

# *GO International Quarterly Ministry Report*

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Shepherd's Heart International Ministry (SHIM)

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014

## **1. Give a brief overview of your regular ministry activities**

- Administration and oversight of ministry and employees.
- Financial oversight for all the projects in the ministry.
- Communication (local and overseas).
- Repairs and Maintenance at Lingira and Namiti Island bases.
- Teaching/preaching in various churches on various islands – but most especially at our home island church of Kyoya Deliverance Church.
- Leadership training and implementation for Kyoya Deliverance Church.
- Wednesday afternoon Bible Study in Katonga Village.
- Thursday school teachers' Bible Study.
- Pastors' Training School (2 days every other week)
- Oversight of Lingira Living Hope Secondary School (Christian HS we started under Deliverance Church of Uganda)
- Oversight of the Child Development Program- child educational sponsorships from Kindergarten through University (about 50 students currently); and the Cost Share Program- "Topping up" school fees for any LLHSS student who completes the first 70% of their school fees in the first month of the term.
- Oversight of the Namiti Island Medical Clinic
- Economic & Community Development
  - Partnership and assistance for the Buvuma Islands Savings and Credit Cooperative
    - Funding for small business loans and administration
    - Seminars on Biblical Principles of Finance (saving, budgeting, etc)
    - Seminars & assistance on starting/running small businesses
  - "Community-Led Total Sanitation" programs to minimize fecal-oral contamination in villages among the Buvuma Islands.
  - Community Safe Drinking Water Systems- "Lake Victoria Pure Water Project" (in partnership with New Life International)
  - Agricultural training of local women on the SHIM base
  - Seminars on various agriculture & animal husbandry topics
  - Dairy Goat Program for villagers
  - Leadership Seminars
- Evangelism & Discipleship- Partnership with Pr. Mumbya Samson's evangelistic crusade and discipleship ministry.
- Family Ministry- Partnership with Okoro & Olive Tefiro's family seminars and counseling ministry.
- Monthly prayer day with our staff
- Bi-Weekly ministry Directors meetings

## **2. List major ministry events in last quarter**

- January
  - End of Dec-20 Jan, we had the great joy of hosting Karina's parents and niece with us on the islands.
  - 4-5th: Seminar at Kirewe Elam Church (Karina's parents, Pr. John & Marilyn, as well as Andy, spoke)

- 6-12th: Crusades and accompanying church seminars in several islands led by a SHIM founding director, Pr. Mumbya Samson. SHIM provided a supporting role, and Karina's father Pr. John Thomas, and Andy spoke.
- 14-15th & 28-29th: Pastors Training School for about a dozen pastors from several islands.
- 23-24th: Dental Clinic at Namiti Island clinic.
- 26th: Welcomed 2-month intern from Sweden
- February
  - LLHSS started 1<sup>st</sup> term 2014
  - Hosted several short-term teams/visitors
  - 11-12th, 25-26th: Pastors Training School
  - 17-20th: Water & Sanitation Team traveled to several different islands throughout the Buvuma chain teaching. They moved together with a member of the Ugandan Parliament, showing him the needs of the people he represents.
  - 20-24th: One of our new partners, a young couple named Ronnie and Stella, came from Jinja to work together with Okoro, Olive, and Ruthie to teach and visit women. They also did some teaching at the Secondary School.
  - 21st: Medical Missions meeting in Jinja- Karina helped start a group that meets quarterly.
  - Karina worked 10 hours nursing the last week of Feb.
- March
  - 8th: Helped host staff member Oryagi Geoffrey's wedding
  - 9-15th: Karina attended an international nursing symposium in Kenya
  - 11-12th: Last Pastor's Training School for 2-year certificate students.
  - 13-16th: Hosted Ronnie & Stella, who conducted discipleship classes for LLHSS students, and ministered to women and families in their homes.
  - 19-24th: Worked with former GOI missionary Melody Warford to develop a promotional video for SHIM.
  - 20-26th: Hosted Rift Valley Academy students on a brief "cultural exchange" program.

### 3. List major ministry events planned in next quarter

#### APRIL

- Trip to visit and minister together with a former sponsored student who is now a pastor in N. Uganda.
- Educational team looking at improving the education levels on the islands.
- Discipleship training in Lukoma Village on main Buvuma Island in preparation for a crusade there in May.
- Team from a Bible school in the Netherlands coming to evangelize and put on some conferences together with us and the local pastors and leaders.
- Medical team looking to partner with us to improve medical care at the Namiti medical clinic long-term.

#### MAY

- Christian Leaders Conference in Lingira (led by Robert Wafula).
- Karina volunteers for 2 weeks at the Jinja Main Hospital, to fulfill new requirements for her Ugandan nursing license.
- 17th May- Graduation for our first class of island pastors.
- Educational Intern- Christian student from U of South Carolina.
- Children/Women's Ministry Intern from Ozark Christian College

#### JUNE

- Development Intern- Student from U of Wisconsin, Madison.
- Karina volunteers for another week at Jinja Main Hospital.
- Social Work Team- Prof. Wolfer from U of South Carolina.

- Medical Mission, Crusade, and Seminars in Kasensero, S.W. Uganda. Karina and other SHIM members will assist Dr. Charles Holt of Caring Hands ministry in their annual week-long ministry in the city where HIV/AIDS was first documented.

Andy & Karina Smith family go on furlough in July, 2014.

#### 4. **Praise Reports (conversions, baptisms, financial provision)**

- Salvations- Praise God for the many people who were saved during the January crusade, as well as at the school this first term!
- Dental Clinic- For Dr. Ryan and his team, who dedicated their professional time and expertise to pull about 30 teeth on Namiti and Kirewe Islands. Some children and adults' teeth had rotted away and had infected burst abscesses in their gums! I can't imagine the pain that was relieved.
- LLHSS- We praise God for the new classroom block that is now rough-finished.
- Pastors Training School- Of the dozen or so students in our pastors training school, 4 have successfully finished all 8 quarters to graduate next month! We are so excited for these guys. Not only for the 4 who have finished so far, but for the transformation in the lives of all the pastors. Thanks also to Bob Peterson, for his truly excellent teaching, and curriculum development. Two recent testimonies about the training:
  - "I used to know that I had preached when I had run around on the whole platform and spoken so loudly! Now I've learned about introduction, body, and conclusion, and I get the main points to preach from reading the whole chapter in the Bible." Pr. Emmanuel
  - "I used to only pray before preaching. Now I must take time to prepare by studying the Word." Pr. Fred
- Health Care- We praise God so much for sending us a nurse to head the Namiti Clinic! We've been praying for years for a Ugandan health professional to be willing to serve in that far-out island. In February of this year God provided not just a nurse, but a "Clinical Officer"- like an Physicians Assistant. He is only able to work half-time for us at this point, but we are tremendously grateful for his assistance.
- Development- Praise God that a member of the Ugandan Parliament has taken notice of the terrible sanitation and water situation of his constituents in the islands, and has actually moved with our team to see first-hand, and to observe our team's methods of community development.

#### 5. **Prayer Requests (personal and ministry)**

- Please pray for Karina as she is being forced to "volunteer" at the Jinja Main hospital in order to get her Ugandan nursing license (now required for her to practice nursing in Uganda). She's been volunteering in Uganda for over 10 years now, but they've changed the rules, and are requiring her to do 8 weeks in the referral hospital to "learn the system" here in Uganda- as if she doesn't know it far too well already! We are trying to view this as a "blessing in disguise", but it is honestly difficult to see past the disguise! There is so much corruption and even murder in that hospital, it will be so hard for Karina to balance which battles to fight and which to shut up and look the other way. We are also super busy right now, and this drags us off the island for whole weeks at a time. Please pray for our kids too, who are not used to Mommy being gone (Daddy as well, for that matter!)
- Please pray for our whole team here as we are helping most of our original Ugandan vision bearers to start their own ministries in partnership with SHIM, rather than working directly under us at SHIM. This will give them more ownership, and help focus a higher percentage of our financial resources on the activities of the ministries rather than on salaries. It also opens the doors to partner with more Ugandans (and others) who have a vision for the islands, but lack capital, training, etc.