



The kids from Remnant Christian School during their program they put on for us. The two girls on the far right in the front row are the ones that I want to get a letter to.



16 bunk beds, 32 mattresses, and they are attempting to put 2.5 tons of concrete underneath the bunk beds.



This is one of many women, and children, that were seen begging at car windows. Most of them have a handler that takes anything they might get.

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which was beautiful, we handed out Jenga games and giant checker games on rug mats. Pastor Phil explained that these can be used as teaching tools and they can recreate them to sell and make some extra income. I played checkers with Pastor Daniel. It is really weird to think about, that I played checkers, a game I always played when I was young, in a hut in the middle of a forest in the middle of Uganda, Africa. He had never played before and seemed to really enjoy it. I lost...barely.

Sunday was the next day. We went to church at Rock of Joy and spent the day with Pr. Steve and his family. I met Allan's wife and two-year-old daughter. Allan was very proud to show Shirley and I his home. It was a small square room, a bed in the corner, a couch, television, and cabinet. It was small but compared to other homes I had seen in the village it was very nice and he had a right to be proud of it. Sunday is always a day to relax and visit with the kids and families during the trips. It was a good thing too, the next day we were headed to the locations that were the furthest away.

Monday we had about a

three-hour drive, with a stop at the Equator to do some touristy photos. We visited two schools this day, Jireh Primary School and Alpha Learning Center. Concrete was a big expense during this trip and so were unexpected repairs on the van. Having six people and 1,000 pounds of concrete in one van driving a barely-there road seems to have consequences on the van's functionality.

We were invited to taste the water from the well that provides water for the school and the surrounding villagers and it surprised me how much it tasted like bottled water. This is a great thing to have for these kids and to share with the villagers as most people in the area drink dirty water that could have thousands of diseases in it. Jireh also provides schooling to the children of the community that they otherwise wouldn't have in their area.

We visited the piece of land that CII bought two years ago to become part of the Jireh Primary School. A common practice in Uganda is to make bricks from the soil and use concrete as a mortar. There is already a pile of bricks built up on this land that will be a new classroom within the next year. The land also has quite a few mango trees that can feed and fund the schools. Allan



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