

## AUGUST UPDATE FROM NANCY PEED

All my Sweet Family & Friends:

I hope you are all well and that Irma did not cause too much of a problem for you. I saw FB posts and saw so much about downed trees and power lines and no power, and I was praying for all of you all. I pray for you so often. I hope you know or can feel just how much you mean to me and how glad I am to be walking into God's plan for the people of Africa together, hand in hand, with you. And I hope you can read the words and see the pics and know how much our being here, teaching, preaching, living and loving, really means. It's simply the most incredible thing. But that's God's way:)

As most of the you know, I attempted to send a newsletter a few weeks ago, but somehow it was saved and sent in a publisher document, so most of you could not open or read. I'm so sorry about that. And as Wi-Fi continues to be an issue and sending large documents is extremely problem prone, I hope you will all be satisfied with an update via email. I will try to do a "fancy" newsletter next quarter:) So in the meantime, here is what God has been up to in Africa:) And it's more than I can put in to words. But I'll try lol!

### Ministry Updates:

#### 1 Sunday school at Rhino Refugee Settlement Camp, Arua and the Ringley School!

My teammate and I teach the major Bible stories in a 12-month period. Last month, I taught about the story of Joseph, which has so much in common with their lives. Joseph was torn from family, possessions, country and made a life in a new land, and was a refugee. But Joseph was all about forgiveness. That's what we teach! This month, I am teaching on David and Goliath. Again such a pertinent lesson for the children as our God is bigger than any giant in our life! They are so smart and want to learn:) And God has mightily blessed this as between the 3 locations; we touch about 300 children with God's sweet word.

#### 2. Women's Weekly Bible Study!

These precious women have such a thirst to learn the Bible stories and scripture and I am teaching biblically based parenting skills. Many have been abandoned by their husbands, so they're the sole supporters for their families and have a lot of stress on them. Yet they accept their life and also care for many children not their own. Orphaned children, abandoned, with HIV or just in need. These ladies have taught me a women's heart is the same wherever you go. We love our families and children and our number one desire is to make things better for them. It's universal! There have been many testimonies on how God has changed their hearts as a result of our teachings, from a harsh heart to a pliable, loving and forgiving heart, with their children. Oh God is too good!

And thanks to your love and support, we were able to create a women's meeting place, also usable for other community events, such as Sunday school, Community Development meetings, etc. I posted pictures of this new meeting place on my FB page, NancyInAfrica.

#### 3. Weekly Children's Bible Story!

God has blessed me with these sweet, little ones. Sixty-plus gather weekly for a short worship time with singing and dancing—my favorite part! We pray and I tell a Bible story. I use some "storying" techniques. God is teaching me so much! He loves these sweet children so—and so do I! I taught them "Jesus Loves the Little Children" and they know it perfectly! They're so smart! You should hear these sweet little, high voices singing in perfect pitch and perfect English:)

#### 4. Weekly Biblical Health Education for Teens and Tweens!

Wow! God has blessed me with so many sweet girls. I'm getting to know them and they're slowly coming out of their shells. It's so cool! I teach them weekly and they teach me the language, with much laughter at my feeble attempts, I might add:) I am teaching biblically based puberty, health and hygiene classes as well as a special session that I have named "Achieving your God-given dreams." This "achieving your dream" teaching helps them to learn how to deal with peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, smoking, boys, HIV prevention, decision-making and consequences. They have such big dreams and I want them to know and reach their God-given potential!

### 5. Weekly Hospital Visitation!

I knew I would be called to the hospital and God has done it in a big way. A Pastor friend of mine and I go to the hospital weekly to just talk and listen and smile, touch and pray for patients, the medical team and their families and caregivers. Because we are working in a regional, referral hospital, many patients are alone and far from home. It's amazing how God uses us to bring smiles, ears to hear their stories and to bring the healing of being heard, loved on, known and valued. I make and offer them beautifully colored crosses, for those that want them, with the word *Yesus Le Mi* (Jesus loves you). It's so sweet, but most who receive the paper crosses are so thankful, a dash of color added to the clinical surrounding and when I leave, I see them holding the crosses to their hearts in a kind of hug and then I watch as they carefully tuck it under a tiny corner of their pillow or if lacking that, a corner of their sheet.

### 6. Trauma Healing Workshops and Puberty/Health/Hygiene Education at Rhino Camp

My teammate and I partnered together to teach a child's Trauma Healing Workshop to the children in Rhino Camp. It was so touching and you could feel the Spirit, right there, healing these young ones. We also taught a boys and girls puberty/health/hygiene/growing up class here. It was needed and they learned so much. I taught the girls and really focused on issues surrounding drugs, alcohol, HIV prevention and violence against girls and women.

And an update about my ongoing learning in order to better serve others:

#### 1. Language Lessons

Language learning is a part of both embracing and becoming a part of the culture. Learning their heart language. And it makes such a difference when I can use Lugbera words or small phrases. It's such a part of honoring my new friends and honoring their culture and becoming "like" them. And so I go to class weekly. I have now learned about 400+ words and am now learning to make sentences. Small sentences lol! The beautiful thing is that my teacher has become my friend, and the one I go to in order to ask questions about culture, social issues and life here in Uganda. I love this sweet lady and thank God for her everyday!

#### 2. Community Development Certificate

I've completed my Community Development Certificate via Unite for Sight's Global Health University. I've read three books on community development by an African author to best impact a community! I truly believe this is how to best impact a community long-term! By teaching empowerment and not dependence. God has blessed this learning by allowing me the opportunity to facilitate a Community Development project centered in a school and on the children. I've led and taught them about the process, about the need for and how to create and implement a strategic plan. I've also taught how to conduct Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT's) analysis, prioritization processes and plan development. They have now developed a plan and are working with parents, teachers and school officials in order to feed school children breakfast and lunch. Because we all know "a hungry child is an un-teachable child." They now possess this knowledge and will be using it for other projects that they will lead on their own. I'm so proud of this group of concerned parents, teachers and community members. May God richly bless their work!

3. Work Permit Process: In order for me to work at the large regional, referral hospital, where I feel called to serve in the consulting capacity for such things as quality improvement, LEAN techniques, customer service, community relations, leadership development training and risk management, I must secure a work permit. God has been good and is moving mountains. I hope to have the approval to begin work in October. I am looking at working about 15 hours per week and will still continue to above named ministries, as long as God calls me to them:))

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I love you all, miss you all and thank you for joining with me! I couldn't do any of this without each one of you! Know you're in my prayers!

In Peace and Love, Nancy

PS: Please forgive any type-o's. I am hopeless at proofreading my own stuff.)



