



## Year End Review



Dear Orphans Light family,

It is just a couple of days to the end of 2025. This was another unique and exceptional year in our continued effort to bring education, hope, faith and economic solutions to orphans and widows in Uganda. We are writing this letter with hearts full of gratitude and admiration for each and every one of you. Your unwavering support, dedication, and belief in the vision we share have been the driving force behind our journey, and we cannot thank you enough for being an integral part of this experience. See the highlights below.

Every one of you has played a vital role, and every effort counts, no matter how small. Whether it's through volunteering your time, praying, helping with the sales, sharing our message, or offering words of encouragement, your contributions have been invaluable.

**But our work continues.** With the New Year, we're looking to continuing our care for all the children and widows God has entrusted into our hands. We would like to:

- 1. Expand our university scholarship program - \$3,000/year each student.**
- 2. Purchase a school van to transport kids home or other need - \$45,000.**
- 3. Build a new dormitory for girls at Act High School - \$45,000.**

This next chapter needs the same belief and support you've shown us. Will you help us finish 2025 strong with an extra special donation? We hope this sets the stage for even greater impact in 2026. Thank you for being the heart of our mission. Please let us know if you have any specific prayer requests. We would love to remember you in our prayers.

With immense gratitude,

Kathi & Rick Palmer, Annette & Richard Mutaawe & Aggie & Johnson Lwondo

**Donate through our Website - [www.orphanslight.net](http://www.orphanslight.net)**

## 2025 Highlights

This is the real magic of your generosity—it transforms needs into tangible hope and change. *This isn't just our story; it's yours.* Your support made our dream a vibrant reality.

### Child Sponsorship

63 new sponsored children bringing the number of children sponsored through OL to 241. Thank you for inviting these children and their families into your precious lives and families. We for ever thankful for all child sponsors.

**You allowed us bring children like Mercy into an environment where they were safe, loved and getting a solid education.**



Mercy on our first meeting. Hurt was all over her face!

### 3 New houses!

**"... 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" ~  
Matthew 25:40**

Housing remains one of the greatest needs yet construction is very expensive because most of the materials are imported.

During these very hard financial times, your generously helped us to build three houses for three families. This is the highest number we ever built in a single year!



Simon and his family in front of their old house



House under construction



Vanessa & family in front of their new house



Ritah's family house near completion



Simon and his family under a new house

**"We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated." ~ Maya Angelou**

### **In addition to the above, you helped us:**

- Serve more people at the Act medical center. Thank you for your prayers, Act medical center now has dental clinic. Thanks to African Children Today.
- Expand our pregnancy center ministry to serve more vulnerable girls in the community, including young pregnant mothers.
- Feed more children most of whom the lunch meal we serve is their only meal until they return to school the next day.
- Support the Hope Again Women by buying their products. Thankful for everyone that helped during the sales and as well those that purchased these items. You are empowering these women! They are now respected in the society.



## **2026 Special Projects**

### **New Coaster Bus**

Some of the children are the heads of or main support of their households. They yearn to go to school but can't since their family largely depends on them. They cannot walk to school because they live very far away.

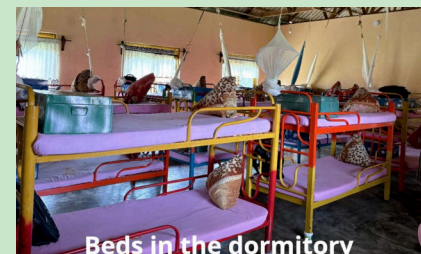
The availability of a bus would help them access school while they continue to help at home. The bus will also be used by our students on school trips. Buses are very expensive in Uganda but, we are believing God for one. Every donation will be a HUGE step. One dollar at a time!



### **New Girls Dormitory**

The high school dropout rates in Uganda comprise mainly of girls. They are at the highest risk because they have to walk very long distances to the only school in the community.

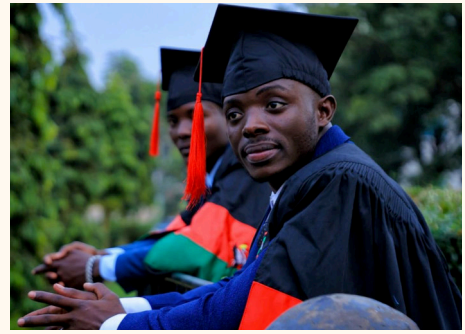
Their guardians often choose to pull them out of school in order to protect them. These girls many times end up in early marriages in search for survival. The girls need a solid education and same opportunities as boys. Boarding at school is the only solution. One dormitory will create space for 150 more girls at Act High School. How can you help?



## College Fund

The High school dropout rate in Uganda is very high. Only about 15% are able to complete High School and just about 1% of those able to go to the college. Comparatively, the High School completion rate for our sponsored children is 99%. Every year we have more children graduating from High School whose sponsors are unable to afford full college tuition.

Because there are no jobs to earn tuition, college students need full tuition support. Would you give a student a chance by donating to the college fund?



"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing" ~ Mother Teresa

## Child Sponsorship

So many children are waiting to be sponsored. It is the only hope they have to have basic needs met. **Our goal is to have 60 more children sponsored in 2026.** What would happen if every one spoke to another person about sponsorship? You can be our ambassador and give another child a chance to be able to receive hope, quality education, and mentorship for character development.



**Donate Now?** If you choose to donate, please, go to Zelle, or PayPal to [kathi@orphanslight.net](mailto:kathi@orphanslight.net) or send a check to Auburndale (below) or go to website [www.OrphansLight.net](http://www.OrphansLight.net) and use the donate button.

## Other Prayer Needs

Please continue remembering us in your prayers! Sometimes we just need to draw from our 'prayers account'. Whenever you can, please make a deposit for us. Please pray for:

1. Uganda as the country heads into the 2026 presidential and parliamentary elections. Pray for a peaceful process and for God's will to be done.
2. The children that God has entrusted us with. Most of them have gone to have Christmas with their beloved family members and guardians. Pray for their safety during this school holiday.
3. The entire staff - teachers, nurses, and support staff. They need to be in good health to be able to perform their special duties across all our programs.
4. Our child sponsors! Pray for good health and God's continued provision. Their sponsored children depend entirely on them.
5. For our special projects above. So many will be impacted by each one of them.

**A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. ~ Proverbs 11:25**



Praying at one of the homes during our 2025 Uganda Trip

**Carry one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the requirements of the law of Christ [that is, the law of Christian love]. ~ Galatians 6:2 (AMP)**

Would you like us to pray and believe with you for your prayer need? **Your prayers are confidential. We would like to pray for you.** If you have any specific prayer needs, please contact Jaime at [jama623@aol.com](mailto:jama623@aol.com).

**Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and he will reward them for what they have done ~ Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)**

**Thank you!**

**We are forever thankful for your partnership. We do not take your decision for granted. May God's blessing always flow over your life and all your loved ones.**



**"When you are grateful, fear disappears and abundance appears." — Anthony Robbins.**

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