

UGANDAN ADVENTURE FOR THE VAN BARNEVELD'S!

In September 2011, Marty and Ali van Barneveld, newlyweds from Wellington, are travelling to Uganda. They will live and work alongside the ORA Uganda team on the child-focused community development programme, the Luku Yesu'ni Project.



Ali has a health and community work background, and will spend a few months there. Marty, a professional triathlete will spend a few weeks with ORA then travel to Kenya for altitude training.

Sports events, a community survey, health and wellbeing, raising awareness and funds for ORA's Safe Water Project, inspiring and motivating are just some of the ways Ali and Marty will serve the people of West Nile, Uganda.

IN ALI'S OWN WORDS...

Marty and I tied the knot on November 20th, 2010 and have had an adventurous start to married life! We are both from Wellington originally, but in the New Year we decided to move to Christchurch to further Marty's triathlon career; Triathlon New Zealand was based at QE II in Christchurch. We had been living there only a month before the Feb 22nd earthquake shook things up. We were fortunately able to re-locate to our parents in Wellington within a few weeks and come away completely unscathed.

As a professional triathlete Marty travels the world every year for several months to train and compete for New Zealand in the World Championship Triathlete circuit. I have been able to join him this year for the first time, and although we have a lot of ambitions for our trip and Marty's racing season, it is of high importance for both of us to incorporate a 'mission' trip into our time away.

We are wary using this word, 'mission', as we see our lives as a mission, called as His people to be salt and light to the world, to our friends, fellow triathletes and Ugandans alike. I had been contemplating returning to Cambodia where I spent a month in 2009 with a group of children's homes but I felt like God was calling me/us further out of our comfort zone. I started talking to people at church about missions and to my youth pastors (who had lead the Cambodia mission the previous year) when they announced they were moving to Africa for several months! This kind of rocked my world and made the thought of actually going to Africa not such a crazy and distant thought! Then things started to click into place... and eventually found myself signing us up to a few months with ORA in Uganda!

I have a huge heart for children and I can't wait to just love on the kids of ORA Uganda. I hope and pray in some way that God can use the gifts, education and experiences He has given me to serve the wider people of Arua.

Coming from a health (physical education/nutrition) and community work background I am also looking forward to completing a community survey and taking a closer look into the health and wellbeing of Ugandans.

I'm a huge supporter of Marty and his endeavours in the triathlon arena. He is making a great exception in his demanding training/racing schedule to join and support me for a period in Uganda on this trip. His hope is to inspire and motivate children and you by sharing his passion for sport and we're looking forward to running a sports event for the local villages and schools!

We are so excited and can't wait to be swept away by the culture, the people and the hearts of those we are yet to meet in Uganda – knowing full well that we ourselves will be receiving much more than we can give, learning much more than we could ever teach and be inspired in far greater ways!

“We are passionate about people and God and are keen to challenge ourselves, our way of thinking, the way we serve and our way of life. We both love kids, the outdoors and sports and enjoy exploring God's amazing creation all over the world.”

SAFE WATER PROJECT

Unsafe water or lack of water produces misery and death; safe and clean water brings life, health and well-being. The gift of safe water can totally change lives, and also change a whole community.

In 2007, ORA New Zealand funded a bore hole at a Secondary School where many of our sponsored students live and study. Access to clean water has completely stopped the continual outbreaks of typhoid and other water borne diseases in that community. In 2009 another bore hole was drilled on the ORA Uganda base providing a source of clean water for the surrounding communities and expanding opportunity for agricultural development.

After seeing the impact of the two bore holes, ORA New Zealand has started the 'Safe Water Project'. The aim of this project is to see clean, fresh water accessible to everyone in the rural communities that ORA Uganda works in.

While Marty and Ali are in Uganda they will see first hand how safe water can transform lives and communities. Will you partner with us to change more lives with the gift of safe water?



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray

Never underestimate the power and support your prayers can bring to Ali and Marty as they travel around the world and serve the community in Uganda. A few things you can pray for Marty and Ali (we're sure you can think of others):

- The 8 hour crowded over night bus trip from Kampala to the ORA base;
- For health and a good rapport with the locals especially the children;
- For God appointments and no lost opportunities;
- For both Ali and Marty during their time apart while Ali stays in Uganda and Marty is training in Kenya.

Donate

While Ali and Marty are visiting ORA Uganda we would like to raise funds for safe water sources for communities nearby the ORA Uganda Base. A donation of \$220 could provide a water filter for a family; \$3,300 will protect a natural spring from pollution; \$14,800 could drill a borehole that will provide fresh, clean water for a large community; \$1,200 would repair an existing well. When you partner with Ali and Marty and ORA New Zealand in our Safe Water Project you will be changing lives!

Make a direct donation to ORA New Zealand that will go towards the Safe Water Project. Our account details are: ANZ, Chartwell Branch, Hamilton - 01 0370 0032261 01. Please use the reference 'SafeWater'.

To donate by credit card, please visit www.oranewzealand.org

If you would like to donate by cheque, please post to: ORA New Zealand, PO Box 4318, Hamilton East, Hamilton 3247.

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