



Our Shared Journey ~ August 2026

Moving Forward and Changing More Lives

Dear Partners, Donors, and Supporters,

You did it. Because of your overwhelming kindness, our \$30,000 June funding shortfall was fully met.

When we shared our critical challenge with you, we knew we were asking for a miracle. You responded with immediate, breathtaking generosity. Thanks to your emergency contributions, accelerated pledges, and matching funds, our staff salaries are covered, and our operations in Rakai remain entirely uninterrupted.

Our staff members are the hands and feet of this mission. Knowing that their salaries are secure allows them to focus 100% of their energy on loving, teaching, and empowering our children and widows. You didn't just fill a financial gap; you lifted a massive burden off the shoulders of our entire team.

We are deeply moved by how quickly this community rallied together. Whether you sponsored a child, funded education, supported our economic empowerment products, or lifted us up in prayer during this tense moment—thank you.

We are entering the second half of the year with renewed energy, a secure foundation, and profound gratitude for your partnership.

With our deepest thanks,

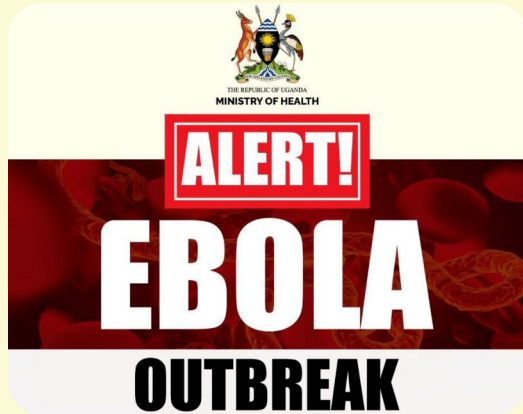
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Thank you for Praying

We are immensely grateful to report that the recent health situation has now fully stabilized. Both mainstream media and official health sources have reported no new cases, bringing a much-needed sense of relief to our community.

The official national report has formally declared the outbreak completely over, confirming that the country has successfully contained the disease.

With this reassuring news, we can now safely and confidently resume all normal routines. Guardians are once again welcome to visit the children, and the children can fully participate and get involved in all school sports activities.

Your continuous prayers, thoughts, and support during this challenging time were absolutely crucial, and we are deeply grateful to each and every one of you.

Psalm 28:7 ~ The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.



Child Sponsorship

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Dedicated Sponsors.

So many beautiful stories are being rewritten as a direct result of your incredible generosity. We know that sponsorship is a consistent, meaningful sacrifice. In a world of financial pressures, you continue to prioritize the future of vulnerable children. **Thank you for your unwavering commitment.**

Emmanuel is Sponsored! We are filled with immense gratitude. Emmanuel, the young boy whose story we highlighted this past June, has officially been sponsored.

Someone chose to step forward to give him access to education, nutrition, and medical care. The heavy burdens he carried just a few months ago have been replaced with hope and opportunity.

Your actions are helping break cycles of poverty and rewriting futures for children like Emmanuel.



Children enjoying a local soccer ball



Calton (DOB - Dec, 17, 2023) needs a sponsor. Would please consider being a voice for him?

Hebrews 13:2 (NIV) "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

Child Sponsorship ~ Planting Seeds for a Lifetime Harvest

When you became a sponsor, you joined a story of hope. Poverty takes generations to form, so defeating it takes time. Your letters, prayers, and gifts are not just monthly donations. They change the course of an entire family forever. Look at Sharifa.



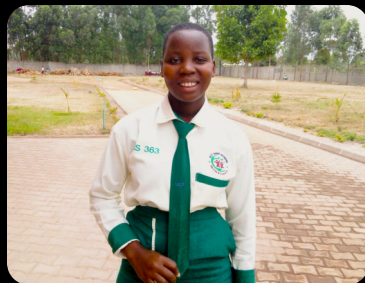
In 2014, Sharifa and her brothers, Moses and Frank, lived with their grandmother, Madrine. They grew food on a tiny piece of land. Most days, they only ate one meal. During dry seasons, they struggled to find a daily meal.



Even when Madrine learned to make baskets, she could not afford school fees. Everything changed when one American family stepped up and welcomed Sharifa into their lives.



They paid for her school and sent encouraging letters. By doing this, they backed up Madrine's hard work and lifted the burden off the whole household. Sharifa always wanted to be a teacher.



2024 - Sharifah in her last year of High School



2025 - Sharifah (R) with her friends - First year at college



2026 - Sharifah back to her High School as a teacher intern

When Sharifa finished high school, she was thrilled that her sponsors agreed to pay for college too. Today, Sharifa is just two years away from becoming a certified teacher. She recently went back to her old high school for her teaching internship. She became a huge inspiration to the young girls there. One family made that choice, and it changed a family's destiny. Your long-term support breaks the cycle for generations. **Thank you to all of you who are rewriting family stories by your sponsorship.**

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." ~ Proverbs 22:6

Behind the Scenes

The Dorm Mothers ~ Shaping Hearts After the School Bell Rings ~ Meet Maama Eve

Dorm mothers at Act Junior School are the unsung heroes who turn a school into a home. While teachers shape minds in the classroom, our dorm mothers shape hearts in the dormitories. They carry a massive responsibility that blends the duties of a caregiver, educator, and protector.

To put this monumental effort into perspective, a professional Western boarding school or elite summer camp typically assigns one counsellor to just 8 or 10 children, supported by separate night shifts and cafeteria staff.

At Act Junior School, heroes like Matron Eve manage an ecosystem of up to 50 children at once. They do this without automated washing machines, night security shifts, or specialized support teams, relying purely on love, patience, and purpose.



Maama Eva with some of her boys after school. They deeply love and trust her.

To truly understand their dedication, consider the intense reality of their daily routine.

- **They provide direct maternal care by bathing and washing for the youngest children who cannot yet clean themselves.**
- **Simultaneously, they act as life skills mentors, teaching the older children how to do chores and wash their own clothes to build lasting independence.**
- **Their protection extends through the night as they remain constantly alert to comfort homesick children, assist with bathroom trips, or tend to sudden illness.**

These women give everything to ensure our children feel safe, loved, and clean. By sponsoring a child or funding school furnishings, you provide these remarkable mothers with the resources, supplies, and fair compensation they need to keep performing miracles every day. **Thank you for standing with our children and the incredible women who raise them.**



Maama Eva teaching her boys how to wash clothes



A sponsored girl back to her dormitory. What a smile!



Mother watch clothes hanging to dry when children are in class



Sponsored Children with a copy of Johnny Worker



Children at Act Junior School during one of the character development sessions

Johnny Worker: Learning how to Learn

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who acquired a copy of Johnny Worker: Learning How to Learn for yourself or your loved ones!

Watch out for our upcoming publications: Johnny Worker: Learning How to Fish and Johnny Worker: Learning How to Tell the Difference. **We will announce as soon as they are available.**

Until then, why not grab another copy of Learning How to Learn to bless someone you care for?

All proceeds from sales and purchases made by OL friends and partners will directly benefit **Orphans Light** to support vulnerable children in Uganda.

For more information or to support the ministry, please contact Kathi at kathi@orphanslight.net or call +1 863-660-2262.

Standing Together in Prayer

Your faithful support keeps this ministry moving forward every day. Yet, we know that behind every financial gift and encouraging word is a person facing real-life challenges. We want to carry those burdens with you.

The Bible reminds us of the power of community in Galatians 6:2: **"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."**

No request is too small or too heavy for God. Whether you need healing, financial breakthrough, or peace of mind, we want to lift your name in prayer. We handle every request with strict confidentiality. Please remember we are a family!

Please send your specific prayer needs to our prayer coordinator Jaime Utz at jama623@aol.com.



Celebrating a gift of a house to one of the vulnerable families



Birthday celebration for July and August Heroes at Act Junior School



At the EQUATOR (middle of the earth) in Uganda on the way to Rakai



Partner with Orphans Light This Year

Every day, we see God's faithful provision in the lives of our children. This life-changing work is only possible because of dedicated partners like you. As you plan your year-end giving, please consider making a gift to Orphans Light. Your support directly funds our daily programs, providing vital care to children who need it most. Whether you give via credit card, PayPal, or check. Every dollar makes a lasting difference.

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