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Claudia and the children at Bishop Barham College

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Craig and Claudia Smith in Uganda



Craig, Claudia, Leo (3) and Bethany (1)

What's the Need?

Uganda's population has a median age of 17.5 years, and a large percentage of Ugandans are at school. However, according to the UN, just 40% of secondary school teachers in Uganda are at the minimum required standard.

With a large proportion of the population professing Christianity, the role of Christian teachers is a very important one as they both educate and provide role models for the next generation of Ugandans. Christian teachers need to be nurtured and disciplined in their faith as well as being given the skills to do their jobs well. Tertiary institutions, such as Bishop Barham University College and the National Teachers College in Kabale, Uganda, are in need of Christian lecturers who can not only lecture but who can also be good witnesses to Christ in both word and deed.

Why Craig and Claudia?

Craig became a Christian in his teens and soon after, God gave him a deep concern for the less advantaged. After doing a maths degree and a PGCE at Warwick University, Craig went to teach in Zimbabwe with Crosslinks for two years. Craig has taught maths in the UK for 12 years and has been involved in training secondary maths teachers.

Claudia also became a Christian in her teens. She was involved in youth leadership at her

church which led her to train as a Church based youth worker. Claudia has spent the last eight years working as a secondary school chaplain and has recently qualified as a counsellor.

Both Craig and Claudia have been actively involved in their local church, Redhill Baptist Church, including youth work and preaching.

What will Craig and Claudia be doing?

Craig will be working jointly at Bishop Barham College, an Anglican college and at the National Teachers College, a government secondary teacher training college which specialises in training maths and science teachers. He will be training new teachers at both colleges and will also be helping to develop existing teachers in the local area. Craig is very keen to help the students understand God's word more, and to help them apply God's word to their lives and future role as teachers in the classroom. He will be seeking to work with the Christian Union groups in the colleges and will also be looking to work with national Christian student groups in Uganda.

Claudia will be in partnership with the chaplaincy department of Bishop Barham to develop a children's ministry on the campus.



What Now?

Craig and Claudia are studying Biblical and Cross-cultural Studies at All Nations Christian College from September 2007 until June 2008. This is an important preparation involving many changes for the family. Craig and Claudia are convinced of the need for committed partners to give to and pray for their year of study and future ministry in Africa.

Craig and Claudia hope to move out to Uganda during August, ready for the academic year in September. They must first complete the necessary fund raising. They have already raised two-thirds of their budget, and need to raise a further £10,000 before August in order to be able to go.

Working Together

Crosslinks would like to help Craig and Claudia. Please will you partner with them, praying with us and supporting them financially?

Please fill in the relevant form today to show your support.