



SURVEYING FOR WATER AT ONGUTOI

"Well, the Bible does say old men will dream dreams"

Marty's teasing response came at the end of an amazing circumstance that I was excitedly sharing it with her.

COVID has been a dream crushing pandemic, erasing hope for millions across the world. It has certainly interrupted our plans in and for Ongutoi where many thousands of people had their own dreams destroyed when the LRA ravaged village communities.

For 13 years, High Adventure supporters have built a health centre, staff housing and provided consistent support for up to 1,000 people in need of medical care every month. But our dream for Ongutoi was the dream of every parent for their own child-to see them stand on their feet in maturity. For Ongutoi that meant paying for their own medical care, involving every aspect common to medical providers.

Marty and I knew that timing was critical and it is always dependant on the Lord. Throughout the time we built the physical facilities and provided the staff training, it had always been in our heart to share Jesus with this ancient community so they might know He loves them, and had never lost sight of them. We wanted to support evangelism and outreach, but always felt His gentle hesitation in our spirits.

HIS TIMING

Year after year the hesitation persisted. And then without warning, we could sense the floodgates were open. It was time-His time. So, we began to quietly support outreach as well as maintain the health centre. And we did not preach-that was for the local people of God who were also waiting on Him for their moment. We were in support mode.

That came with supports like building churches; beginning with pastor John who then planted 6 more churches; eventually moving outside the area where he planted 4 more (and now waiting for our help again). High Adventure family provided thousands of Bibles, often overwhelmed at the intensity of desire for the Word of God. In one case an entire police station staff requested Bibles so they could read to prisoners as well.

Two Christian radio stations were built, reaching over 2 million people with the Good News! And then, Christian-based skills training for former abductees was added.

Ugandan rural countryside is an exciting place on Sunday morning, every church is full; people standing outside to hear because there is no room inside. It's as if the entire region has been lit up with a spiritual fire. His simultaneous call for spiritual walls to come down was clear in every community; His timing is always right.

And then it happened again this week!



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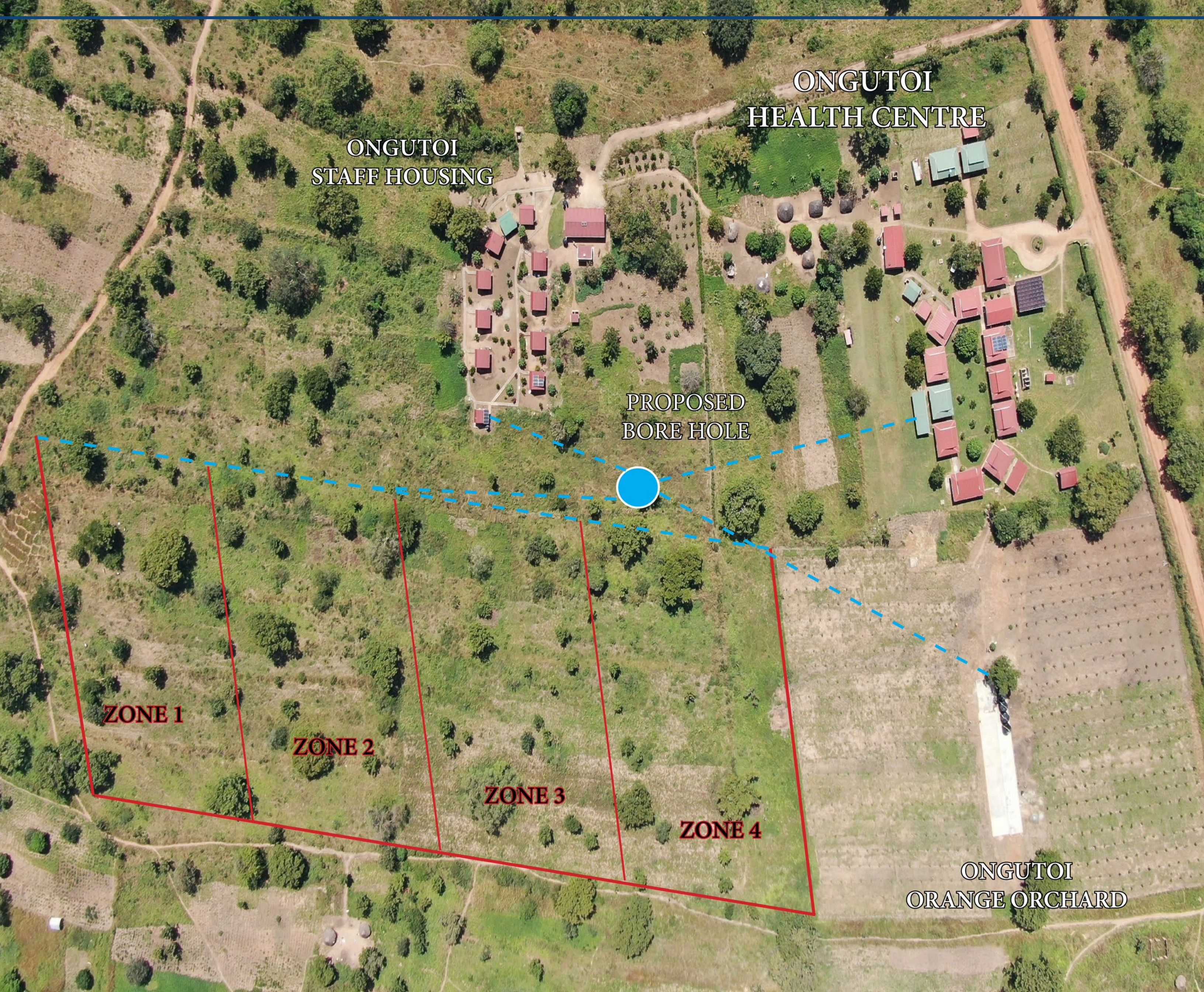
ONGUTOI
ORANGE ORCHARD

ZONE 1

ZONE 2

ZONE 3

ZONE 4



Every ministry lives with the dream of sustainability for the projects they create and support. We are no different. Our happiest moment will occur when Ongutoi can provide health care for the monthly 1,000-patient load without western financial help.

That dream came into view when South Korea provided a huge fruit processing factory within 10 km from Ongutoi and finally opened for business in late 2019. We are told they can process 6 metric tonnes of oranges per hour on just one of their many processing lines; they want every orange that Soroti region can grow.

Seeing this coming, we started our orchards in 2018, and like all progress, it has been baby steps. Those small efforts can now be seen in the 13-acre Akumangor site and the 3-acre Ongutoi site. But bigger steps are necessary, to help Ongutoi reach the biggest dream...sustainability...that will happen when we can complete the final 8 acres at Ongutoi. But water has been a challenge, all the time High Adventure has been here.

For 3 years we have methodically constructed a rain water collection platform and storage system to care for Ongutoi's 788 trees. But the final 8 acres were still necessary, and our only option was 2 additional collection systems and the \$380,000 to do that. Estimates suggested we needed at least 6 more years to reach that goal. We waited on the Lord for next steps.

And then Wayne called. Serving as chairman of our board of directors, Wayne is technically brilliant; leading much of our solar and drip irrigation work. But he is a problem-he is always out of the box and suggestions flow easily, bringing considerable challenge to me. This week it was the challenge to consider a bore hole in Ongutoi.

I had always known (or thought I knew) it was not possible in such an area where we had endured a drought when we first arrived. NASA reports had already confirmed the sparse rainfall, but rainfall always seemed the only option. However, he is my biblical (and legal) leader in this matter, so I arranged for a survey. Much to my surprise, (but not to Wayne) the Ugandan water surveyor discovered 3 potential water sites, the strongest of which was almost central to the 15-acre Ongutoi site.

A GOD VIEW

As I prepared the visual inside this letter, the location was striking-it is perfectly located to provide water for the next (and final) 8 acres of trees; it can easily send water to our health centre when rainfall is insufficient; it can provide water for our staff buildings and it can supplement our rainfall collection/storage system in a dry year...the entire site will have enough water for all needs, while creating income to pay everything!

And it was there all along! On the first day when Jajja Ken and I kicked the dirt, musing about possibility of block building during our 2008 trip; when we built the 18-building health facility and the 17-building staff facilities...and the orange orchard to support...all of this now seems positioned by an unseen hand, so when the timing of God was right, all could see as He had seen from the heavens...Life giving water was already there, at the middle of everything we had taken 13 years to build! *Sovereignty of God indeed.*

Although the \$380,000 cost has been reduced to \$58,000, now to install a bore hole and build the drip irrigation system with 2,100 trees, it is still a big bite! Before I wrote this letter, I prayed; I would ask all who read to not respond until after prayer. This truly feels like a God-moment that I would not want to diminish with assumption.

The 4-zone project will need \$7,700 for the bore hole and \$14,000 per zone, or in tree terms-\$27 per tree. Please pray with us on this and respond if/when He leads you.

For now, I will keep seeing visions; one day I expect to dream...when I get old!

*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*
Acts 2:17 NASB

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