



To God Be the Glory!

Dear Friends,

As many of you already know, in 2005, in answer to prayer, Tim and Janice McCall trusted God's call and sold everything they had and moved to Uganda to start a ministry to provide restoration to the people of northern Uganda. God's vision is to create a reproducible Ugandan community that can support itself spiritually and economically: A place where orphans can live safely, go to school, learn job trades and become productive Ugandans.

Seven hundred beautiful acres of land overlooking the Nile River were selected for ongoing development into a holistic and sustainable community through four primary components: orphan care, health care, empowerment and ministry to the church. Today, Restoration Gateway (RG), "exists to join Christ in restoring peace and healing wounds among vulnerable children and war-torn people" of Northern Uganda.



Uganda's President, His Excellency Yoweri Museveni, third from left, led more than 3,000 people in the dedication to Christ of the 180-bed full-service hospital at Restoration Gateway in April 2018. Restoration Gateway founders Janice and Tim McCall (left and right) joined the President and Uganda's First Lady, Janet, second from left. He returned later in the year for a second visit, this time with children and teachers at the school.

As we close the year, it is vital to look remarkably, in partnership with the community, at how God's call through the McCalls' vision is coming to fruition at a staggering pace. Newly completed male and female dorms enable our young adult orphans to continue their high school education. There are now 166 orphans, 21 house moms, a primary and secondary school, auditorium/gym, nine senior Ugandan employees and more than 300 employees – mostly unskilled and uneducated Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs).

RG makes its bricks and other building components, grows much of its food and has started raising chickens and goats to add nutritional components to the daily diet of the RG children. A new 1,000-capacity chicken egg incubator is operating under solar power with battery backup. A recently acquired tractor trailer has made possible the harvesting of bumper crops of corn, peanuts, cassava and beans. Currently, we estimate that 70 percent of the food consumed by our children is produced at RG.

More than 3,000 people, including the RG Uganda and America Boards of Directors, attended the dedication to Christ of a 180-bed full-service hospital by the President and First Lady of Uganda. Medical and dental clinics have been operational since 2012; the hospital was fully registered and licensed with the National Medical Council earlier this year.

Back here in the US, I am pleased to tell you that the Restoration Gateway board is, together with the McCalls, hard at work to answer God's call at RG. Our board members live around the country and are continuing their work as ambassadors for RG in their geographic diversity – Massachusetts, Indiana, Texas and Alaska. Staff also is looking to spread the word about the good works in Uganda. If you know of those around the country (and world) that we should meet, please connect us.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find details of our November 12 concert with Amy Grant. We are very fortunate to have Amy join us and offer our thanks to the sponsors who are helping to make this special evening possible. If you don't have your tickets yet, they are going fast, so reach out to the office soon.

In 2016, our dear friend Monika Barnes and her family answered God's call to spend two months as a family at RG. As they touched the lives of so many while in Uganda, Monika describes in an interview with us how God blessed them during their visit.

Over the next decade RG has plans to provide loving homes to more than 300 orphans; a biblical training program for church planters, missionaries and local pastors; a children's camp; a pastoral retreat center for Ugandan pastors; agricultural and

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fishery demonstration projects; a multi-purpose center for worship and biblical teaching; a school for job training and professional skill development; a petrol center; storage building; sports center; conference center; and so much more.

To achieve this growth, we look forward to continued support from our friends, and welcome all new friends who wish to join us. The need is great. Some of our pressing needs are identified below, and we are blessed to be able to present them to you. Please pray for God's leading on your heart as you consider the needs we have identified.

Please enjoy this newsletter. May each of you have a blessed and a beautiful fall season, the happiest Thanksgiving, a joyous Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year.

In His Name and Love,



Brint Patrick

Executive Director, Restoration Gateway – USA



Amy Grant, the recording artist who put Contemporary Christian Music on the map, will perform in concert at Restoration Gateway's annual fundraiser and auction Monday, November 12, 2018 at the Antioch Community Church Auditorium in Waco, Texas. The silent auction begins at 6 p.m.; the concert follows at 7:30 p.m. Grant's 30-plus year career as a singer-songwriter, author, television host and speaker includes more than 30 million albums sold worldwide, six Grammy Awards, 26 Dove Awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, a star on the Music City Walk of Fame and induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. All funds raised will go directly to Restoration Gateway's work in Northern Uganda. A limited number of tickets may still be available. Please call Restoration Gateway at (254) 752-0583.

For Your Consideration: Critical Needs at Restoration Gateway

Friends, we are honored to send this inaugural issue of our new newsletter. As you receive this issue, we will all be looking forward to the fall season, Thanksgiving with our loved ones, and the wonderful celebration of the birth of our Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of you will be making decisions about last minute, end-of-year contributions to support wonderful causes around the world. Your gifts matter, and through the years with God's blessings and your support, much has been accomplished at Restoration Gateway (RG). It is in that spirit that we ask you to consider a year-end gift to RG.

The needs at Restoration Gateway are many. Below are some areas that you might prayerfully consider. If you have any questions, please contact us at (254) 752-0583.

- **Construct and Staff a Petrol Station** – The petrol station is needed to support those who live and work at RG and others in the area. This investment is an excellent tool for empowerment. The station will provide needed services, jobs, and return on revenue that RG will reinvest in other areas.

Sponsor Levels: \$125,000 (Full), \$62,500 (1/2), \$31,250 (1/4)

- **Construct Two Secondary School Buildings for Orphan Children** – A gift of \$50,000 per building will provide for the construction of these important buildings.

Sponsor Levels: \$50,000 (Full), \$25,000 (1/2), \$12,500 (1/4)

- **Construct and Finish Three Classrooms to be Located in the Secondary School Buildings for Orphan Children** –

A gift of \$15,000 per class will allow students to study in a bright and safe environment.

Sponsor Levels: \$15,000 (Full), \$7,500 (1/2), \$3,750 (1/4)



- **Support Vital Roles at Restoration Gateway** – Ugandan nurses, midwives, pharmacists, anesthetists, medical assistants, dental assistants and other trained medical workers are needed at RG. Your gift provides much-needed jobs to these wonderful caregivers who provide quality services to our residents and patients.

Sponsor Levels - \$4,750 (Full Year), \$2,375 (1/2 year), \$1,200 (3 months)

- **Doctors needed!** RG needs to hire two Ugandan doctors and a dentist. These critical roles will help ensure RG can provide quality medical and dental care.

Sponsor Levels - Doctor \$14,000 (Full Year), \$7,000 (1/2 year), \$3,500 (3 months)

Dentist \$8,000 (Full Year), \$4,000 (1/2 year), \$2,000 (3 months)

All support is a blessing. Please use the enclosed envelope or call the RG office at (254) 752-0583 with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

“God Took Us There for a Reason”: A Family’s Restoration Gateway Experience

It was around Christmas time three years ago that Monika Barnes and her husband began to talk about ways they might expose their two sons to missionary work. She says her family enjoys a comfortable life, is active in their church and participates in “small projects” through church and youth groups.

“We want our kids to grow up to be givers and helpers. A selfish life is an empty life.” At that time, their sons were 10 and 13 years old.

Shortly thereafter, Barnes says, “separately, God told both me and my husband to go to Africa.” Her husband remembered that he once had worked with a client who arranged for income from his businesses to be donated to Restoration Gateway (RG). They asked the client for more information and decided to make the call that would change their lives.

She wanted to spend a year there, but that kind of sabbatical was not practical for her husband. The family compromised on two months, leaving as soon as school let out for the summer and returning in time for the start of the new academic year.

“We’re not risky people. We don’t even camp,” Barnes admits. “But we called Restoration Gateway and they said, ‘Yes, come!’ And then suddenly, we’re there!”

Their jobs included everything from teaching English and spelling to filling potholes and other manual labor. In the evenings, they would eat dinner as a group and then return to their rooms to play cards or games and to do devotionals.

The experience, Barnes says, was “absolutely amazing. People have so little, but they smile all day long. They talk to you and when they ask ‘how are you?’ they mean it.” She recalls a woman who worked in the dental office downstairs from their apartment: She had recently had a baby, yet walked three miles to the office each day, carrying the baby while a small child walked beside her. And each evening the trio would walk the same three miles home, in the dark. “She was the happiest person I’ve ever met.”

“They love so deeply of God. It emanates from them. The kids do devotionals ... they sing at the top of their lungs. They are full of the spirit of God all the time.”

“When you get over there, you realize what a broken nation this is. It’s a nation of children,” Barnes added, noting the large number of youngsters orphaned because of violence or AIDS. “(RG founder and Uganda Executive Directors) Tim and Janice (McCall) have dedicated their lives to helping these people. And there’s nothing glamorous about it.”

“We are there to show them love and compassion and to give them the skills to enable them to learn how to succeed in their lives.” She especially appreciates RG’s goal of creating a self-sustaining community with revenue streams sufficient to enable its members to take care of themselves.

Two years have passed since the Barnes family’s experience at Restoration Gateway. They hope to return some day, but for now, work and teenage activities pose challenges. So each year the family donates to RG the money they would be spending on another two-month stay.

“We’ve always felt so blessed,” Barnes says. “But they’re the lucky ones. They live such a simple life. When we got home after two months of simplicity, I thought, ‘this is bizarre.’ My husband was so relaxed in Africa and now here we are back to the stress of work. And I was so overwhelmed on my first trip to a grocery store – we have so much stuff – that I just bought milk and walked out.”

“The people we met in Africa – their stresses are more real, but they handle them so much better. They know that God will provide.”

Barnes understands how difficult it can be to encourage people to focus on challenges faced by those in other countries. “But these people have nothing; how can we not help? If you could just spend one day there, you’d know that God’s work is being done there for sure. He took us there. And he took us there for a reason.”

Her family’s summer at Restoration Gateway was, she says, “the best summer our family has ever had. Everyone should experience something like this. It changes your perspective 180 degrees. You can’t come back to this life unchanged.”



The Barnes family at Restoration Gateway: From left, Robby, Monika, Mason (in front) and Miller. “This experience will stay with them for the rest of their lives,” Monika Barnes says of her sons’ two months there.



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Restoration Gateway's vision is to develop a Christ-centered, model community that will foster God's heart for physical and spiritual restoration among the people of war-torn Uganda. Seven hundred acres of land overlooking the Nile in Northern Uganda are being developed into a holistic, reproducible community through Orphan Care, Health Care, Empowerment and Ministry to the Church.



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