

PROJECT H.O.P.E. UPDATE

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There is news from all three countries where Project H.O.P.E. serves on behalf of the LCVH family.

Recently \$28,000 was sent to Uganda to cover half a year's expenses for projects that included: the operation of three Lutheran parochial schools that provide a Christian education for 600 children and a daily meal; maintenance of four income-producing projects (2 piggeries and 2 corn mills); medical support for Constance Nakate, an AIDS patient we have supported since 2005; university fees for three of Constance's six children; and \$200 a month stipends for a new resident pastor in Kateete and a business manager who assists with the operation of the schools and income-producing projects.

In Nicaragua there is finally some good news. A report from a group from Lombard, IL indicates that everyone felt safe and comfortable during a recent visit. However, the economy seems to be getting worse with very few tourists in the country and many of our Lutheran friends out of work. I am thinking about trying to return to Nicaragua next January with a group from LCVH. Please let me know if you are interested in going.

In Kenya David Shirk reports that one of the proposed seven new operating rooms is now open and being used. Last year H.O.P.E. pledged \$30,000 for the project and ended up giving \$60,000. We have again pledged \$30,000 for this year. Please **Remember: all offerings for the personal support of the Shirk family are to be directed to Shirk Personal Support; all offerings for David's operating room project are to be directed to Project H.O.P.E.**

If you have any questions about these projects, please do not hesitate to contact me. As always, many thanks to all of you for your support of this international ministry, and to God alone be the glory!

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