



## News & Updates

October 2025

### We value your partnership!

Dear friends and family,

We truly appreciate your support on this special journey. There are times when we are about to get worn out but your invaluable support refills us. Thank you for always being our rock and our greatest support.

Kathi & Rick Palmer



### Love beyond boundaries



is "... *father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy habitation.*"

Together, we are impacting a community so many miles away from us, yet close to God's heart. Psalm 68:5 confirms that He

### Meet one of our Staff



**Mr. Stephen Bisatu**

Uncle Stephen was in Eastern Uganda, many miles away from the Rakai District. He was raised in a

## Uganda National Tests

This year 237 of our students are taking part in these national tests at various levels. 30 of these are sponsored through Orphans Light and 47 are completing their High School. The dedication and Thanksgiving service was October 04, 2025. Our special team of teachers has prepared each student to excel at their level. Students are ready and confident they will all pass and merit entry to the next levels. Please pray for calm and good health for all the students throughout this entire period.



## 2026 Uganda Elections



The current president has been in power for 38 years and is running for reelection for the same office in next year's elections. Please pray that the entire process remains peaceful and schools are not disrupted.

humble background that instilled in him a deep sense of determination and resilience.

His early life experiences fueled his ambition to pursue higher education, culminating into a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences and a Master's degree in Leadership, Management, and Administration from Northwestern Christian University, USA. Stephen is married to Brenda. God has blessed them with two wonderful boys, Blessing and Benise.

Stephen has worked with us for 8 years and now heads the Child Sponsorship program. He is very passionate about empowering young people; to unlock their potential, honor God, and lead lives of purpose and impact.

His mission is to shape a generation of leaders who embody vision, resilience, and faith. Through his work, Stephen equips young minds to become critical thinkers, capable of recognizing opportunities even in the face of challenges and to lead with integrity and purpose.

Drawing from his extensive experience in leadership development, personal growth training, project management, and monitoring and evaluation, he inspires self-discovery, confidence, and a strong spiritual foundation.

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In their effort to impact more households and children, our dear friends, Brenda & Dell DelliVeniri have published a book entitled **Johnny Worker: Learning how to Learn**. What a beautiful idea!

The thought was conceived in the Spring of





### **Johnny Worker: Learning how to Learn.**

For more information,  
please contact Brenda at  
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2023 and the books arrived in the Fall of 2025. It is a special read for all young lads of this generations. All the proceeds derived from the books' sales will be used to help orphans and widows as they are committed to contributing 100% of the proceeds from these sales.

## **2025 Christmas Season**

"Sekukkulu" is the local name for Christmas in Uganda. It is celebrated by almost all families beginning on Christmas Eve. Every family would wish to have a special meal on Christmas day.

Every parent/guardian wishes to buy new clothes for their child and serve them a special meal. For most of the children in our sponsorship program, their families can only wish!

**Please send your special monetary Christmas gift for your sponsored child or to children not sponsored, to make their Christmas special.**



**Peter is one of our sponsored children with his special gifts.**

**If you don't currently sponsor, any amount you are able to send will go toward blessing one of the families without a sponsor.**

## **YEAR END GIVING**

As we enter the fall and look forward to all of the seasonal celebrations ahead, we encourage you to begin considering your year-end giving plan. All our programs operate entirely from the generous gifts of donors like you. We depend entirely on the faithful spirit that God will provide.

Each year, we identify specific projects for all dear friends who would like us to meet a specific goal. This year we would like to:



**Ritah needs a sponsor!**

She is the last born of four siblings. They live with

1. Build a new dormitory for girls at Act High School. - \$45,000.
2. Upgrade our Solar system to efficiently serve all facilities and electricity - \$35,450.
3. Send a High School graduate through University - \$10,000.
4. Furnish for one more child at Act Schools - \$300.

You can also choose to sponsor a child like Ritah. Sponsorship is \$420 and \$900 at the Junior school and High School levels, respectively. We have 20 children that urgently need a sponsor. Some of them were already in our sponsorship program but their sponsors could not continue.

You can also donate towards any of the projects in honor of a loved one.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any clarifications.

their parents, Paul and Josephine.

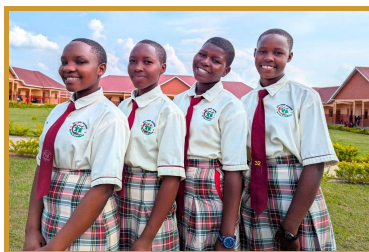
The family owns a small piece of land where they grow seasonal crops. Given the changing weather conditions, small scale farming is unreliable to meet family needs. Ritah wants to be a teacher and loves playing hide and seek.



### Why the Rakai District of Uganda?

The Rakai district of Uganda is ground zero for AIDS. Since the disease was discovered in Rakai in 1982, more than a million people have died, leaving behind more than 1.2 million orphans. In Uganda, HIV/AIDS has significantly reduced life expectancy, depleted the labor force and reduced food security. Many children are being raised by elderly relatives, and these children often have no choice but to work as laborers, rather than attend school. We need your help to change the lives of these children.

**There is no greater reward than working from your heart and making a difference in the world ~ Carlos Santana. The pictures are great evidence for a future filled with HOPE. Thank you for being part of this family.**



High School sponsored girls



Junior School Sponsored girls



This family has received a gift of a new house





Maria - the Birthday queen



First time in shoes excitement



Family needing a new house

## Letter Writing

You will get to know your sponsored child in a very personal way through the letters that you exchange.

All children learn English in school and will write with the help of an older student when their writing skills aren't quite ready for you. As they progress in school, they will independently write you a letter. You will get at least 3 letters from your sponsored child every year.

Please look out for a letter from your sponsored child in the coming day.



This is a unique part of our sponsorship program! Children love writing to their sponsors!

When you can, please write to your sponsored child. Do not forget to send your letter with a special picture.



A gift of a soccer ball for each child was a blessing to every child back home.



Victor wants to be a doctor. His sponsor sent him a doctor's uniform, a solar watch and stethoscope. What an encouragement!



## It takes the whole village to raise a child

This is an African proverb that means a child's upbringing is a shared responsibility involving the entire community. This "village" includes not





**This is a young girl after receiving her pillowcase dress.**

We may live so many miles but belong to God's village in Uganda.

only family but also neighbors, teachers, and other community members who provide a supportive environment for a child to grow, learn, and thrive. It emphasizes that children benefit from the diverse influences, guidance, and care of many people, not just their parents.

This is how I view what we do. Everyone of us, gets a unique opportunity to be a part of a village in Uganda and participate in changing the lives of children and their families. I just can't thank you enough! Please invite other people to the "village" so we can raise more children.

**Annette Mutaawe**



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