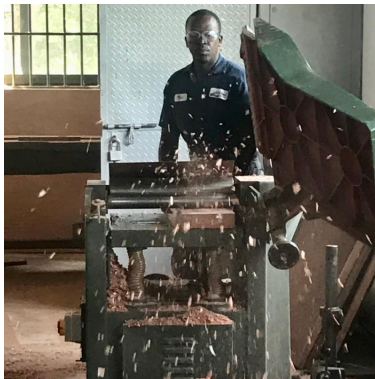




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LIFE IN UGANDA SINCE MY RETURN

I am sitting in the library on our Jogo campus where our six courses in the Vocational Institute are underway; listening to the tailoring teacher talk (she has a loud voice); smelling the food cooking in the catering room and feeling the vibrations of the carpentry machines.



Why am I writing today? To share my appreciation - for you, our donors and for all that is happening in my small, special corner of the world.

Here is what I believe - I believe we are experiencing a chaotic world and struggling with feeling powerless. And yet you, and so many people the world over, are gathering in social action endeavors to help unburden the lives of others. I believe with all my heart that is why you have donated so generously to Connect Africa. You have learned to trust us to act on your behalf, in this small country, in our small area, to help those who are terribly less fortunate.

Something to make you smile!

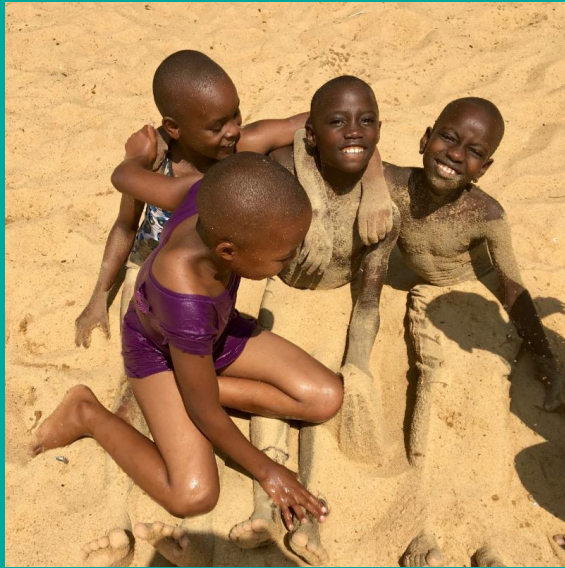


While I often feel overwhelmed by the need in the world, I **always feel immense gratitude** for the resources you have helped us provide in Uganda.

"Best Outing to Lake Victoria ever",
said the 75 students who attended. Perhaps what made it so special was the amount of food and soda consumed?!?

Or maybe it was the annual camp fire where the older students took over the

discussion. First we honored our primary school graduates, nine in all. All performed remarkably well, four of the nine are going to the best secondary schools in Uganda.



Then the conversation that lasted till midnight began with the question: What were student's goals for 2019? Many stood up stating their goals.

Then someone suggested they create a motto for the year. Many stood up stating their motto.

Then 14 mottos were discussed. The students voted, choosing the top three.

Then the three whose mottos remained stood up to advocate for their motto.

Then the students lined up behind their chosen motto. The winner!

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The process they went through was beyond my imagination. I loved how our students took over the camp fire discussion, included everyone and created a motto that covers all bases. For me, the initiative, the inclusivity, the creativity, the commitment were a work of art!

Charles, all our students and families await the day when you will come see the good that is coming from your donations. Our beautiful Guest House awaits you!

Again and again, from the fullness of my heart I thank you for your trust, for your help and for our success in this small part of the world.

Always,
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