

Answering the Call

When Four Corners Ministries (FCM) launched Abaana's Hope we knew that the project was going to be a God-sized undertaking. After making a fact-finding trip in 2009 to explore the challenges of creating a non-government organization in Uganda, it became apparent that FCM needed staff on the ground to make the vision of Abaana's Hope a reality.

It's exciting to announce that God has met the ministry's needs through Matt and Jamie East, who recently joined FCM's staff, jointly serving as our Uganda Country Directors.

In addition to coordinating all of the logistics surrounding Abaana's Hope, Matt and Jamie will invest themselves in potential Ugandan house parents. Ugandan parents will be equipped and trained and once they are ready, will be given the opportunity to help shape the future of Uganda by raising eight orphans as if they were their biological children. This picture of orphan care mirrors the adoptive relationship that Christians have with Christ. It is a relationship that is based on the unconditional love of God.

Matt and Jamie have traveled an interesting road in preparation for this assignment. Take a look at the interview below to learn more about their background and the heart they have for Africa.

Where are you from and how did you meet?

Matt was born in Gadsden, Alabama, graduating from Glencoe High School in 1997 and I was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and graduated from West Monroe High School in 1997. While in college at Auburn University we both worked at J&M Bookstore

and after a long distance relationship we got married in 2002. - Jamie

What did you guys major in while at Auburn?

Jamie is the smart one in the family. She earned a Bachelor's in Social Science Education from Auburn in 2001 and went on to get her Masters in Secondary Social Science Education from Auburn in 2005. I did not finish my degree in Environmental Design until 2008. After a year of distractions, I enlisted in the United States Marines as a member of FAST Company (Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team). I was honorably

discharged as a sergeant in 2004 after serving in Cuba, Croatia, Italy, Spain, as well as the Horn of Africa. - Matt



What are you doing right now as you prepare for the mission field?

From 2004-2010

I served as the Government and Economics teacher at Opelika High School but I currently teach 11th grade United States history at Auburn High School. Matt is a stay at home dad where he raises our two sons, Tristan who is two, and Cole who is three months old. - Jamie

Why do you want to move your family to Africa?

Jamie's parents served as short term missionaries in Nigeria and Kenya when she was a kid. As a 6th grader, she wrote a book about the Ibo people of *Answering the Call Cont.*

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Nigeria and their culture. The "book" was bound and made required reading for medical mission's teams heading to Nigeria. She has felt called to serve as a missionary in Africa as long as she can remember.

My love and appreciation for Africa grew stronger after serving there as a marine. I remember Jamie and me talking about moving to Africa to serve as missionaries before ever getting engaged. We prayed the Lord would open a door for us to serve and we are so excited that the door has opened through FCM. – Matt

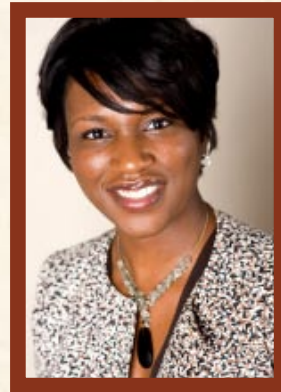
Continue to pray for Matt and Jamie as they prepare to leave for Uganda in July of 2011. If you would like to support Matt and Jamie with a monthly gift you can do so by visiting us on the web at www.4cornersministries.org

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 Natalie Kelly, our newest Board member.

Natalie Kelly is the owner of Kelly Green Marketing and the founder of Alabama's first green living website, MyGreenBirmingham.com. Established in February 2009,

MyGreenBirmingham.com is a community resource dedicated to connecting locals to the green movement and encouraging sustainable living.



Natalie is also a part of Kelly Construction Company, where she is the Administrative Manager, directly overseeing the areas of human resources, safety, and marketing. Prior to joining Kelly Construction Company, at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama she served as a proposal writer for their Medicare division and later as a marketing assistant. Natalie has also conducted corporate training for the National Safety Council.

Natalie joined the FCM Board in 2010. After traveling to Uganda in 2008 Natalie has developed a passion for Africa. Her participation in short-term missions led her to be one of the first contributors to the Building Hope - Adopting Life Capital Campaign that will benefit the vision of Abaana's Hope.

A graduate of Auburn University, Natalie earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She is a native of Birmingham, Alabama.

Sweets for Sudan

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tasted so good!



Homemade gourmet cakes. All proceeds benefit the 2010 trip to Sudan.

For more information, email Joy Carpenter at joy@4cornersministries.org and order your cake today!

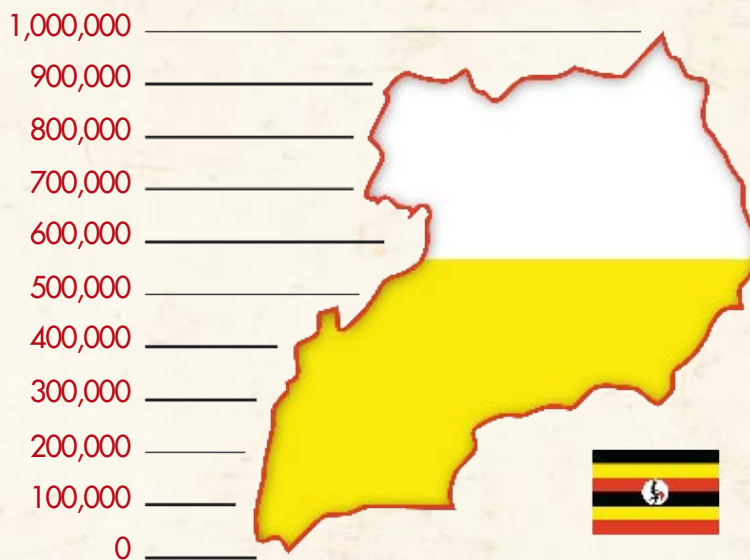
ABAANA'S HOPE

Building Hope. Adopting Life.

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

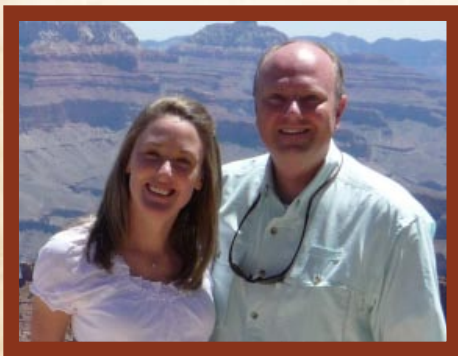
Campaign Current Total: \$570,000

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



Investing in Life

Henry Blackaby, in his book Experiencing God, encourages us as believers to "join God where he is at work." This is exactly why we felt compelled to partner with Four Corners Ministries in the "Abaana's Hope Project."



After meeting with Tripp Skipper and several of the board members, we were deeply impressed by the vision and passion God has given them to reach out to meet the great physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the orphan children in Uganda. We have seen firsthand the work of the Holy Spirit opening doors and putting people in place for this ministry to move forward, things that can only be explained by a Sovereign God.

We are more and more convinced of God's call to Four Corners to move forward with Abaana's Hope and His call to us to support His work in Uganda. Because of this, we have committed our financial resources to support the capital campaign currently underway to make Abaana's Hope a reality. We are looking forward to seeing how God will continue to work in and through this ministry meeting the physical and emotional needs of these orphan children, but more importantly, the eternal impact it will have on the Kingdom as the Love of Jesus is shared and souls are saved for His Glory!

- Tommy and Rebecca Cummings, Opelika, Alabama

Something to Think About

Sovereign God was NOT AT ALL surprised by the fall of man. He knew before the foundation of the world that we would use our freedom to choose our way over His – and that Satan would KIDNAP and abuse His children and that He would have to rescue, redeem, restore and renew those who were willing to return to Him.

The Father, Son and Spirit knew the HIGH COST of inviting mankind to share their love – and God planned our RESCUE through Christ before we were ever created. The fall and the cross were not God's plan B! They were His only plan for bringing man into an eternal union of love with Him.

One spiritual truth that we struggle to accept is this: GOD IS NOT A DISAPPOINTED FATHER. God never expected Adam & Eve to remain holy and righteous. He KNEW they would fail. He was saddened by their failure and He hated the sin they chose – but He is not a disappointed Father. He knew the cost of love and the struggle to redeem and restore us after we failed.

God's love for you has nothing to do with your BEHAVIOR. Neither your faithfulness nor your unfaithfulness alters Divine love in the slightest degree. Just like the father's love in the parable of the prodigal son – our Father's divine love is absolutely unconditional, unlimited and extravagant.

Christ invites us to be joined to the Father's love as our source of Life. Once we enter into Christ NOTHING can separate us from the Father's love (Romans 8:31-39).

The relentless and reckless nature of His love is one of the hardest truths for us as broken humans to accept, as we seek to experientially know this Father.



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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.

My first exposure to Four Corners Ministries (FCM) was five years ago when I was invited to a "Timothy Project" that FCM was hosting. God used FCM to change my life. I had an awakening as I heard the call to true discipleship. A fire was lit in my heart to love, reach, and serve others with the heart of Christ.

Soon after, FCM encouraged me to join a short-term mission team to Venezuela. From that day forward, FCM invested guidance, mentoring, and friendship in me, and I am so thankful. I was opened up to the world the way it is, not the way I thought it was. My heart was changed when I first witnessed true physical and spiritual oppression, suffering, and poverty. How I wept and how I was broken the day I went to the dump in Venezuela and saw the images of God (people) rummaging through trash for morsels of food and items to sell.

FCM has a vision to love, serve, and change the lives of forgotten people in the name of Jesus Christ by enlisting, mentoring, and discipling other brothers and sisters in

the Kingdom. FCM's founders discovered their heart for missions in Central America, and they are now being led to Africa. How excited I am to be going to Sudan in the Spring of 2011 and investing another chapter of my life for Christ, for Sudan and Uganda, for the Kingdom, for my persecuted brothers and sisters, and with my friends and mentors at FCM. If my life can make a difference, yours can, too.

I urge you to pray and consider joining FCM on this great adventure that will leave behind a legacy of hearts and lives changed for Jesus. God planned for Abaana's Hope to happen since before the world began, and we get to be a part of it as we invest ourselves and our love to save the lives and souls of children in Uganda.

- Kevin Neely, Nashville, TN

