganda team members will be given the opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ to orphans and families in partnership with our ministry partner, Grace Fellowship Church. The ministries performed will depend on the skill set of the group, but on most trips the work can include a carnival for children, medical mission, evangelism and prayer walking, discipleship training for men and women, as well as training Ugandans in sustainable lifestyle skills. The group will perform at least one ministry day in Kampala and daily excursions to more rural areas outside of Kampala. Learn more about this trip at www.4cornersministries.org

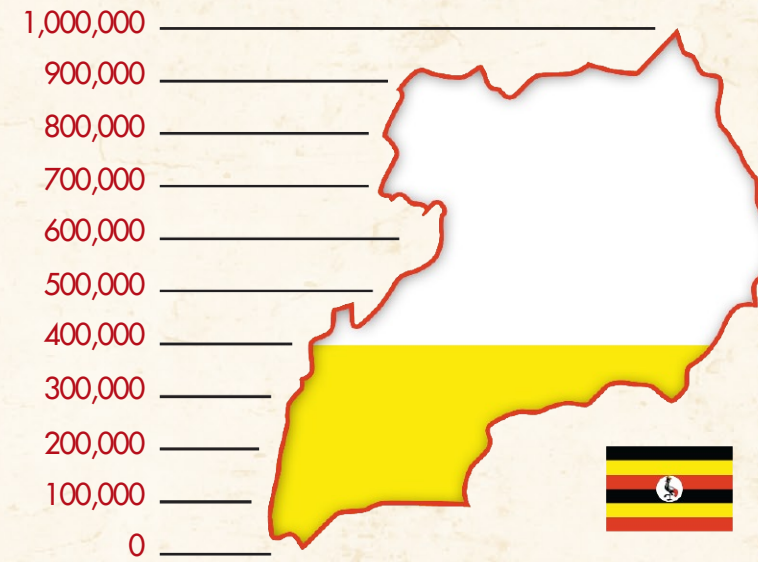
ABAANA'S HOPE

Building Hope. Adopting Life.

Campaign updates and highlights on where we are and what Abaana's supporters have to say!

Campaign Current Total: \$400,000

As of this month, the Building Hope. Adopting Life. capital campaign has received a great response from supporters and donors across America.



Something to Think About

What a person believes determines how he lives. If we believe a doctor is trustworthy, then we will allow him to treat us. If we do not believe He is capable or trustworthy, then we will avoid that doctor even if we are sick. What we believe about the doctor determines how we live in relation to him.

Likewise, what we believe about God determines how we live in relation to Him. Unfortunately, our beliefs about God are often shaped by a mixture of confusion, lies, tradition, out-of-context scriptures, half-truths and sincere errors. Most of us are not really sure what to believe – but somewhere in our heart we have each painted a mental and emotional picture of God – and this is our belief system. And we live out of what we believe.

If we believe that God is ANGRY and DISAPPOINTED with us, then how will we live? We either avoid God or we will spend our life trying to do things that we hope will make Him less angry with us. If we believe that God LOVES us perfectly and is absolutely FOR US, then how will we live? We live with confidence and trust in Him.

If we believe we are WORTHLESS sinners – how will we live? Carelessly and destructively, or trying to prove ourselves. If we believe that we are totally LOVED and cherished by God? We live with security and contentment.

Predictably, God as our Father is a much harder concept for us to see than God as Judge – and not much easier to warm up to for most people. For many of us the word "Father" is a painful or empty word. Our father may have died, or abandoned us, or verbally or physically abused us, or ignored us – or maybe he was just highly unpredictable, sometimes loving, sometimes terrifying. Maybe he was perpetually disappointed with you. Or maybe as a father we ourselves may have abandoned, abused or ignored our own children. Either way we live with the guilt and shame and pain of our human struggles with fatherhood. Few human fathers are consistently loving or tender or patient.

But let's make one thing clear: God the Father is not like any human father, including yours. His ways are not our ways. The BEST human father is a pale shadow of Him. God perfectly loves us and totally accepts us – all the time.

Join the Prayer and Encouragement Team and Speak for Hope.

At FCM we believe in the power of prayer. Abaana's Hope is a God-sized vision that will only take flight through the support and encouragement of His people.

As a registered member of the Prayer and Encouragement Team you will be sent focused prayer requests by email. This is a great opportunity to save and change lives from now until eternity! Thank you for standing with the orphans of Uganda in prayer as we look forward to the amazing and yet humbling launch of Abaana's Hope. Visit us at www.4cornersministries.org to sign up for the prayer and encouragement team!

Jerry Cotney of Kansas City, Missouri joined our team and this is what he had to say:

"I have been blessed to witness firsthand the awesome power of prayer both in the mission field and in everyday life. Therefore, I am convinced that the most important way I can support Abaana's Hope is with my prayers. I am confident in the promise of Matthew 21:22—if I have faith, my prayers will be answered."



Investing in Life

Thank you to those who have contributed to building hope and adopting lives! What better investment than in hope and what better sacrifice than for life! Here are a few words from one of our donors.



"James 1:27 tells us to 'look after orphans and widows in their distress.' We feel privileged to be part of the Lord's work in Uganda, as we know that the love of Christ will provide a hope and future to the children there. It is amazing to see the number of doors God has already opened for Abaana's Hope, and we cannot wait to see the fruit of this project!"

-Kevin and Apryl Mullins
 Opelika, Alabama