



"...but I love you..." Kim's words went deep.

In 2008 our team of Canadian volunteers had met the precious Ongutoi returnees for another major public gathering when we shared with them some basic farm tools and seeds to help them rebuild their lives. As I panned the tired audience, faces of all ages looked to us in anticipation. Twenty years of war had drained every ounce of optimism from their lives and now in desperation, they were clinging to small gifts of seeds we brought.

I will never forget the desperation I experienced that day. Hiding behind the viewfinder of my camera, I began to cry, struggling to remain in control of my emotions as their reality touched me deep within. Every one here had suffered beyond my comprehension, and it seemed so wrong to allow myself the luxury of personal concern. I have also discovered when such pain is overwhelming, its time to cry out to HIM! And I did. I simply said *"God, please put something in my hands to help them-I do not want to come back here without giving them what they need (which they requested 2 years earlier)...a health center!* As you know by now, He did put something in our hands for them -and its growing!

Now, 4 short years later as Uganda's media asked us why we expand and improve the centre's facilities every year, our response is the same **"...but we love Ongutoi"**. Sometimes no other response will do.

WOMAN OF THE CENTURY

Kim Phuc emerged on to the world stage in 1972 as a victim of the Viet Nam war. Badly burned and left for dead in a morgue, 9-year old Kim was miraculously revived and went on to endure years of restoration, starting with the napalm-burns that destroyed much of her skin, committing her to years of therapy and surgery, ultimately resulting in a life of pain and susceptibility to much more.



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DOCTOR'S RESIDENCE CONSTRUCTION



SCIENCE BUILDING IN NAKYESSA



WATER BORE HOLE EQUIPMENT

Years after her conversion to Jesus and ultimate spiritual healing, Kim has received a long list of documented awards and degrees, among which is her role as a UNESCO goodwill ambassador. But her most prized possession is her new heart (motivation) that came from forgiving her attackers. She now takes her pain-forgiveness message- across the world into communities where she encourages millions to become free through their choices! But Kim does more than talk.

In 2005 Kim provided us with a **water bore hole drilling equipment** for Ugandan communities in need, followed by the provision of a **secondary school building** in Nakyessa, an area where LRA war victims fled for refuge, and then as we moved to help other war victims of Ongutoi, Kim stood strong again. This time she provided an operating theatre for our Ongutoi Health Centre.

AND NOW, she sat across the table from us at our gala fund raising dinner with husband Toan, smiling gracefully. Years of pain and personal discouragement are not evident on her beautiful face. Marty and I together expressed how honored we were that High Adventure would enjoy partnership with her. In true Kim Phuc fashion, her words are few but hold much strength. She had just battled thousands of travel miles (Brazil to France to Canada in two weeks), recent illness and a combined tiredness that cannot be appreciated unless experienced, to attend our dinner as guest speaker. And now her simple response to Marty and I stopped my thought process with her words...**"but I love you"!**

BIGGEST SURPRISE

Only moments later as Kim addressed a hushed audience, capturing hearts and minds with her sweet humor, soft Vietnamese accent and deeply convicting testimony, Kim openly expressed her love for High Adventure and her concern for the recovering returnees in Ongutoi. But Kim's words

bear weight because they are accompanied by action. Kim excitedly shared the news she was donating \$10,000 to the Recovery Building project!

At the end of this spectacular evening, we met even more exciting news...the grace of God and generosity of so many kind people resulted in total gifts of \$31,240...well on our way to the \$40,000 goal.

NOT DONE YET

Less than 48 hours later and still buoyed by this provision, Marty and I went to church where met by a good friend who pressed a cheque into Marty's hands with the explanation she felt led to give this. She was not at our fund raiser and not aware of the need so Marty simply asked if we could apply it towards the unmet need, explaining "we are about \$10,000 short of goal at this point" to which our friend simply replied "**not any longer**". Looking down in disbelief, Marty saw a cheque for \$10,000. In what seemed one moment, the entire need for \$40,000 was met. It is now so clear the Lord had prepared hearts and circumstances for a miraculous convergence that excited us here, but will soon initiate recovery in many lives within the Ongutoi area of Uganda. Our Ugandan workers rejoiced when Ken shared this news!

REMEMBER

Trying to fully appreciate the chain of events, my mind went back to 2009 when I begged God to put something in our hands for Ongutoi. He did then and He does now-I can again hear His heartbeat for them..."**but I love Ongutoi**"...sometimes that is the response **and** the reason!

Marty and I expect to be in Ongutoi just before Christmas, and when we share this news with Ongutoi village leaders, we anticipate their response will be the same, as they receive this unexpected good news..."**but He loves us**"...there can be no other response. Giving done God's way does that!



ONGUTOI OPERATING THEATRE



KIM FOUNDATION DONATES \$10,000

CHRISTMAS

As we consider the days in front of us, I would encourage you to hesitate for just a moment and consider the potential impact of your gift giving this year. As you pray about where to give, I would simply ask you to pray about some of the needs on our Christmas List of Life this year. Why not join us in blessing someone you don't know this year...simply because we choose to love - **as He loves!**

Our global High Adventure team (Canada-USA-Israel-Africa) trusts God will give you an enjoyable Christmas seasonal celebration, together with a fresh awareness that you are in His centre-vision...**because He loves you!**
Merry Christmas and a truly prosperous New Year in Christ!

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