

Beatrice's Hope

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Join Us May 13-14 for the Spring Boutique and Bake Sale

Just in time for Mother's and Father's Day giving, HMI is holding this Special Event to benefit the girls of The Blue House in Uganda. The Hope Crafters have created lots of new hand-made items...unique greeting cards, fancy tea cozies, one-of-a-kind purses, aromatic bath salts, soothing eye pillows, aprons, baby items, pretty

scarves, the world's best dish rags, and more. The Hope Cooks will prepare scrumptious take-home treats for Mom, Dad and kidlets. There will be nutritious goodies and fluffy beds for the family pet. And please don't miss the lovely botanical gifts designed by the Hope Florists... great gifts for someone special, and that includes you!

Come to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue, St. Paul on Saturday, May 13 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM, and Sunday, May 14 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

Please come...feel free to shop 'till you drop'. The cheerful Hope Cashiers will be ready to pack up your treasures and gratefully accept your payment. ■

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Hope Multipurpose, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity based in St. Paul, MN. Its major program is The Blue House, an orphanage in Kazo Parish, Uganda. Donations to HMI are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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The Blessing of the Quilts

Last year, the Dorcus Quilters, a group of women at Brooklyn Park Lutheran Church, made fifteen colorful, beautiful quilts for the Blue House girls. When Beatrice met with them to tell her story, the quilters suggested that each quilt include a bible verse. Beatrice selected the verses and translated them into the girls' Ugandan language. Each

quilt has a verse, some hand-embroidered by Beatrice herself before her death.

Before their journey to Kazo, the quilts will be blessed by The Reverend Blair Pogue in a ceremony at the 10:30AM service at St. Matthew's on Sunday, May 14. All are welcome to attend the Blessing and the casual reception afterwards. ■

Local Artist Donates Original Painting

Pat Owen, known for her colorful and joy-filled paintings and posters, has donated an original painting for the exclusive use of HMI and The Blue House. The painting shows the artist's imagining of The Blue House building, the girls and their housemother, all thriving under the African sun. HMI will use an image of the painting in all its literature and, eventually, on branded merchandise. HMI thanks Pat Owen for her wonderful gift. We are lucky to have such friends. ■



Beatrice's Work Continues: Update on The Blue House Girls and HMI's Strategic Plan for the Future

KAZO PARISH, UGANDA — Twelve girls make their home at the Blue House...Docus, Flavia, Grace K., Agnes, Allen, Christine, Sarah, Grace T., Peace, Evas, Rosemary and Justine. All are healthy, happy and faithfully attending primary school...how very wonderful!

Medius, the housemother, continues to care for the girls with good meals, gardening lessons, shopping, homework supervision...the "Mom things."

Sere, the caretaker, works

closely with the Ugandan board. He provides a variety of assistance, including building maintenance, shopping, bringing milk from his own cows, and operations management and oversight. Last Christmas, for example, Sere had to search for a Blue House resident who did not return after a visit to a distant relative. It seems that she was pressed into looking after the relative's livestock. Thankfully, Sere found her. She's now back in residence at The Blue House and

going to school with her friends.

MINNESOTA — In March, HMI board members participated in a retreat. We worked on a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats). In addition, we formed a committee to focus on development of the 8.7 acres in Uganda upon which we hope to build The Blue House's permanent structure and more. Information gleaned from this retreat and future discussions will form the basis for HMI's strategic plan. ■

Next Stop for Pat and James: Kazo Parish, Uganda

Pat Owen, who recently spent two years with the Peace Corps in Senegal, will travel with James Garubanda to Uganda in July. Sponsored in part by a \$1,000 gift from St. Matthew's Social Justice Ministry, Pat will serve as HMI's ambassador, researcher and photojournalist. James will introduce Pat to the Ugandan board and tour the 8.7 acre site purchased by James and Beatrice

for the new and permanent Blue House project. The highlight of the trip will be getting to know the girls, inspecting The Blue House and the girls' school. Pat and James will collect information needed to establish accurate budgets for operating expenses and the capital campaign.

This trip is essential for HMI to continue Beatrice's

work. HMI must establish stronger communication, build trust and work collaboratively in Uganda. In addition, we must assure the Ugandan board and staff of ongoing support for their work. And we also must assure the girls of our concern for their childhood and their future, and certainly of our love. ■

Thank you for donating to The Blue House and attending our events.

Your donations pay for food and clothing

Vegetable seeds and hoes

Soap and toothpaste

Paper and pencils

The Blue House girls live a simple life, but even a simple life has ongoing expenses.

Please donate to The Blue House.
Use the enclosed envelope to send your check or mail it to the address on the front of this newsletter.

Twelve orphaned girls are depending upon us.