

# Restore Ministries Busede Uganda

## Rachel & Eric Mande



Cooking on Christmas Day with Eric's family

Restore Ministries Busede is a community-based project working in Southern Uganda, reaching out to the villages in the 'Busede' region. There is a tremendous amount of poverty, witchcraft, ancestral worship and drunkenness in these areas. Teaching on the truth and the power of Jesus is aimed so the people can be free from the oppression of darkness and walk in the light of Christ.

We work through a community development approach empowering individuals with skills and walking alongside them to see transformation in their communities. The aim is to build something sustainable which is bigger than just us.

*Some of our current projects include:*

### **Operation Better sanitation**

Many families don't have their own latrines (toilets) and often will either dig a small hole or find a bush to hide behind for some privacy. This leads to whole range of hygiene and sanitation issues with little dignity. We have been helping to build latrines in close proximity, alongside the homes of local families with the financial support of friends, churches and others in the UK.



**Weekly Bible studies** take place at restore Ministries site and **Weekly Prayer meetings** at the Restore Ministries site.

**Praise service** - The last Sunday of every month we host a praise service to bring local churches together. A meal is provided for all who come along. Our numbers for this event are 300 to 500 men, women and children.



Lydia with her two best friends

## Women's group

We have just started a women's group in the local village. The aim of this group is to encourage one another and listen and pray together. We are also hoping this group will be able to start building water tanks and then teaching their neighbours. The water tank project has been introduced to us by a friend of ours who is a water engineer. The women are keen to try this.

## End period poverty

We are hoping to bring education and teaching on how to make reusable pads. We are hoping the women's group will also be able to learn and teach others how to make them.

## Children's ministry aims

To develop a children's ministry on a Saturday afternoon at the Restore Ministry site.

*Needs and upcoming projects: -*

### Resource centre and library

All of the local primary schools in the villages around us do not have access to story/picture books. The only books the children see in school are the text books they are required to bring. We would love to make resources readily available to allow easy access for the



local teachers and children. To do this we would love to build a library on the Restore Ministry site. We have already been donated over 200 primary school books, a book shelf, and a play kitchen to incorporate early years creative play and education. We have also been given the school curriculum from reception to year 4. Many of these could be used to deepen learning and knowledge of the English language. With the right supervision the library could be open on weekends for children who could come and do homework or read books to develop their literacy and numeracy. We would also love to have a portable library van. This could go to some of the deeper villages with courses

and books. Our fundraising target for this project is £5000.

## Community Hall

Currently we have raised £4,500 towards our Community Hall. The hall will be the central part of our site with most of our communal activities happening here. For example, children's ministry, Bible study, prayer meeting, Come Praise services. We would love the hall to be open to other organisations within the surrounding area especially outreach events from hospitals to dental services.





## Prayer Points

- Rachel and Abi to have a safe flight and good time in the UK
- For Eric and children to stay well and happy while we are in the UK. For Eric to have extra strength and patience with the children.
- Safely for Eric as he travels to the village on a motorbike.
- The community building at the ministry land. We are hoping to start building in the next month. We are still believing for more money for the building but we want to step out in faith and make a start. We have raised £4,500 so far. We are about half way. This will be such a great opportunity for the community. As well as holding meetings, worship services. We can also use it for our library. We also have a vision to see girls learn tailoring. This could also be used for an area to learn.
- Provision for the community hall and all the building materials, builders and others who will be involved that things will go smoothly.
- For our women's group, that they will know Jesus and learn and grow skills to help them develop.
- We would hear from the Lord as he leads us here in Uganda.
- That our family would stay healthy and have the Lord's protection over all we do.
- That we would continue to be filled up with the holy spirit to have the father's love for his people.

## Praise Points

- The children have felt a lot more settled since Christmas being in Uganda and at their school.
- We got a new dog (to help with security) which might have helped.



Thank you for your prayers. Please pray with us, and if you feel moved to support these projects, please be in touch. Together we can make a difference.

*Love Eric and Rachel*

### **Financial partnership**

As full-time missionaries, we are not paid a salary. We raise monthly financial support for our family as well as for Restore Ministries Busede from individuals and churches, who would like to partner with us. If you would like to contribute to our