



# Planting Hope Global

From Hope to Harvest

Ken & Crystal Hess • Northern Uganda & South Sudan • 2024 Update

## *Evangelists On the Go!*

With your support this year we were able to provide our ten leaders with bicycles so that they could spread the Gospel faster and farther! They did over eighty outreaches in twelve refugee villages. They saw 98 people give their lives to the Lord and established three more house churches for a total of ten churches. Thank you for your partnership!



## *Why Farming?*

In addition to traditional evangelism methods, we have seen how teaching agriculture has provided a platform to share the Gospel! Pastor Isaac has been able to reach three refugee settlements this year to train ninety families and over one hundred students in farming. Each training includes a Gospel presentation for people who otherwise might not go to a church building. We are excited about our plan to expand these training courses in 2025 and make them a central focus of our mission.



## *Our Children are Growing Up!*

Isaac is doing a great job raising our teenagers (and having them work in the garden!). Harriet continues to oversee our Ugandan orphan sponsorship program. We also became aware of six children, the Paskole family, who lost both parents due to AIDS. We provide them with food each month.





## What Do You See?

You see bananas, we see a miracle! In 2016 Uganda was flooded with South Sudanese refugees in what quickly became, and continues to be, Africa's largest refugee crisis. One side effect of this was, and is, massive deforestation and desertification of the land. The rapid influx of people into densely populated refugee settlements led to nearly all the trees being cut down for building homes and cooking fuel. Growing anything in a desert with inconsistent rain has been our continual challenge. We are so excited that Isaac has learned so much about agriculture and his banana plants gave him (and our kids!) fruit within ten months. Our next step is to learn the technology for alternative fuel for cooking fires, such as how to use banana plant waste instead of wood.



## What Your Gift Does

We hope to purchase two motorbikes, at around \$2,000 each, next year so that our leaders can continue going farther for outreaches to refugee schools and villages. If you would like to support our motorbike project, type "motorbike" in the comment section when you donate, or email Crystal directly.

Thank you for your continued support which is an integral part of our ongoing work spreading the Gospel and caring for orphans.

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