



Dear Greg - The Door Company

The air is filled with so many emotions as we enter the final week before we embark on what we believe will be the trip of our lives on Sunday, July 31, 2016. We are so excited to arrive in Jinja, Uganda to start the work that we have been called to do and finally meet Sharon, the children and the women and men in the village who care for them.

When we started on this journey back in January, 2016, we thought, "Wouldn't it be great if we could collect some donations and raise a little bit of money for the children & Arise and Shine Uganda?" NEVER ~ EVER, in our wildest dreams or imagination, did we anticipate the overwhelming support that we ultimately received over the last 7 months from our friends, family and local businesses. With this being said, we are so humbled, beyond words, by your warm, kind hearts. The children of Uganda are truly blessed to have you all in their lives!

We thought it only fitting that we provide you with a final update on the success of both events.

From the beginning, Women on a Mission aimed to raised around \$10,000.00 at the golf tournament and a few bags of clothing, school supplies and diapers at the baby shower. I am very pleased to announce that through your generosity, donations (cash & Kind), sponsorships and participation at the golf tournament and Baby Shower, we have more than exceeded our conservative target! A total of \$30,208.00 has been raised (minus a few misc. expenses)! In addition to the money raised, we have received over 1200 pounds of donations (clothing, shoes, diapers, supplies, toys etc.). TRULY UNBELIEVABLE!

ON July 9th, 2016 we shipped over 500 lbs. of donations (thanks to the generosity of my sister Cathy Brassard and Air Canada) to Entebbe, where the shipment was successfully received by Sharon. On July 31st, the remainder of donations will be transported with us on our journey through Montreal, Brussels and on to our final destination, Entebbe, Africa.

We are also happy to inform you that some of the money raised is already hard at work! A desperately needed concrete floor will be installed in the school in the next month or so, NO MORE DIRT FLOORS AND NO MORE JIGGERS in the children's feet! All thanks to all of you :-)

Of course, there is a lot of work yet to be done! Once we arrive in Uganda, there will be the enormous task of organizing and finding a place for all of the donations, helping the Mama's at the orphanage and of course getting to know the children. Something we are very excited to be part of!



Arise & Shine

Finally, in addition to helping the children of Uganda, we thought it was equally important to help out our friends and family who suffered enormous and devastating losses in Fort McMurray, Alberta. We are so excited to let you know that **we will be making a donation to the Red Cross in the amount of \$4,300.00** to help the residents of Fort McMurray rebuild their lives. Because the government of Canada will be matching all donations, dollar for dollar, our donation will translate to \$8,600.00! Great job everyone!

On behalf of all of the Women on a Mission, including Helen, Karen, Lisa, Michelle and I, we would like to thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts, for taking this journey with us. We couldn't have done this without you.

Whenever possible (if we are able to get internet access), I will be posting photo's and updates while we are in Uganda on Facebook. If you would like to receive the updates, please friend me on Facebook. My Facebook name is **Linda Brassard** (my profile picture is Vic, the girls and I).

TOGETHER ~ WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

God Bless you all ~ please pray for the children, the Mama's and of course the Women on a Mission!

Sincerely,

Women on a Mission



(This is Helen delivering all of the goods to Air Canada Cargo)