

Please join us for the 1st Annual
Shoot For Africa
(clay shoot)

Friday, November 4th
Registration begins
at 11:30 AM
Selwood Farms, Alpine, AL

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to see how we are doing on fundraising and how
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Upcoming Events

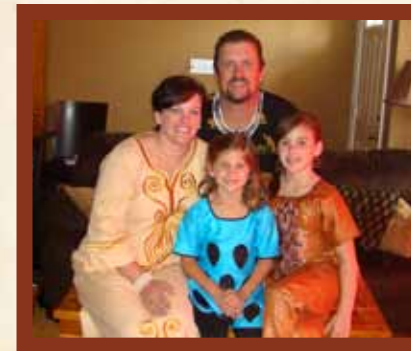
- October 1-31** **Thrift Store Donation Drive**
Trinity Baptist Church
- October 9** **African Jewelry Party** hosted by
Katherine Thompson (Gay, Georgia)
- October 14-16** **Thrift Store Donation Drive**
Wedowee United Methodist Church
- October 16** **Sip N' Swap**
Alpha Gamma Delta Chapter Room
Auburn University (7-9PM)
- October 23** **Thrift Store Donation Drive**
South Luverne Baptist Church
- November 4** **Shoot For Africa** at Selwood Farms
(Alpine, Alabama)
- November 6** **Orphan Sunday**



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A Family Transformed

Read these touching stories from the Armbruster family's trip to Kampala, Uganda.



Whenever a mom goes on a mission trip, she is still a mom. Especially if she takes her children with her! This past April, my husband and I took our daughters Abigail (9) and Mary Paige (6) to Uganda, Africa,

with Four Corners Ministries. Our journey started before April with a trip to the doctor's office to get shots. Kids don't like shots, but the girls knew they had to do it if they wanted to go and they did great. Neither of them had ever flown in an airplane (that they could remember) and we had 2 flights that were over 8 hours long! There were so many things that I kept going over in my mind: Did I pack everything they needed, would we have enough American food for them to not go hungry, what would we do if one of them got sick, how would I explain some of the things they might see, could I protect them in a foreign country?

The first day we were there I was struggling with a lot of fear and I was overwhelmed to see the living conditions in the slums. The second day, we went to Grace Fellowship Church. The people were so warm and genuine, but I was still fighting my "motherly" fears. I finally just decided to ask Pastor Nelson if there was anything I should be afraid of concerning the girls' safety. He said, "YES!" My heart sank and a big lump swelled in my throat. "The mosquitos!" he said. "Make sure you keep the bug spray on them at all times." I felt such relief! I knew in my heart that God had brought us here and that He was in control of whatever happened.

The rest of the week, we went out to the villages and I got to experience the joys of ministering with my children and my husband. I cannot put into words how proud I was of my girls! To see them share the love of Jesus with the other children is better than watching them hit a homerun or do

a back handspring! Abbey shared the gospel with all of the little girls at the girl's home and Mary Paige shared jolly ranchers with the boys at the boy's home. We painted faces, colored, played soccer, made bracelets, and painted lots of finger nails. We did a lot of the things that we love doing together, but we did them there with the wonderful people of Uganda. The impact our trip had on our entire family has changed us. When we say the blessing before a meal or at night when we say our bedtime prayers, the girls always ask God to be with our friends in Africa. I am so glad that I did not let my "motherly" fears rob my children and our family of the greatest experience of our lives!

~ Tara Armbruster

Our time in Uganda was one of the most rewarding experiences we as a family have ever experienced. Many people said we were wrong for taking our children with us, but I really felt God leading us to have our whole family go together. Now that we have been there as a family, I am so glad we did not listen to those who tried to discourage us from going. We don't expect everyone to understand all we saw and experienced because pictures or words cannot explain it. You must experience it. We do know this trip helped us see people through the eyes of God and has helped with our ministry to the needy here at home in so many ways. If any of you feel led to go I strongly urge you to be obedient to God's call on your life.

The people of Africa are some of the nicest and happiest people I have ever met. I ask that you pray for them, not that they would get the material things we think they need, but that they would remain faithful to God. People in Uganda depend on God every second of their lives and this



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has made them the strongest Christians I have ever met.

We can and did learn so much from them about total dependence on God. The United States is rich in material wealth but the people of Uganda are rich in their walk with God. Is there anything of more value than an intimate relationship with the Savior of the World?

~ Matt Armbruster

I went to Africa with my family in April 2011. It was fantastic! We taught them how to purify water, so they wouldn't have to drink dirty water. We went to the boy's home and built them a stove. We saw a puppy dog and a bunny while we were there. My favorite part of the trip was when I got to share God's story through beads with a group of girls and their house mom, Esther. The sights we saw there were amazing and when my family got back, we were changed. I will never forget the time I went to Africa. I hope we will get to go back one day.

~ Abigail Armbruster (9)



I had a great time in Africa. It was amazing to see all the kids and families. My favorite part was getting to hold some of the little babies. I like that I got to play with the kids and paint their faces. The worst part of going to Africa was getting the shots! I think other little girls and little boys should go too so they could have an amazing time. I want to go back and see my friends there again. I pray for them all the time. I miss them.

~ Mary Paige Armbruster (6)

Helping Hope to Rise: The Roy Durham Story.

FCM is excited to announce that Roy Durham has joined our growing Abaana's Hope team as a full time volunteer in Uganda.

Roy was born and raised in Texas. He is a veteran of Vietnam. After serving in the military, Roy spent over 40 years as a court reporter until his retirement in August of 2011.

Roy's wife of 26 years passed away in 1998 and not long after the death of his wife Roy responded to God's invitation to follow Him. Roy made a public profession of his faith at Santuck Baptist Church in Santuck, Alabama where he has been an active and faithful member for a number of years.

Seven years ago, God gave Roy a heart for missions that led him to launch "Christ Cares World Mission," a non-profit



ministry focused on proclaiming the Good News to the people of Brazil. In addition to addressing the spiritual needs of people, by pointing them to Christ, Roy led an effort to build numerous churches as a demonstration of God's love. In addition, Roy has led evangelistic efforts in Haiti and India.

Roy was exposed to the vision of Abaana's Hope last year and God has laid it on his heart to move to Uganda to help Matt and Jamie East get the ministry off the ground. "I cannot think of a better way to spend the next two years of my life than helping FCM launch Abaana's Hope in Uganda," said Roy.

Roy and his newly married wife, Sabrina, will move to Uganda in October. Please pray for them as they prepare to make the transition. You can also support the Durham Family financially by visiting the donate page of our website at www.4cornersministries.org.

Please pray for the Uganda Team as they
"Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." Isaiah 1:17
OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 5



Saying YES! to the Bumps in the Road

Thoughts from the East family on serving in Uganda



We made it! After a year of preparations, we are finally living in our new home in Kampala, Uganda, and loving it. The Four Corners team and support network has made it happen and we are thrilled to begin the next phase of Abaana's Hope. As we are learning more about the culture and people of Uganda daily, we are more convinced than ever of the tremendous

need for a comprehensive children's village to serve the beautiful, loving orphans of Uganda.

As we walk to the market, we see kids living on piles of trash wearing the same outfit every day and wonder what will become of them. As we sit in church and hear people praising God, we wonder how can we spread this genuine love for Jesus to other communities. As we travel to Grace Fellowship to spend an afternoon with the street boys, we wonder who will sponsor them so they can go to school and grow up to be all that God wants them to be. As we live out our new normal, we are constantly faced with the question "What are you doing here?" What are we doing here? Can we help to end the spread of AIDS or provide dying people with pain medicines? Can we build better roads? Can we train more qualified doctors and nurses? Can we end government corruption? Can we change cultural norms and make people realize the importance of actually getting married? Can we end Uganda's overwhelming orphan problem? I believe the answer to all of those questions is yes, YES we can. How can we do all of those things? By raising a generation of Ugandan children to understand and practice the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That is the answer this country needs.

Since the first time we heard the vision of Abaana's Hope, we were on board and wanted to be a part of what FCM was doing in Uganda. But, it was not until we lived here every day and saw the extreme poverty and other issues that we realized we were going to be a real part of the solution. Uganda needs its young people to step up and change this country from within because everyone else is too set in their ways.

Abaana's Hope is going to bring hope and the love of Jesus to Uganda's children. Knowing that we are living in the center of God's will by being here and that this mission is going to change lives is what keeps us going on a daily basis. Because of bountiful prayers and a mighty God, we have had no problems transitioning. We are all making friends, staying pretty healthy, and not missing all the comforts of America. God has constantly confirmed that we are exactly where He wants us and that makes bumps in the road like the many days and nights without electricity seem like no big deal.



As we move forward with the development of Abaana's Hope, we covet your prayers for our family and for our ability to fulfill the mission. If you want more details, follow our blog! Being God's hands and feet is the only way to live.

Matt and Jamie East

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