

**Bishop Zebedee Masereka's Message to the BMCF-US Board Members on the
Occasion of US National Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 2008**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

I hope you are all doing well. Congratulations over your National Thanksgiving Celebrations Today. I personally know a little bit of why you are celebrating today, and I have benefited hugely from the friendliness, generosity, and greatness of the people of the US. In the 80s Stella and I by the grace of God lived in the US and your Country became our second home. We love you and we love your Country. Stella and I are joining you in the thanksgiving celebrations today. We wish you a happy and lovely celebration.

We want to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to you and all our supporters for your great and wonderful generosity. You have been so instrumental and exemplary in sustaining BMCF work in Uganda. Today, many beneficiaries of BMCF are celebrating with you in spirit. You have given us your, love, care, time, skill and talent. So, we celebrate with you. Some of you have become great historical members of the BMCF-US Board because we have been together through the thick and thin over the years. Now, there is cause to celebrate. Together with every one of you, we have worked hard in fellowship and enthusiasm. Now is time to celebrate our oneness. Together we have enabled many desperately needy orphaned children and PLWA to have their dignity and self-esteem restored in Midwestern Uganda. We give thanks to God for making you his messengers/angels.

I like to think that thanksgiving is also a time of reflection, recollection, review, remembrance, recommitment, hope and fresh strategizing.

At BMCF we are celebrating with big challenges and priorities lying before us:

1. medical staff salaries for 3 months, \$14,000
2. a regular supply of medications for malaria and other diseases, @ month, \$2800
3. school fees for 550 children, \$7000 for each quarter
4. purchase of medical equipment, we give thanks to God for enabling us to raise about 70% of the funds required for buying 4 critical machines, badly needed in the Clinic.

From our local revenues we raised about \$39,000. We urgently need \$17,000 for top up.

The machines are: a hematology analyzer, a biochemistry analyzer, an ultra sound scan and a portable x-ray.

5. funds for purchase of building materials for the new Clinic.

I request that you place the above needs on your prayer lists.

Happy Christmas and a blessed new year.

Best regards

May God bless you and your families.

Bishop Zebedee and Stella Masereka