

The Link

URGENT! A FIRE IS BLAZING AND MANY ARE TRAPPED!

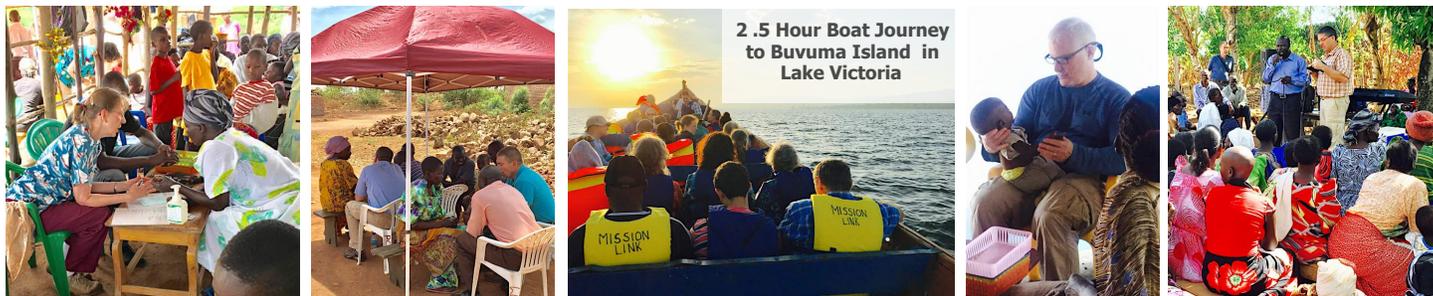
The family next door to your house is trapped in the midst of a terrible house fire! Will you try to rescue them?

You wake-up in the middle of the night to the smell of smoke that is seeping through your cracked window. Pulling back the curtains, you peer outside to see your neighbor's house engulfed in flames. You quickly realize that the sleeping family is unaware of the imminent danger. You have three (**3**) options: **1**) Go back to sleep, because it doesn't concern you and your family; **2**) Call the fire department—professionals who know how to deal with the fire and hope the family is rescued; **3**) Due to the urgency, you go and risk your life to try to arouse the family from sleep by entering the smoked filled burning house? **Which option will you choose?**

The above illustration emphasizes the fact that there are so so many who do not have their name written in the Lamb's Book of Life and endanger of being consumed by eternal flames. Countless people reside in our world that are aloof from God. Yet, the average believer feels no urgency to "rescue the perishing." As we reflect on the above list of options, many consistently chose number "**1**" and basically do very little in sharing their faith. Other Christians fall into category "**2**" and call their pastor or a deacon to visit their neighbor or friend. Occasionally, number "**2**" will work, if the pastor is not too busy. Yet, if everyone called upon their pastor to visit their neighbor or work associate, he would have very little time for other ministerial duties. Then, there are a few that will choose number "**3**" and pursue the one who is in danger of Gehenna (hell) by establishing a loving relationship earning the right, at some point, to share God's Word. LISTEN: The urgency is great! No one knows when death will knock at their door.

When I was preaching to a number of small groups waiting to be seen by our medical team in the village of Nansololo, there was one gathering comprised of mostly born again ladies. In their midst were several women listening to my salvific message who were not born again. One young lady indicated that she wanted to accept the Lord. I affectionately but intentionally admonished the women surrounding her of their spirit of apathy. "If Jesus is real to you and you know that those around you have not surrendered their lives to Christ, why don't you say something?" Then I asked, "Who will pray for this woman who desires to ask Christ into her life?" There was a long silent pause. Finally, an older lady walked over to where she was sitting and placed her arms around the woman and prayed with her to receive the Lord. It was visibly clear that the lady was emotionally moved as she surrendered her life to Christ.

Kelsey, a new team member, testified one evening that she recognized the urgency of proclaiming Christ to the lost. The plight of lost mankind literally gripped her heart realizing that time is fleeting for gathering the harvest. You and I have friends, neighbors and work associates that are in the "burning house." **Do you sense the urgency** to share your story with them? Will you do anything or will you let them be imprisoned for eternity? Many of our 20 volunteers had the opportunity to share their faith with Africans and to snatch them from the flames of hell. It is my prayer that the experience of Africa has instilled in our team the urgency of sharing the Gospel when back in the states. **Rick**



Our Uganda medical/evangelist team treated **2363** Africans and a total of **177** accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. One church was planted on Buvuma Island and a temporary church constructed. Pastor Jackie & Pastor Todd both conducted a pastor leadership conference & Glynda Carver taught the women. Paige Lipscomb worked with women's health; Glassell's team distributed glasses & Terri/Den's team had a huge kid's ministry! (Pictured above left to right): Carolyn Cundiff on Buvuma Island working with the medical team. Under the evangelism tent are Jackie & Todd. The middle pic shows the team returning late in the evening from Buvuma Island. Doctor John is treating a sick infant. Todd & Pastor James, head of MLI pastor schools, are preaching at a clinic.

MISSION LINK'S NEWS BRIEFING

STREET KIDS: Recently, a donor funded Moses (15 years old) to go back to school. His mother is deceased and father is a drug addict. Asam is another street boy in school funded by another generous donor. However, this 10 year old only has funds for one more term. Each term is now 450,000 plus supplies (about 150 USD total). There are several other street boys MLI has helped, but lack school fees. **This is really more than MLI can handle.**

PHASE II — MLI SCHOOL IN ELDORET, KENYA — Construction will begin when we have sufficient funds.

DEAF SCHOOL HAS INCREASED ITS NUMBERS!: (On going needs) The ongoing monthly need for food is around \$370. Other monthly needs: dorm for kids \$70; salaries for 5 teachers "in total" is \$250 (minimum). The school has increased students requiring additional funds.

HELP WITH COMPUTERS: 1) **RICK MUST UPDATE HIS COMPUTER.** This is his main tool, and it is expensive; your assistance is greatly appreciated; 2) A Ugandan Bible student needs a used laptop; 3) Used MAC Books & Windows laptops needed for a computer lab for Pastor Euticals—Kenya.

CHURCH DESTROYED: A storm hit the small village of Walumbe and destroyed Pastor Anthony's church. It will take at least \$700 plus to rebuild it,

BIKE WHEELCHAIR: Pictured below is a crippled lady requesting help for a special wheelchair that she can peddled w/ her hands: Balance needed \$170

BLIND CHILD SCHOOL FEES: The blind father is grateful for \$65 donated for the first term school fees. Two more terms will be needed at \$65 each term

BOAT & MOTOR: MLI would like to continue evangelizing the 52 islands of Buvuma. Cost will be appx \$2875 motor & \$800 (+) to build a wooden boat.

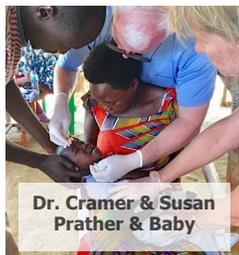
GENERAL FUND (VERY IMPORTANT): There is LITTLE ROOM to share all the needs MLI has encountered and those needs we encounter each day. Sincerely, my two months in Africa have been a drain on our finances. Your gift to the **General Fund (GF)** gives Mission Link the flexibility to place funds where needed. Without the **General Fund**, we could do little. Since my arrival in Uganda mid-January, I have been overwhelmed by the enormous requests for assistance. For example: Caring for a converted muslim's family, food/clothing for street kids, medical bills, land rent, help planting crops, school fees, mattress, transportation, etc. etc.. **Thank you so so so so much for your generosity; your loving/kind assistance is much appreciated!**



Needing Special Cycle Chair



Carolyn w/ Her Adopted Widow



Dr. Cramer & Susan Prather & Baby



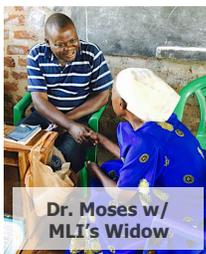
Elizabeth Cramer playing a game with the kids of Itukulu



Dr. Moses Operated on This Widow



Grace Moyer in Buvuma Clinic



Dr. Moses w/ MLI's Widow



Christie, Jordan and Paige Working in the Pharmacy



Jackie Carver Teaching Pastor Conference



ASAM St. Boy More Help Needed



Rick w/ family that donated land for church



Kelsey Snapp teaching kids the Bible

LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE, ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND AT CHURCH

Cell Phones, Digital Cameras, Laptops, Christian Books

Several iPhones were donated—more iPhone and common cell phones are greatly appreciated. Drop items by the MLI office OR mail them to: 1677 Avon St. Ext, C'ville, VA 22902. Christian books/Bibles also needed for next shipment to Africa. Thank you so much! **KEEP THEM COMING!!!**

Last Call for July Trip to Kenya

Iris Jo (Surgery on Brain Tumor): This will be the last report on Iris Jo Wall—Our granddaughter—who had a successful surgery back in January. Thank you so very much for your cards, emails and prayers. Post-Surgery—It is as if she never had an issue. We are believing that the tumor will never return, though several times a year the doctors will examine her. Praise the Lord for His mercy and grace!!!

Kenya Mission Trip February 2018 — We have had very little interest thus far for the July Kenya trip. We seriously need a team that will leave from Dulles in order to have sufficient bags to carry equipment. Hence, MLI will pull together as many volunteers for February 2018. Supplies will be carried by our Uganda medical team to be transported to Kenya. Some of our Uganda team may also participate after finishing the Ugandan trip. Soon we will establish dates. This is a very important mission, and we need your help. Hence, MLI will put together a computer lab and minister to the kids in Mwingi. Contact Rick if interested - thelinkoffice@gmail.com



Sponsor a Widow with Monthly Support

For \$30 a month (just a dollar a day) you can make a difference in the life of a widow. Your support will help pay for school fees, medicine, home-based businesses, food, and much more. **So very little makes a BIG difference.... God states true religion is helping a widow! Will you bless this dear woman with a monthly gift? Thank You!**

Anastasia Naigaga: Anastanzia Naigaga is a widow in the village called Itukulu. She is 69 years old with four (4) children. Her husband died from poison in 2001. She is thankful to God for the support she gets through Mission Link and the piggery project they started for the widows of Itukulu. Please pray for Anastanzia.

