



“Changing lives by sharing God’s love and hope with children in need”  
“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” *Matthew 25:40*

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## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Becky Young, and Ya Bana Village, we say THANK YOU for your love and generosity during these challenging times! We did not know a pandemic was on the horizon, but God has repeatedly shown his provision and we have not had to reduce operations at all at Ya Bana Village; and their surrounding community has been blessed by their food relief efforts. Glory to God!

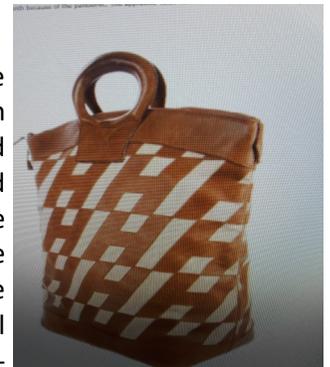
## ANNA’S QUARANTINE PROJECT by Tamara Giles



For a seventh grade girl, these long days of online school and no contact with friends can be quite difficult. And so my daughter Anna, during the stay-at-home order helped me clean and organize closets at home. Knowing that I serve Mabopane by decorating the rooms and consigning women's clothing, she began consigning some of her own outgrown clothing on a website called Poshmark. She was really enjoying it and making some money to buy herself some shoes she really wanted. When I started volunteering at the Mission House again after the stay-at-home order was relaxed, Anna came with me. She began to see some clothing and shoes at the Mission House that she knew could bring much more money on Poshmark than what they could sell for at the Pop Up Sales. She went home with a few items and started a Poshmark account called Ya Bana Threads. After just a couple of weeks she made over \$250 which has now grown to **over \$500** for the kids at Ya Bana Village.

## AN UNEXPECTED TREASURE by Tamara Giles

Months ago, a large donation of items came in from an estate in New York. There were many beautiful but older items - one of which was a vintage handbag that was a little worn but unique. I noticed that this handbag was from a very high end designer. I started researching to find the current value. My daughter told me about a website that consigned high end designer items. After checking with this website called The RealReal, I mailed the handbag to them for an appraisal. The process took about a month because of the pandemic, but the appraised value came back at \$3,400. The handbag was listed on the website and sold within two days at the appraised price. The Mabopane Foundation will receive a check for **\$2,380** (70% of the sales price). Praise God for providing this opportunity.



## FOR THE CHILDREN by Linda Stephenson

My granddaughter recently came to our Mabopane sale looking for a mirror for her college apartment. The mirror she wanted was inside the Mission House in front of the fireplace and just beneath the TV which plays the DVD about our Ya Bana Village kids. She planned to ask for a discount on the established price of the mirror (not knowing that we don't "bargain" with our customers). But after watching the DVD, seeing the smiles on the faces of the Ya Bana kids, and knowing that the proceeds from the sale of that mirror would directly benefit those children, her heart melted and she was more than happy to pay full price. (ed. note: hearts are often melted and items sold when **our shoppers remember that the proceeds are "for the children".**)

## CAKE BAKING: A LESSON IN FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE by Becky Young

This has been an exceptional baking season for me both in spite of and because of COVID-19. With the Mission House being closed for 2 1/2 months, I had the time to keep up with the demand - sometimes baking 32 cakes per day three times per week. To date, 492 cakes have sold. This is due in large part to a terrific strawberry season at Jean's Berry Patch which was able to stay open through the pandemic and offer drive-up window sales of my cakes and strawberry pies. As I approached my 250th cake and grocery store shelves were quickly emptying, baking supplies became harder and harder to find. I and others - including Board members - were having to search all over the county for flour, eggs, sugar, vanilla flavoring. I prayed for the Lord to give me direction about whether I was to continue baking. A couple of hours later, one of the Board members texted to let me know that the King Arthur flour that I desperately needed had just come to BJ's. Stanley was able to purchase enough flour for me to continue and there were no more shortages of any of the other ingredients needed. After a few more weeks of baking, my convection oven - which bakes 4 cakes at once - went out. A couple of days later, one of my two kitchen industrial mixers went out as well. But because of baking and selling so many cakes, there was sufficient funding to buy new appliances and have money left to cover future travel expenses for my next trip to South Africa.

**Cake Trivia: How many EGGS do you think Becky has used this season to bake her cakes? The answer is hidden somewhere in this newsletter.**

### INGREDIENTS IN 492 CAKES:

Milk 30 gallons/ 114 liters

Eggs ????? (hidden answer)

Butter 246 pounds/112 KG

Sugar 770 pounds/349 KG

Flour 462 pounds/210 KG

Crisco 107 pounds/49 KG

Vanilla 185 ounces or 1.45 gallons/5.5 liters



## AND THEN THERE WAS REST by Becky Young

Stanley and I had an opportunity to get away during the month of July for a two-week, much-needed time of rest at the Bay River in Eastern North Carolina. Before settling on a trip to the Bay River, we had done an extensive search of other vacation spots. But the Bay River area was familiar to us and where we have enjoyed many restful week-ends away in our tiny trailer. Just before we were scheduled to leave town, my hip "went out" making it nearly impossible to get around without significant pain. But with the last-minute help of a chiropractor, we were able to go as planned. Our experiences made the trip so worthwhile. Stanley and I were able to fish in the cool morning air; we took short day trips together to places we had never been, took naps, read books, enjoyed sunrises and sunsets, and took time to pray and reflect on the blessings God has given us. As I was getting out of bed a couple of days after returning home, I put my left foot on the floor - fully expecting to experience pain. To my surprise, the pain was gone. I immediately thanked God for giving us that time of rest and praised Him for healing me so that I could fully appreciate what I had learned from this experience and joyfully return to the Mission House where I could do the work He has called me to do. (My precious mother used to tell me that God sometimes knocks us off our feet when we don't have the good sense ourselves to rest.) That night Stanley and I had dinner with our daughter and grandchildren. Five-year-old Lacy asked me how my hip was. When I told her I was pain-free, she was so excited to report that her Sunday School teacher, during their on-line class, had asked for prayer requests. Lacy said she asked all the children to please pray for her Nana's hip. Isn't the faith of a child so precious!

## ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT COMING SOON by Debra Routh



The Mabopane Foundation's annual golf tournament fundraiser is coming soon on **Monday, October 5, 2020** and will be held again on the Lonnie Poole Golf Course at NC State University. As one of our biggest fundraisers, this tournament is dedicated to raising operational funds for the 8 cluster homes and Youth Living Center of Ya Bana Village. The funds provide food, clothing, and educational opportunities for each child living in these homes. Teams of four can register for \$475 and individuals (who will be placed on a team closer to the tournament date) can register for \$125. It would be awesome to have church, Bible study small groups, and business partners' names on each hole! Help us reach our goal by becoming a corporate/individual sponsor for \$300, a foursome hole sponsor for \$750, or an event sponsor for \$1250. Logos and payments are needed by **September 25, 2020** in order to prepare signs, banners, and programs. **Also needed are gift cards for \$25, \$50, or \$100 to reward our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and for special games. Financial contributions can also be made to help with the event.**

Registration and payment may be made on line at <http://www.mabopanekids.org/golf-tournament.html> or you may send a check to Mabopane Foundation, 3913 US Highway 64 W, Apex, NC 27523

## ON BEING INTENTIONAL AND OBEDIENT by Pat Staley

Our Women's Ministries Council at Green Level Baptist Church has a heart for God and His work - so much so that we had packed our calendar with 27 active projects per year over the past 4 years. All of them were great projects, but there were so many that some were just getting money and not our intentionality.

In 2019 we paired down and became "intentional" with what God wanted us to do. In our desire to focus on local missions, we wanted to find a speaker for our Spring Conference. Several ideas were tossed around and one of our leaders suggested Becky Young with the Mabopane Foundation. As the chair of this great group of women, one of my biggest challenges is to be as impartial as possible and encourage the group to decide. I will readily admit when the Mabopane Mission was mentioned, I started doing a happy dance because I know Becky and the wonderful work that the Mabopane Foundation does. In the middle of a very busy time for Becky when the Foundation's Gala was being finalized, Becky prayed about whether she should speak at our conference and then agreed to speak. We had 57 in attendance at our conference including both young adults and seniors. Tacos and all the "fixins" were served and Becky spoke. As she relayed her story, the room was silent. Once she finished the questions started flying, "How can we get involved?", "How do we donate?", "What can I do?". I will admit in my heart and soul I felt, "Yes, this is what you (God) wanted us to do." Even as I write this, my eyes are welled up with tears experiencing that peace that comes when you have walked in step with what God has called you to do.

From that meeting, the mission gained an immediate volunteer and promise for more. Becky felt the enthusiasm as well. But again, Satan never wants to us to be successful in God's work. My husband and I were invited to the Gala and the buzz spread quickly that Becky was too sick to attend. Her daughter stood in her place and spoke of the obedience of so many that were serving this incredible ministry.

In addition, rumors of a virus were beginning to unfold. A Pandemic was declared short weeks after the gala, and the Mission House and sales were closed. In the midst of all this uncertainty and panic, God was clearly still in control. Becky recovered and asked to meet with me. We scheduled a "tea" at the Mission House for any of the women to attend and learn more. They came! They came in masks and we socially distanced from one another. And from that meeting we gained 3 more volunteers. More recently 5 more people wanted to get involved in this ministry!

During the Baptist State Convention in 2000 The Reverend Fred Lewter said, "Obedience beats sacrifice". Becky Young defines obedience. She made the time to come during a very difficult and tight schedule and it has been rewarded. People continue to volunteer and donate. This is just one church group. Imagine what would and could happen if you arranged for a meeting and others heard the story? Be intentional and obedient, it sure beats sacrifice!