

UGANDA: Benefit fundraiser is set for May 18

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of the Good Samaritan School, met us and took us to the market in Kampala. We shopped for food for the huge community celebration that we would be having the following Saturday,” said Sisters High School health teacher Heather Johnson. “They had already purchased a huge bull that will be feeding 2,000 people! We wanted it to be a celebration that would be similar to their traditional festivals.”

On Tuesday the team traveled to Kiwangala, which is about a four-hour drive across the equator.

“We interacted with the students and played sports and visited the classrooms. Sports are very important to the kids, just like in Sisters. It was just a mob everywhere you went, they were so happy to see us, and they all went to such detail on their presentation with their clothing; they have such pride in their appearance,” said Johnson.

On Wednesday morning Johnson met all of the

teachers on campus, women and men.

“I discussed health education, proper hygiene, and the distribution of the menstrual kits with all of them,” Johnson said. “The female students had no idea why they even have a monthly period, but were so pleased and grateful for the menstrual kits. They are void of any knowledge about their bodies. They are way behind us in receiving health education. The teachers were very open to learning about how to teach health education to their students.”

Pallister relates his experience during the eight days he spent at Good Samaritan School in Kiwangala:

“I really enjoyed interacting with students and teachers. They were so eager to engage with us, and they treated us not only with respect, but with the kind of caring you would expect from a long-term friendship. Even though we have very different cultures, this experience showed me how similar human aspirations are: we all want security, love, community, and good futures for our children. The people I met showed me that, even in difficult situations, it is possible

to find happiness.”

Hunter, an eighth-grader at SMS, who is Pallister’s son, was also was part of the Project Uganda team.

“The kids were so happy even though they had every reason in the world not to be,” he said.

During the celebration week, the 1,200 students were all separated out into house teams. It was an event for the whole week; they had quizzes, debates and sporting events like net ball and volleyball. Each team gathered points all week, and on Saturday, the celebration day; it all came to a finale.

“We started Saturday morning and the students did a 5K run in their new shoes and a relay race and much more. All of the 1,200 kids participated, and the fastest runners got Outlaw shirts!” Johnson said.

“We left Kiwangala on Tuesday and went on a three-day safari to Murchison Falls National Park, and it was actually hard for us to leave the school, but I am glad we went on the safari because we got to see part of Africa in its most primitive state. It was



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Sisters High School health teacher Heather Johnson with some students in Kiwangala, Uganda.

like being in the Garden of Eden,” Johnson said.

“Everywhere we went the Ugandan people stole your heart... We went there to do service work and I was the one who was served, I was the one who was taught, I was the one who was blessed and I was the one who has undergone the biggest soul shift of my life,” said Johnson.

“Next year when we take the journey to Uganda again, we will be going the vocational route with these students; we want to teach

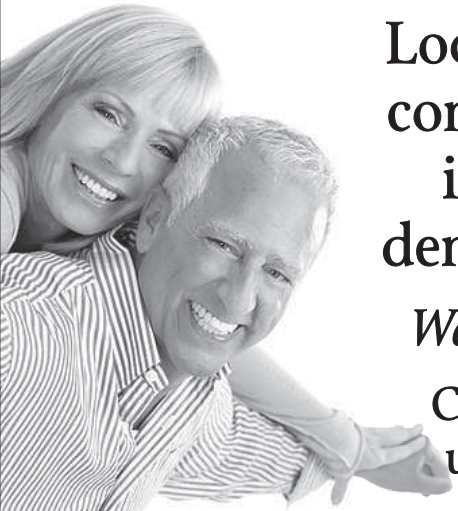
them how to be carpenters, seamstresses, mechanics or whatever skills they can use because when they graduate from the school, they have nowhere to go because they don’t have the money to go to college.”

The Sisters community is invited to a fundraiser benefit for Uganda at The Belfry on May 18 at 6 p.m. The Project Uganda team will be there along with Osborn Muyanja, director of the Good Samaritan School in Kiwangala.



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Casey Pallister (center) and his son, Hunter, giving new shoes to Osborn Muyanja in Kiwangala, Uganda.



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