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Since EIUK was first established in 1978, it has been involved with development projects worldwide. It builds relationships with local churches in the areas they work in. Volunteers work on a project basis. Projects build the self-reliance and dignity of those involved. They meet basic needs and use simple technology that's easy to replicate. It is part of an international organisation with national affiliates and project countries all over the world.



Mike & Marianne have been living in the round for the 6 years they have been in Uganda & have recently adopted Elias. During a very windy day a bush fire not far from their home sent sparks to their thatched roof, which caught fire. They had taken measures a couple weeks ago to clear grass near their house, but this did not stop the fire which was started through a spark blown onto the thatch roof... Just after they finished eating lunch, their house began to burn.

Mike and Marianne said "We are so thankful that there was nobody hurt, and even many of our things were saved. People emerged from all around, carrying water and helping to receive the things that a very courageous few were throwing out the door... For about an hour! We were awed and amazed how people unquestioningly put their own safety at risk for us today. We felt the grace of God in a deeper and more real way than perhaps ever before.

"When we told them we never expected to recover anything from the house, and how humbled we were at their selflessness in rescuing many things from the house, they just said, "This is what we do in Acholiland." An old woman tenderly took my hand and told me to keep trusting in God. She's had her house burned down twice, and yet God has always provided. We've been receiving phone calls from all over from friends who heard and are calling to comfort us.

"We are deeply sad to have lost where we called home for the past (almost) six years (next week!), and also to have lost keepsakes and some valuables. But we have a deep peace that we know comes from God. In fact, He had prepared us for it through a friend who had been burdened two nights ago to share some verses with us. Among them was Isaiah 41:10,

'Do not fear [anything], for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, be assured I will help you;

I will certainly take hold of you with My righteous right hand [a hand of justice, of power, of victory, of salvation].”

Please pray for the family as they look for new accommodation and deal with the shock of losing their home.



Transforming Lives, Changing Communities

Agnes Stocks on OM ship MV Logos Hope

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SERVING THE NATIONS. The **OM ships** visit port cities throughout the world, supplying vital literature resources, encouraging cross-cultural understanding, training young people for more effective life and service, providing needed relief and sharing a message of hope in God wherever there is opportunity. MV Logos Hope has just started its first tour of South America.

Agnes Stocks is one of many young adults who volunteer to serve with OM. She writes

“Have you ever felt powerless? I have always struggled with languages. I can remember walking out of my French class at the end of year 9 and remembering nothing. I had a few classes of Spanish while on the ship but I do not have enough to have a full conversation. It was our first port and I really wanted try and learn a little more Spanish. I also had not much to do one evening when at dinner time a friend of mine told me that there was a prayer meeting happening that evening. I decided to go thinking that even if I was totally lost and not able to talk to anyone I would at least be able to pray. I soon made lots of new friends. I learned that even if I don’t understand everything God is faithful and can use me even if I have no Spanish. One was able to speak English so was able to translate a bit. I found a seat with a smart happy looking lady. She told me that her son was the pastor of the church where the church was from. I was surprised that she had good English. We quickly became good friends, she will always be my grandmother from Santa Marta now.

Give thanks for the many visitors we have had in Santa Marta and in Barranquilla.

Please pray that I am able to teach the new girls who are joining me well and effectively. As well as unity in the new team. For the new guys who have started their pre ship training now. 3 weeks of training is frustrating when you just want to be on the ship and see it for the first time. Also for homesickness. Please pray that I can make the most of my last 8 months.”