



Sustainable Education Economics and Engineering (SeeMe.Org)

The next SeeMe trip to Uganda will be in July 2014. You are invited to participate by joining the travel team, helping to prepare projects, or by donations. Team members do not have to have any particular skill to participate, just a desire to be involved working with people from a different culture to help improve their quality of life.

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Team members with children and staff at the Lira Babies' Home orphanage (birth to three years)

Background

During the past seven years the SEEE Institute has fielded teams involving more than 100 volunteers to conduct hands-on implementation of projects at orphanages and schools in Uganda, East Africa. A total of 12 trips have been made to 11 remote villages affecting over 3000 children. Substantial progress has been made in areas of sustainable public health, education, small business, and physical facilities.

SeeMe volunteers worked in Uganda, East Africa for three weeks in May/June 2013.

The team worked for three weeks at six rural orphanages, schools, and communities where they provided assistance affecting over 1000 children and youth. The projects included installing solar power and lights at the Nancy School for the Deaf; constructing professional quality recreation equipment at five locations; evaluating the irrigation system in Gulu that had been successfully installed during a previous trip; repairing equipment at the Lira Babies' Home orphanage; eye testing and distributing reading glasses at the Lira Okole Parish Women's Cooperative; working with children with a variety of disabilities at Bussi Island and other locations; and participating in educational and recreational activities with children and youth at all locations. Girls' and women's health seminars were held at all locations. Without exception the people expressed their gratefulness for the contributions and the love demonstrated by the team, and they wish to express their thanks to everyone who so generously support the ongoing efforts.



LIGHTS ON!! at the Nancy School for the Deaf. The school serves over 300 boys and girls with hearing disabilities. Solar panels, batteries, and 16 lights were installed. During previous trips solar power, lights and a solar pump have been installed at eight other locations.



On this trip swings were implemented at Bussi Island, Nancy School for the Deaf, Lira Babies' Home orphanage, Katali School, and Okole Women's Cooperative and School. In total, 29 swings (84 seats) have been installed at 22 locations during our trips. Teeter-totters and other recreational equipment have also been installed.



Girls' and women's health seminars/workshops were conducted involving them in discussions of health and reproductive issues. Ten seminars have been conducted during our trips involving more than 300 women and girls.



A reading glasses clinic was conducted at the Okole Parish Women's Cooperative. More than 100 pairs of glasses were distributed. Reading glasses are desperately needed so the women can continue to create and sell crafts to support their families. During our trips we have conducted clinics at six locations and distributed more than 800 reading glasses.



Children perform traditional dances for us at most of the places we visit. At Byana Mary Hill orphanage school, our team reciprocated by teaching them disco dancing. Afterward everyone joined in with their own interpretation and had a great time!



Without the monthly sanitary protection of reusable pads, girls miss a week out of each month's schooling resulting in a high dropout rate. The team delivered over a hundred "Soft Power" kits for girls containing pads, underwear, and laundry soap. The kits are being produced by a women's sewing group in Logan, UT.

On this trip to Bussi Island, shown above, a women's sewing group was organized with the delivery of two treadle sewing machines to sew reusable sanitary pads. The team provided starter kits containing sewing supplies, material and patterns. They conducted seminars to teach the teens and women how to sew the pads. Our long range vision is to foster sustainable projects.

For the last three years during our trips, we have visited 7 locations where we have organized similar women's groups, have donated 10 treadle sewing machines, and have delivered hundreds of "Soft Power" kits for the girls.



We always take a variety of educational materials, games, and recreation equipment. One of the highlights of the trips is the interaction with the children.

During each trip we take three days for sightseeing including a safari and a Nile River trip.

