



SUPPORTING SHALOM RECONCILIATION MINISTRIES IN THE KARAMOJA REGION OF UGANDA

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Shalom,

It is time to give a little of the goings-on for the ministry in Uganda and here in the US for the beginning of 2010. I think many times about what it would be like to be living in Karamoja once more. I hope that you can take a moment to think about the life of the children in Shalom Ministry and of Rainbow Mike as they start a new school term and try to make ends meet in such a harsh environment. Much hope and many trials!

These few months in 2010 have brought a lot of changes to the ministry here in the US with most of our core decision makers and energy moving to Uganda in June! But there will always be

changes and I want to say thanks to those of you that have been sponsoring children to attend school and those of you have that have been contributing in other ways to link us here in the States with the work that God is doing in Karamoja. As long as God intends for us to connect with His work there, it will continue to happen!

I'm excited for next few months and know that there will a lot more changes coming!

Thanks for being involved with Shalom Ministries and please be in touch if you have any inquiries or encouragement!

Sincerely,  
Mike Barbee  
USA Coordinator



At the beginning of this year, Shalom Home was able to construct a fence around their property and begin to plant vegetables and other crops without the nuisance of animals coming in and eating their fresh produce! — April 2010

Another Term Begins...Sponsorship Continues

As another term begins in late May, it is fun to reflect on the number of terms that have come and gone and God has continued to be faithful to the children in and around Kotido involved with Shalom Home. This term we now have 34 of 40 children being sponsored and there are a few people that have begun to contribute to the monthly costs that Rainbow Mike has in order to send his family

members to school and provide for his wife and son. There has not been overabundance but there has been just enough.

Terms last three months with a month break in between where Rainbow Mike organizes outreaches with the children, football matches and meets with children one on one for discipleship and encouragement. The children who remain around Kotido Town and see Rainbow Mike on a daily basis



Secondary school students get a "push" to attend the first term of the new school year. — Jan 2010

Stories of Hope from Children in Karamoja



By Olak Mosees Otim

I thought there was no longer no life or future

for me, I was crying every night for my self and my brothers this was because 3 of my brothers finished primary level and all ended there because there is no

one to pay for them. My mother died without telling any of us who our father is and this is the reason why we are all living separately from each other, I am living with some family who used to be our neighbour before my mom died. I even do not know very clearly which tribe I belong to from Uganda but I know one thing that iam a Ugandan by nationality and a child of God. For my side God has help me and iam very happy to be at secondary school, I still feel

bad about my older brother because he has turn up to drinking alcohol now due to frustration of life. I am very happy for the sponsorship I am receiving because it has given me hope for the future and for life, I would like to read hard and continue up to where shalom will end with me, I pray that God help me so that I finished my education and when I finished I would like to help my brothers who have now given up with education and others who are on the streets. •

## Door to Manyatta Delivery



Needy families receive some material support to help send their children to school..even with door to door delivery service! — Feb 2010

There are now about 5 children who live in the house with Rainbow Mike and the most recent boy, Lokor Andrew, just lost his mother. She was the sole provider for him and his 5 brothers and sisters. Times were hard before but now they are even harder.

Rainbow Mike, with Andrew and the others that stay with him are constantly visting the children around the town to

give encouragement and supplies. Most o these families can barely manage to find enough food for themselves and can do no work due to handicaps or age. They are seen as a liability and burden by almost everyone but I am sure they are raising their hands in greeting and smiling when Mike rolls up with a helper and some supplies on the motor bike!

## A New Addition to the Family in Karamoja

Some of the most exciting news since the beginning of the year is the decision by three families and two single women to move to Karamoja! The three families are the Williams, the Fulks and the Meadors and they will be joined by Kelly Preston, Misty Kearns, and Chloe Nelson. Those around the Williams and the Fulks are committing for a year or less but may extend after they re-evaluate after some time.

Most of the team is scheduled to arrive in karamoja at the end of June and their desire is to give their hands, minds and hearts to serve people in Kotido town and the villages as they are led. Through working with Rainbow Mike and other kingdom-minded people, they hope to sow and reap God's love and purpose for the Karamojong. We trust with them that that they are following God's heart and in doing so, our support and encouragement will strengthen them in their walks and efforts to please our Lord.

There are others that they hope to meet in Karamoja who have a similar desire and way of walking who have committed to Karamoja as well. Seeing the number and quality of the people that are converging in the next year

around Karamoja is really exciting and is like the response to a voice that has gone out, calling people to Karamoja and over the years more and more people are hearing and saying "yes!" We are sad to see them leave Shalom USA but we know they are now really apart from us in heart and focus.

To get updates and hear from them directly, visit their blogs:  
[www.williamsinthewilderness.com](http://www.williamsinthewilderness.com)  
[movingtothemargins.blogspot.com](http://movingtothemargins.blogspot.com)  
[www.followingjesustouganda.com](http://www.followingjesustouganda.com)  
[www.onlybylove.com](http://www.onlybylove.com)  
[goingforthforhisdelight.blogspot.com](http://goingforthforhisdelight.blogspot.com)



The team from Colorado moving to Karamoja

From Left: The Fulks (7) the Meadors (2), Chloe, Kelly, Misty, and the Williams (6 1/2) — May 2010

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