



Beatrice's HOPE

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Field trip to Kasese

During the fall school break, all the girls living at the Blue House were treated to a study trip to Kasese, on the western edge of Uganda. This 600-kilometer round trip was well beyond their home Kazo area, and an opportunity to see Queen Elizabeth National Park and other memorable sites in their own country. The older girls wrote a report, which is referenced in the description and photo captions. The matrons, board chairman, and the director also made the trip, which left at 4:00 am and returned late that same night.

The girls ended their report: "In conclusion, the day was very fantastic since we saw very many things... we had never seen. Thank you very much." Director Gloria said in her monthly report, "Big thanks to the American Board and the donors for your continuous support to the girls and for allowing them to go for a trip. May God bless you always." 🏠



Ovia and the girls experienced the heated stones and eerie fog of the Kitagata Hot Springs. They learned that the springs are believed to have healing powers, and "attract tourists, hence foreign exchange," providing income for the people in the district.



At Lake Katwe, a guide (in white hat) explained how salt is collected from the reddish brown water, which "contains hydrochloric acid and therefore does not support aquatic life except microscopic living organisms."



Although the Blue House is just miles from the Equator, this was the girls' first time to cross it, necessitating a typical tourist photo. "The Europeans came to the Equator, which made us happy."



Baboons on the road in Queen Elizabeth National Park, where the girls also saw monkeys, hippos, "elephants, Ugandan kob, buffalo and rhinos," and other Ugandan wildlife they'd never seen or been so close to before.

From the girls' report:

What a colourful day it was as we travelled from Kazo through Iganda, Mbarara, Bushenyi, Rubirizi to Kasese district.

The annual guardians' visit

From Director Gloria Merab's report

The girls were so happy to see their relatives. They had asked about having this meeting. It's very important for guardians to meet with their daughters and give them some piece of advice. They brought food gifts for the girls. The matooke they carried made a meal.

We also invited the district probation officer to talk to the girls and guardians. She counseled them and the girls confessed that they give books little time and that they will improve this term and over concentrate on their studies for a bright future. The guardians had time to counsel their daughters and even discuss their educational performance.

The guardians were so thankful to the funders for supporting their daughters. One of their comments was **“our daughters look healthy and grown up compared to when they joined Blue House.”** 🏠



Some of the donations from the guardians included bread, fruit, groundnuts, avocados, sugarcane, and matooke bananas.



Director Gloria Merab, standing, updates the girls' guardians during their annual visit to the Blue House.



District probation officer Abaho Fortunata, right, spoke to the older girls about expectations, rights, peer pressure, and becoming responsible young women. She also addressed the guardians.



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Barbara, Sylvia, Patience and Christine peeling fresh cassava, a common source of food carbohydrates in the tropics, grown at the Blue House..

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By Pat Mack

Once again preparations are underway for the Blue House Boutique and it's all hands on deck as we invite you to share your time, talent, and treasure.

Are you a knitter, sewer, weaver, jewelry maker, potter, or a creative of any kind? Would you like to share your talent by donating your handmade items to a worthy cause? Please contact Pat Mack (mackfamily@yahoo.com) or Minnie Weins (minnie.b.wiens@gmail.com).

Should you wish to volunteer your time to help during the Boutique (Dec. 1-2) please contact Linda Lopez (lindablopez@gmail.com). We guarantee our volunteers have more fun than imaginable!

And of course we'd love for you to share your treasure as a shopper and lunch guest. We have extended our Saturday hours to 4:00 and lunch will be served from 11:00-1:30 on Saturday.

So whether you are sharing your talent, time or treasure know that there is deep appreciation for your contribution. For without you the Boutique would not be a success. 🏠



Appreciations & Ovations

Pascal Ngoboka, US Board member, who visited the Blue House Uganda, at right.

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church for their Special Ministry Grant of \$3200 to fund the purchase and installation of solar system so the girls can have reliable electricity.

All of the supporters and volunteers who so kindly donated their time, energy, and money towards the success and enjoyment of our fall fundraising events.

■ **Blue House BBQ Donors:** Eversharp Knives in Minneapolis, for \$500 to cover the cost of the meat; ABC Rentals for tables and chairs; and Grill Masters: Dan Colvin, Pascal Ngoboka, Dr. Samuel Baidoo; and Mary Jo Colvin for their aprons. Also organizers Jim and Siobhán Colvin. See photos page 4 and more on the website.

■ **Lost Forester Runs at Pine Valley:** Organizer Tim Krohn; sponsors, Hunt Electric Corp., and Premiere Theaters, and other local businesses and organizations; and 69 awesome runners, and 14 volunteers.



Adults who care—
 Front: Matron Agnes Twikirize, and Director Muhimbise Merab Gloria, with US Board member Pascal Ngoboka, and Evalyne (daughter of Provia Natukunda, far right, of Ugandan Board) and Matron Zipporah Matene. Back: Sewing Principal Musime Viterno, and Ugandan Board Chair Rwebembera Stephen.



Grillmaster Dan Colvin with prizewinning ribs.



Lost Forester Runs of Pine Valley: Chad Erickson finished the 5K, and Brian Krohn heralded his arrival.



At the inaugural Blue House BBQ, diners sampled ribs from three grillmasters and enjoyed savory side dishes. See page 3.



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The Blue House girls enjoyed a field trip to western Uganda. At Kazinga Channel, which connects Lake Edward to Lake George, the girls took a short boat ride. See page 1.

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