

The Beginning Planting a new Church, School, & Medical Facility



Batwa men cutting lumber for the buildings with only a chainsaw with Braman in the foreground.

Helping them see what they have, *not* what they don't have. EMI is helping them through your continued support. This brings Hope, where there has been only despair, to these that are certainly some of the "least of the brethren."



Braman taking a break with some of the men, sitting on lumber that will be used for the buildings.



Upoki, a graduate of African Bible U. in Kampala is our ministry partner and translator to the Batwa people. A tree nursery like this one is being established to ensure that the forest dwelling Batwa children will continue to have a forest to dwell in for generations to come.

Here the trees are very BIG and the Batwa are very small. We felt like giants, yet as we worked side-by-side, we saw the largeness of their hearts. They weren't asking for a hand-out, but a hand-up.

**This happens
because of YOU!**



Setting this heavy tall 8"x8"x21' mahogany post is quite difficult when Braman and her Dad are the tallest available workers.



Drenched by the rain, Braman raises her arms in victory as the cornerpost is set for the first new building.

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Good News under a Triple Canopy Rainforest

Our hearts are broken by the much neglected, shy Batwa people (Pygmies) who live deep in the forest of DR Congo. When first introduced, Don immediately saw their plight and met with the local chiefs asking, "How can we help?" With no church, school, or medical facility in this area, 3,000 people are estimated to live in forested small villages of 40-60 people. Understanding their desires and needs, Equipping Ministries is helping clear land, prepare lumber, and begin construction for a new church plant, school, and medical facility. Working hard with Equipping Ministries, the Pygmies are volunteering most of the labor at the site they chose, deep in this triple canopy rainforest.



Suzy joins these village women and children, laughing as the little boy left of center flexes his wee muscles.



A quick snuggle after a day's work in the forest.

Don, Suzy and 17-year-old daughter Braman were all able to join in this project. When Braman returned home she was asked, "What do you think it meant to the Batwa people to see you as a family all come?" She grinned and wisely replied, "They knew for *sure* that we loved them!"

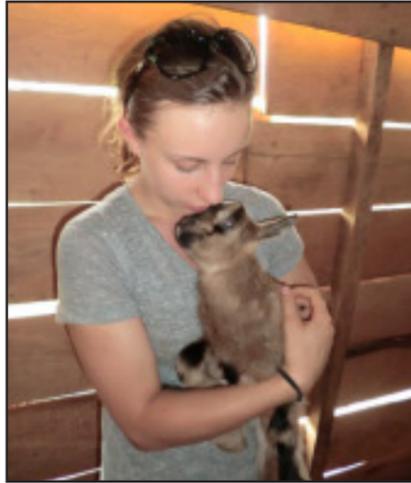


5'4" Braman embracing this tiny Grandma.



Don and friends take a break from their work in the forest.

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Braman plants a big kiss on the head of the first baby goat born at the site of the Dairy Goat Multiplication Project in Makabo done in conjunction with the Anglican church of Congo through the generosity of GSCC. Dairy goat stock will be used in South Sudan and DR Congo to provide much needed nutrition. Goats eat local forage and produce in excess of 2 liters of milk a day each.



Joska, Managing Director of Equipping Ministries Congo helps EMI work through local churches with National leaders. EMI helps EMC promote the Good News through teaching, training, and sustainable projects that focus on what they have, not what they don't have.



Three years ago Equipping Ministries began partnering with this Christian elementary school in Bunia, DR Congo which was started 15 years ago with 40 students, now enrolling over 600. EMI continues to be impressed with the commitment of the staff, some of whom have been together for all 15 years, even during the Ituri Crisis that had many people fleeing the area because of violence and terrorism. These children are being taught and equipped to make a difference for the future.

On the left is a bag of Maize Meal which is a gift from the European Community through the World Food Program. With good intentions this can unfortunately create dependency and disrupt local markets. On the right is a bag of seeds specially developed for the area which will help the local farmer grow a better crop to feed his family and have surplus to sell. Equipping Ministries continues to bring seeds and tools to help the people help themselves, not giving a hand-out, but a hand-up.



Instead of feeling like a giant among the Batwa, Suzy looks quite small next to Pastor David. Don ministered in Pastor David's church, clearly presenting the Gospel with Suzy bringing worship through songs.



With Your Help. . . EMI is transforming lives by reaching the next Generation



After hiking six hills of the Blue Mountains around the Boga area in DR Congo, a site was selected by Equipping Ministries in conjunction with Bishop Williams of the Anglican Church of Congo for the newest FM radio station that has the potential to reach out to six different language groups, which includes the often overlooked Batwa people, crossing the valley where the Semliki River runs into Lake Albert and across to the Rwenzori Mountains.



These Batwa children will soon have the first school ever in this region of DR Congo. Their parents are working to make this a reality. EMI is helping them, help themselves.



This anguished mother, surrounded by her older children, holds her dying baby, no bigger than a child's doll. With EMI's help, there will be a medical facility to help prevent this kind tragedy along with the church and school in this isolated rainforest. EMI has located a Batwa Pastor, teacher, and several others that will work with their own people to make a difference presently and for future generations.