



We can't express how grateful we are for your FAITHFUL and LOVING support of the children and families in the Show Mercy sponsorship program. **Your contributions have had a huge impact over the last 20 years, and we have personally witnessed the difference you have made.** Your compassion and love for individuals you've never met speaks volumes to them. You are making a seemingly unseen God visible. **You have shown HIS LOVE by your actions.**

Around 2008, we felt a call from the Lord to help 10,000 children. We currently have over 500 children in our program, so 10,000 sounded unrealistic and unachievable. But over the past two years, as we've been drilling water wells throughout Uganda (350 wells to date!) we felt a stirring.... God was reminding us of this call. We've started dreaming with God again, and we believe we can and will one day help those 10,000 children.

You've heard the expression, "**There is only one way to eat an elephant: one bite at a time.**" SO, we are going to begin little by little.

On our most recent trip to Uganda, we set out to meet some of the new children identified to be added to our program by the pastors and local leaders with whom we work. As we were driving, Lori was curious about how many kids the team had on their list. After adding up the numbers from each village, the total amounted to **153**.

When Lori heard that number, it was like a light went off. **She immediately thought of John 21.** The story revolves around Peter and his friends going fishing. Jesus had just been crucified and risen. Peter and his friends were confused by the entire sequence of events, so they did what they knew best, they went fishing. After a long night of catching nothing, Jesus arrives on the scene. You know the story (reread it.) It's quite encouraging; Jesus shouts for them to cast their nets again. I'm not certain I would have. Without question, the phrase "been there, done that" comes to mind. Fortunately, the guys followed his instructions. This time, instead of an empty net, they caught 153 fish.

When Lori heard that number – 153 – she knew it wasn't a coincidence. It felt as if the Lord was saying, "cast out your nets. You are going to reap an enormous harvest of souls." What seems impossible becomes possible when HE is involved!

So, we're taking a leap of faith and are believing to add a total of 500 new children this year. As we take the first step by adding 153, we would like to ask you to join us in becoming a voice for them.



We look forward to sharing the new children's stories and dreams with you soon. We know God is faithful and will provide these precious additions with their perfect sponsors. Maybe you are one of them.

As we approach the holiday season, we have also started planning a Christmas meal and party for ALL of the children in our program. For some, it will be their first experience to have a Christmas meal like this.

Thank you for being a part of this journey AND for caring enough to do something for others. Whether you've been giving for 20 years or only a month, every one of you has a special place in our hearts. We are grateful for each of you. **Thank you for believing in the mission and vision God placed in our hearts!** We pray this holiday season is one full of peace, joy and a remembrance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With a grateful heart,

Mike and Lori Salley

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P.S. Thanks for being in the Show Mercy family of sponsors. Every gift you give this holiday season will help some of the most vulnerable and struggling children in Uganda. Let's give them a Christmas to remember!

