

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

THANK YOU!



BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY RABS and BFG in 2019 have actively taken the Gospel into many East African Nations and beyond. Your donations have helped provide Christian training, materials, Bibles, travel, and food to continue teaching pastors and Christian leaders the importance of bringing back the runaway brides of Jesus Christ. In Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, DRC-Congo, Somalia and South Sudan, your gifts have impacted thousands of lives. Our RABS National Directors and Leaders have traversed East Africa documenting hundreds of hours on rough roads by taxi, boda-boda, vans, trains, planes, boats, motorcycles, bicycles, on foot, and wading through flooded raging rivers where roads and bridges have been washed away to reach the unreached to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

January 2019's annual International Mission was filled with many mission activities in Uganda for Run Away Brides International Ministries (RABS) and Barefoot Gardens Fellowship Ministries (BFG). One of our young missionaries from Michigan, Brook Richards, accompanied me and the RABS International Team for two weeks as we ministered at conferences and crusades throughout central Uganda. All the children were drawn to her and she enjoyed engaging with them. She is a Sunday school teacher at BFG so being with children is very natural for her.



We completed our missions work at the RABS Milling Project in Kiereka Kasokoso, Uganda. The Mill is now a registered LTD with the government. We had a guided tour and were able to participate in milling corn into 'maize flour' and bag it and sew the bags closed. We were blessed to be joined by the RABS International Prayer Team and we raised up prayers for the Mill's success. RABS' young Milling Project currently is generating a very small portion of support for RABS Africa's missions in East Africa. It's going to take some time before it can help financially in the way that will make a true financial impact. We are also using the Milling Project to feed some of the most vulnerable people, mostly women and children and the elderly in the four zones of Kasokoso—it is a 140-acre suburb of Kampala with more than 300,000 people.

Although BFG and RABS are separated now as nonprofit organizations, they still work hand-in-hand with one another. BFG has taken on the humanitarian project, we affectionately call the "5 Remote Village Project." This particular program is helping in education especially for the girls who are more often overlooked as needing educations than not. Free government elementary school goes up to the sixth grade; students must provide their own uniforms and if they cannot afford them, they are not allowed to attend school. Many girls don't have the opportunity to complete elementary school, as they are needed to help carry water and haul wood for daily cooking as well as help in the fields and help with younger siblings.



These four-girls represent their remote village's educational plight. They cannot attend Secondary school as it is too costly for the parents who must pay school fees and provide uniforms, pens, pencils, and the required textbooks each semester. Two of our students in the photo are fourteen, one is fifteen and the youngest is eleven. They are in a boarding school, which is important for girls to be separated from the family because at any given moment parents pull them out of school to provide family labor. Also, child-brides is still practiced in the remote villages and girls as young as these are married off for bridal prices. Currently, RABS and BFG are supporting eleven students, nine boys and two girls in local governmental secondary schools near their villages and these four girls. Yes, of course, we have a very long waiting list, but we need YOUR HELP to send more children to school.



Secondly, BFG has supported implementing 'village cooperative farming' in each of these villages which includes providing the tools, seeds, hands-on-training, and monitoring the progress in each village. BFG continues supporting the continuing Christian training in the

newly planted churches. It is challenging as the language is Karamojong. BFG's Ugandan missionary, Pastor Denis Muwanguzi has been truly instrumental in leading us as we make important connections to those international organizations that can help with written materials for our church leaders in the villages.

In last year's newsletter, I told you the Lord had spoken into my spirit that we were to help in some of the Refugee Camps in Uganda, Kenya, and DRC-Congo. I'm very pleased to tell you, we have done just that in 2019.



Housing Kakuma Refugee Camp Kenya



RABS Leaders ministering at Camp



Pastors trained to evangelize at Camp



New Salvations at Crusade



Overview of housing in Kiryandongo



Refugee Camp, Uganda



RABS training held outside



Happy for RABS training



Overview of housing in Rwamwanja



Refugee Camp, Uganda



RABS Africa Coordinator Teaching



Pastors hungry for training



There are just over 2-million refugees now living in refugee camps in these three countries and Ethiopia as well. RABS National Directors with RABS Africa Coordinator Pastor Milton Wanyama ministered in three Refugee Camps in 2019. It's not easy getting access to work



inside the camps, and all camp visitors are fully investigated before granted permission to enter. All non-residents must vacate the Camps before nightfall or face criminal charges. While in the Uganda and Kenya Refugee Camps, we were able to meet with officials and learn more about the malnutrition within these camps that is destroying the lives of the youngest and the eldest residents of the refugee camps. We are praying for the Lord to lead us in a way RABS Milling LTD can coordinate with the officials an avenue to work together in reducing their costs and providing superb Maize Flour. Refugees are allotted monthly vouchers to buy food, however much of the food brought by vendors to sell is below standard not meeting the qualifications set by UNCHR—things must change and YOU CAN BE THE CHANGE-MAKER. We need your prayers—Jesus said if a child asked their father for a fish, would the father give him a snake instead? No! But unfortunately, that's what is taking place in these Refugee Camps. Help us, please, help!

RABS' PLANS FOR 2020: We begin our year with Pastor Cyndi Higgins annual missions in East Africa. This year she is being joined in Uganda by the RABS International Team in January and February 2020 for a 26-day-mission reaching thousands of pastors and Christian leaders in Kampala, Entebbe, Bulenga, Bugiri, Busia, Kigumba, and Jinja. By special request Pastor Cyndi and the RABS International Team will be hosted for evening crusades at a few military bases in Central

Uganda. Later in 2020, one of our RABS Uganda International Team members, who is affiliated with the Ugandan Military, has been invited to go to Ethiopia and train soldiers in the Gospel and in Gospel music.

RABS has many invitations for RABS Conferences and Crusades in all of the nations we serve in East Africa. We will mobilize our RABS Nationals sending them out to train pastors and Christian leaders on how to evangelize runaway brides of Christ and train their congregations in receiving these reconciled brides and building strong relationships with them. We are successful in our door-to-door RABS evangelizing and it's a part of the RABS Conference training that many attendees give positive testimonies about.

BFG's 2020 PLANS: BFG will stay focused on the work to be done in and for our "5 REMOTE VILLAGE PROJECT." We must continue helping educate children, training pastors and Christian leaders, and develop the farming projects. You can follow us on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/RABSMINISTRIES> and learn more about the work we are doing in East Africa.

As I mentioned before the Mill as a start-up business currently is generating a very small portion of financial support for RABS missions in East Africa.

We are asking you to please consider helping us with a small love gift and I know that most of you will want to give something, believe me when I say truly anything you give will make a difference. Many of you belong to churches and other organizations that are known for giving for charitable causes especially humanitarian causes, I pray you will share our need with them and they will give to RABS as well. Giving can be done on the website www.run-away-brides-ministries.com or you can mail your check payable to RABS International Ministries to the address below. All gifts are tax deductible.

Thank you so very much and God Bless you!
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These are the four young ladies you met earlier in this newsletter—I thank you for taking them from these situations of 'no education with no positive future' and putting them into boarding school.
God Bless you and Thank you!

