Dear Loved Ones,

It is Saturday morning, May 30, 2015, and I am sitting in my house at Hope Land in Koboko, Uganda. There are so many things I am grateful for that I have to share with you. First of all, this was my husband Bob's birthday. He went to his heavenly reward 20 years ago this July. I can't help wondering what life would be like for us if he were still alive...too many thoughts – but Praise the Lord he is not suffering, and is with Him!

Back to the present, I woke to the sound of a fridge/freezer motor humming in the "kitchen" corner of the house! Yes! Staffer David and an electrician friend successfully installed a 200 watt solar panel on the roof and connected the fridge and lights last evening! Wow! What an encouragement! They will come back today to connect the sockets to AC so I won't have to use the generator to run the sewing machine (thank you, Teri Beth Ward!) or charge the computer, phone, power tools (I hope), etc.

The new solar panel

I climbed out from under the mosquito net and enjoyed seeing the sun shining, which makes me smile every morning because I see God smiling at me in that brightness. I went out to fetch water in my buckets from the 1000 liter water tank behind the house, and was grateful for the water that several neighbor ladies fetched and brought to fill that tank! What I pay them is so little compared to their physical effort – I am humbled. I poured some of the water into another bucket with a water filter attached and filtered enough water to make coffee. Then, a small miracle happened – I began to hear pitter-patter sounds on the metal roof – could it really be rain?! We are in a drought here, no rain for four weeks, and just a few minutes earlier the sun was shining...but it was a sweet (short) little shower! God is so loving and encouraging! All of this, and it is only 8:30 a.m.!

I just want to repeat how much I enjoyed time with Tracy here in Uganda. It was a great time of being together – just the two of us – talking as much as we wanted, walking in the evenings, a little shopping and eating out. I know her family missed her, but I was grateful for our one-on-one time!

Travel back to Koboko on the night bus was not so great, however. The bus broke down about three hours out of Kampala, and we had to wait for another bus to come rescue us. That bus came at 6 a.m, but at least we were able to sleep while waiting. We arrived in Koboko at 1:30 p.m. A new record – 16 hours.

KIDS Staff -- Tom, Maggie, and David

It has been so good to be back with the great staff we have here in Koboko. Collins, Maggie, Tom and David are so active in ministering to the orphans and guardians as well as doing any practical thing on the property that needs to be done. I came back to find beans and ground nuts (peanuts) growing along with maize. They leveled so much of the property, cut the grass in the field (with a weed whacker) and cleaned

up rocks and sticks, etc., that inhabit most of the ground. But the reports of how they gathered all the orphans at the beginning of May and had a great time with them, cared for a sick guardian by taking her to a clinic, bought metal sheets for a house roof, visited all the schools and homes, gave out clothes, sandals and blankets, etc., etc., made me very happy. They are lots of fun and have great personalities (not to mention their love for the Lord), which draw the orphans to them, giving them plenty of opportunities to counsel and encourage the kids. My position among the staff is to strengthen and lead them spiritually, as well as encourage them in their various roles in the work of the ministry. We have determined together that we need to be the best “parents” for our orphans, and that means disciplining them and holding them accountable for things, giving them responsibilities along with conditions if they are not done properly or on time, etc. Many times it seems like we are pushing against strong obstacles in our efforts to train them up Biblically, but we know it is the right thing to do and it will help the orphans to grow up in the best way.

Flowers and gardens around my house

Oswald Chambers says, “If a man is going to do anything worthwhile, there are times when he has to risk everything on his leap, and in the spiritual domain, Jesus Christ demands that you risk everything you hold by common sense and leap into what He says, and immediately you do, you find that what He says fits on as solidly as common sense.” Using only our common sense, Jesus’ statements may seem strange, but if we accept them by faith, we find that amazingly they all make sense as the words of God. “Trust entirely in God, and when He brings you to the venture, see that you take it.”

Thank you so much for praying for me and the staff and orphans and guardians! I will be preparing Bible lessons for the next few months along with math and English tutorials. Which brings me to the great news that my daughter, Heather, who is a 4th grade teacher in Lexington, Kentucky, will be coming to stay here and work with me for six weeks in June and July! I will let you imagine all the help she will be in the areas of academics and sports! And if that isn’t enough exciting news to pray about, the entire Hensler family (Tracy and Dwight and the three boys) will be coming in June for about 10 days! Seriously, we need prayer for all of this to come together well. I appreciate you so much!!!!!!!!

Love and prayers,
Camille

P.S. On May 31 an expert came to clean our bore hole (water well) and now it is giving nice clean water! On June 1st the Lord sent an abundant rain to water the crops and fill the water tanks!