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New heights and greater depths

We want to wish Happy New Year to family, friends, supporters and encouragers. The New Year seems to be a very busy time. After a good rest over Christmas, Tim and I quickly got back into work and a lot of things are happening. Here are a few highlights!

Christmas

We had a lovely family time over Christmas. We had a surprising amount of gifts to open on Christmas Day and Jonathan was especially excited! We did try to remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas and I was inspired by an advent devotional book called 'Embrace the Coming Light' which I think really accurately depicts Advent.



Champion Programme

At Revelation Life there are a lot of new things happening this year. Some of you may know that we have started a Champion Programme in the communities where we work and this was the focus for our Christmas campaign. The idea is that we train and raise up community members to see change in their community. We train them with skills and knowledge to represent Revelation Life in their own neighbourhood which is really exciting. At the moment we have trained Healthcare and Nutrition Champions and it is amazing to see them become passionate about what they are doing. We have recently released the Nutrition Champions to search for malnourished children in their community. Last week I heard that they have discovered over 50 children that are malnourished in 1 community alone!

We are looking to expand this programme in the new year and introduce a Social Champion training programme. This is really exciting and I have loved being part of the team writing all the policies and producing materials for the process of recruiting Champions.

Tim's work

Along with the expansion in the Champion Programme we are also hoping to expand into 3 new communities in the coming months which is really exciting. Tim will be the Social Development Worker for the same area that he currently works in and also in K2 and another close community called the Acholi Quarters. I will keep you updated on how this expansion goes but prayers would be appreciated that Tim could manage his new bigger workload.

We also have an update on Vanessa's home, the girl with Cerebral Palsy whose home was in a poor state of repair. We were able to support the family through using our Mugezi project to re-build her house. You can see photos of the building work and the finished home here:



Family Centre

We moved new families up to the Family Centre for the 2017 Programme this week. We have 5 families from different communities who are excited to learn about farming, life skills, business, healthcare etc. We have decided to double the length of this programme so that we can see maximum change in the families. It will now be 8 months long. This gives us the opportunity to do some teaching centred around 'Leading your life change'. This will be a combination of teaching on mindset change, basic counseling and spiritual healing and freedom. I am really excited about what the Lord can do through this. On Thursday we are having an official opening of the programme where we will be praying for and prophesying over each family and praying over their homes. In our next update, I'll give more information on each family and how you can be praying for them



Living Wisdom

I have the opportunity to attend a 2 week basic counseling and life skills training course at the end of March. I attended the level 1 course last year and it was an insightful and inspirational course. The teachers are coming back to Uganda and they have asked if I want to attend the level 2 training which would be the next step towards actually training to be a counselor. I feel that this is an exciting opportunity for me. However, I do not have the necessary funds to make this happen. The course costs \$500 per person so I would need to raise this amount. If you are interested in supporting me to do this, please contact me on annasanyukalibbala@revelationlife.org.uk

Thanks once again, *Anna, Tim and Jonathan*