

November 1, 2009

Hey There!

Thank you so much for signing up to participate in this year's **Novembeard - To Save The World**. Novembeard is all about raising support and awareness of our sponsor child, Kokas Obuga with World Vision and our TRI Campaign relief and rebuilding efforts with Invisible Children.

Kokas lives in a village with his family in the middle of Uganda. His parents are both unemployed and find it difficult to care for the family. Our sponsorship of Kokas is helping his whole family get to a place where they will be able to support themselves and build a future.

Northern Uganda, home to the Acholi people, has been the scene of the longest running civil war in Africa. In just the last two years a tentative peace agreement has been reached but after years of war and devastation much of the infrastructure in Acholiland (Northern Uganda) has been destroyed. Our involvement in the TRI Campaign is helping to rebuild schools and create jobs for people that have been displaced by years of war.

Last year Matt McKendry raised \$200 for World Vision and this year we think it's possible to raise \$700 to help what we're doing in Uganda. It's a big challenge but one we believe our community can meet, so here are the details of what it looks like.

Step One: Stop Shaving

We know it seems funny and in a way it is but the reason why we're doing it is serious. This is kind of like doing a charity run or a famine except for Novembeard we choose not to shave.

Step Two: Collect Pledges

Included in this package is a pledge form that you can use to collect pledges. Talk to your friends, family, and neighbours asking them to support you in your quest to grow the most hair. Write down their name, email address, phone number, and pledge amount. **Remember that cheques should be made payable to Cedarview Alliance Church.** Send them a thank you letter too if you'd like (included in the kit)!

Step Three: Suffer Through It & Eat at Boston Pizza

Having long hair is itchy. It's true. Suffer through it, it's only a month. And, when you eat at Boston Pizza Barrhaven, write the advance on your receipt and drop it into one of their drop boxes at the front and they will donate a portion to the advance.

Step Four: Report In

Bring in your pledge forms every week and we'll do our best to let you know exactly where we're at with pledges.

Step Five: Shave and Celebrate

On Sunday, November 29th, we'll announce the grand total of money raised and celebrate by having a collective shave.

Well, that's it! Thanks again for participating in Novembeard. If you have any questions, feel free to send us an email.

