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*Caring for children around the world*

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## WATOTO: Rescue Raise Rebuild

*Kampala and Gulu, Uganda, Africa*



*Watoto Church Central Congregation*



*Baby Watoto Intake*

The **Watoto Church**, located in the heart of Kampala, was once a place for torture; evidence was still on the walls and floors when Pastor Gary first viewed the building. However, rather than see the despair, he saw the potential for a new place of hope and vision: to rescue, raise, and rebuild. The vision has been captured by the leaders of small groups, directors of departments of the baby, children and women's centers and by the 8000 congregants attending the 5 services each Saturday and Sunday at the Central campus. Healing and transformation has been brought to the city and the nation as each one has reached out and touched others with the love of Jesus.

**WATOTO VISIT:** from March 12-22 Mardell and

Linda, Sunday Line administrator and bookkeeper, along with their husbands Dan and Jamie, visited Watoto.

As we visited the church in Kampala, the villages and centers and viewed the sustainability projects throughout Uganda, we experienced first-hand the commitment of the Watoto family, the unity of vision, their passion for excellent, Christ centered service to rescue, raise and rebuild. Our own lives have been enriched and challenged and forever changed!

### **BULRUSHES AND BABY WATOTO GULU**

Rescue begins with homeless infants brought into the sensibly apportioned facilities where they

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# HEAVEN IS FOR REAL

Key Scripture: Revelation 19:6-9

*"Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: 'Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready.'"*

This is the event which every Christian has been waiting for: the final union between Jesus and His chosen bride. It is the wedding scene between Jesus and His Church.

This month I would like to give you 7 reasons why I believe in a place called heaven.

## **1. I believe in heaven because we have been betrothed to Jesus.**

When we invite Jesus into our lives, an actual marriage takes place. A Jewish betrothal was considered much more binding than our present day engagement which we celebrate in our culture. The betrothed couple was for all intents and purposes already looked upon as being married.

This was the case for Joseph who was betrothed to Mary. You will recall that Joseph had a real dilemma when he found out that Mary was already pregnant with the baby Jesus, and was considering divorcing her until the angel

came and explained to Joseph that the Holy Spirit had come upon Mary. Any infidelity during this period could actually lead to divorce.

## **2. I believe in heaven because Jesus paid the price for my sin.**

The prophet Isaiah, looking forward hundreds of years, has this to say about the Messiah who was to come: Isaiah 53:5 **"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."**

At the cross Jesus took our sin and paid the price so that we could be saved. As the Bridegroom, Jesus paid the dowry price, not in shining silver or yellow gold, but He paid for His bride with crimson drops of blood. In the ancient near east when a person owing a debt had paid the debt in full, he would take the bill and nail it on his front door and write over it *"Tetestalai"* (it is finished) declaring to all who would pass by that the debt had been paid.

## **3. I believe in heaven because Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for me.** (John 14:2)

In Jesus' departure speech Jesus made it clear that He was returning to His Father's House to prepare a home for His bride. When Jesus comes for us, He will bring His holy angels with Him to collect His bride.

## **4. I believe in heaven because we are included in the wedding.**

The imagery of marriage occurs frequently in both the Old and the New Testaments. Many of Jesus' parables centered around a wedding (Matt. 22:2-14; Mark 2:19-20). The apostle Paul made use of this imagery in 2 Corinthians 11:2 and Ephesians 5:25-33.

The bride includes everyone who has entered into a covenant relationship with Jesus. We belong to Him as His bride, He is ours and He will never leave us.

**5. I believe in heaven because Jesus has given us His Spirit to prepare us.**

Rev. 19:7b tells us: **"For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."**

The wedding garments were customarily provided by the host who gave the feast. Even so, Jesus has provided the church with wedding attire which the bride is to wear. We have been washed by His precious blood, and while we are waiting for the bridegroom, the Holy Spirit is washing us and cleansing us with the Word of God (Ephesians 5:25-26).

**6. I believe in heaven because God has placed eternity in our hearts.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11b: **"He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end."**

While the Eastern wedding feast might last for a week or more, the wedding feast of the Lamb will continue throughout eternity. Jesus made it very clear that heaven is real. He testified that He had come from heaven and that there was only one way for anyone to get to it, and that He was the only way. God makes it clear that a Day of Judgment is coming. The one thing that all mankind will experience, barring the rapture, is death. It comes to the good and the bad.

Death is sudden. Death is uninvited. Death is certain. No one puts death on their calendar

Jesus spoke of hell 33 times and described its horrors in graphic detail. In Luke 16:19-31 Jesus gives a specific story about a poor beggar named Lazarus and a rich man, who had both died. Lazarus went to a place of bliss called

Abraham's Bosom while the rich man went to hell, to a place of torment. Many of you know the story. The rich man couldn't get someone to bring him a drop of water because there was a great gulf between them.

The Bible is very clear as to who will enter into heaven's gates.

Revelation 21:27: **"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."**

The Lamb's Book of Life records the names of everyone who has repented and placed their faith in Jesus' atoning work at Calvary's cross.

**7. I believe in heaven because the tomb is empty (Luke 24: 1-7).**

Without the resurrection we would have to believe in a dead god, and nobody wants to place their faith into the hands of a dead god. There are many religions in the world that have done precisely that.

When John Wesley, the father of the Methodists lay dying in his room in London, England, he hardly spoke a word, but in one last effort just before He passed into eternity, he marshalled all the strength he could and said these famous last words:

**"The best of all is, God is with us."**

Yes, dearly beloved: that will be our message throughout the ages!

*Thank you for your continued financial support towards this ministry as we reach out to the needy children in this world.*

***Blessings and love in  
Christ our beloved  
Bridegroom,***

*Pastor Roman*



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are forever adopted into the Watoto family and receive the loving care and nurture they need to develop into healthy young children.

### RESTORATION TO DIGNITY: GULU

“A place will not be defined by the past but by the future,” commented our 24-year-old guide, Adrian, as he began to show us around the Laminadera children’s village. This area of Gulu, close to the Sudan border, is known for the devastating war tragedies that took place when, for 20 years, the Lord’s Resistance Army ravaged the area. Women were deprived of life; childhood was stolen. Women were abducted and often mutilated, forced to service the soldiers. Four-year-old boys were kidnapped from the streets and taught to be killing machines beginning with their own parents.

Former child soldiers have now become part of a supportive family unit, have discovered a new identity, and have found acceptance and God’s love and peace. “I live a miracle. I see life every day,” emphatically states 28-year-old Pastor Victor as he looks across the village. “The children learn they have a part to play, to be clean because there is water in their house, to not throw garbage, to be disciplined, to be an agent of change wherever they go. They are taught to have integrity, to develop good habits, to be honest and moral. This brings life to the nation and to them as individuals.”

At the Living Hope center for women, restoration to dignity is taking place. With supportive programs and educational training, healing and new significance has been made available to more than 1000 women. “They are becoming leaders and business women in their communities – they have their lives back,” says director Brenda. As I walked among the group of ladies sewing giraffes for tourism purposes, in answer to my question: “How has it been for you to be here at Living Hope?”, all three immediately answered: “My life has been completely changed. It is totally different.”

### SPONSOR HOME VISIT

“You are welcome” was repeated over and



*From top to bottom: Adrian with Watoto children; Career training at the Living Hope Centre; Laminadera classroom; Sunday Line’s sponsored family*

over with sincerity as we entered each shop, each home, and each village. The definite highlight was visiting our Sunday Line sponsored family in the village of Suubi, meaning ‘hope’. Thirteen different traditional dishes were prepared for us as we were welcomed into their modest home, where artwork created by the children graced the walls. After dinner, we gifted the family with various sport’s balls. Soon we were outside tossing the dodge balls, kicking the soccer ball and demonstrating how to throw an American football. Within moments, 45 children from the surrounding cluster of 8 homes joined us in the central grassed area.