

I am just back from 7 weeks with our girls in Moroto, Uganda. What a great time!!! I got a wonderful welcome from them dressed in their traditional Karamajong gear and I was even outfitted myself!!

They had changed in so many ways – height, width!!, character and communication! It was marvelous to be able to interact more with them due to their improved English along with a new boldness and confidence. I was told I was not washing my hands well enough several times!!!



Achievements

In the 7 weeks a **new storeroom** has been built adjoining our kitchen to hold charcoal for cooking, garden tools and jerry and watering cans for the garden. This is to protect everything from the weather and also to keep them out of sight.

We put up **mosquito mesh** from New Zealand over all our windows and doors. The girls loved this and also helping to do it. They are amazing ... you only need to show them something once and they've got it.

We **cleaned our guttering** and our water tank so our water will be fresh.

We **planted over 50 more fruit trees** and bushes and flowers.



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We **named our building** – Alakara Home. “Alakara” in Karamajong means “thank you” but also carries the sense of safety, protection, joy, and well-being. This is what we want for the girls of Alakara.

The inside also had some **artwork** added by the girls.



I have also moved the girls to **another Primary School** in Moroto – Kasimeri. This school has great results. The current school over the road from us has struggled to get teachers and so often the students are left to their own devices in classes. I even taught a math class one day!!!!

I decided we only have one shot at giving our girls a good go at education. They are so happy about the change even if it means walking nearly half an hour at 6am to get there!! They want to learn.

The **girls have a great reputation** – a neighbour said to me how the girls had changed in a year. She said they used to be wild but now they are kind!!

The Pastor of the church they go to can’t believe their change either – they voluntarily help around the church cleaning etc and they are so happy!

I’m so proud of our girls. In my talks with them they were so happy to be in Alakara Home but the one thing they were sad about was the suffering of the people outside our fence. They knew what it was like to live on the street, look for food in the rubbish and to have no-one who cared.

I suggested they might like to miss a meal and take the food to the needy people in the village next to us. They clapped and were so happy to be able to do this. They were fantastic. They missed a lunch and visited 7 blind grandmothers who had no one to help them and gave them their food. The grandmothers were so grateful; the girls so happy to do it that now they will do it every fortnight!!

They are compassionate and are giving back already.

My Boasting Corner!!





How to help:

1) **GIVE TO PROJECT MOROTO** either by lump sum payments or by setting up recurring monthly payments.

50/50 - If 50 people gave \$50 per month (10 coffees – nothing!) we would cover our annual budget.

Our Bank Account is:

Building for Education

123049 0124008 01

ASB Bank, Blockhouse Bay.

SWIFT CODE ASBBNZ2A

All donations are eligible for tax deductions. Please email me (jaynebaileynz@hotmail.com) with your name and address if you wish to receive a receipt.

100% of funds raised go to the project.

For giving from overseas please access the donation option on our website www.projectmoroto.com.

2) **COME TO ALAKARA HOME**

We are open to receive visitors. In the last few months we have had Suzanne from the UK and Bridget and Tash from Christchurch, NZ. The girls love meeting people from outside Moroto. If this is of interest please contact me at jaynebaileynz@hotmail.com.

You can keep in touch with us by following us on our facebook page www.facebook/projectmoroto

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Our Dream List

- 1) Have **our own bore hole** in our compound so we can have access to water continually. Currently we line up with all the other villagers but we need at least 40-50 jerry cans twice a day to water our garden and for washing and cooking. This takes literally hours!! Also with our own bore hole we could work out a satisfactory irrigation system for our garden. We have had our land tested and we have abundant water. Cost: **NZ\$4,000.**
- 2) **Buy a mini-van!!!** Firstly so we don't need to travel with the girls on the back of a lorry!!! Secondly and primarily we could have a taxi business which could bring in a very good income for Alakara Home helping to make us self-sufficient. This venture would also provide employment opportunities for our girls in the future. We would be open to an interest free loan to fund this – repayment within 1-2 years. Cost: **NZ\$25,000.**
- 3) **Build another dormitory building.** In a year we will have 5 girls possibly having to go boarding for High School. This is the norm for Africa ... sadly ... as I want them to stay home. If they go we may fill their bunks with new girls but will need another space for them to come home in the holidays. Cost: **NZ\$30,000.**
- 4) **Purchase more land** just behind us to possibly provide safe dormitory living for boys, or more girls. Cost yet to be ascertained.
- 5) **TEACHER AND/OR BUSINESS PERSON/S** – Would love a Math Teacher who would like to do some tutoring in Africa!!! Also a business person who could help set up our “Alakara Bus” business. Remuneration: **JOY AND FULFILMENT!!**