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Hello Friends,

Welcome to our newsletter, I trust that all is well with you and your families.

Since our last newsletter we have made some significant changes in how we operate in providing support to our friends in Uganda. The greatest change is that we will no longer be raising funds specifically to support teachers. This decision was not taken lightly but the Covid enforced break in education in Uganda, the longest period throughout the world where children have not had the benefit of any meaningful education, gave us the opportunity to reflect on what we do and how best to deliver assistance in helping children into school or vocational training.

A major issue we identified was that there was an apparent unwillingness for the parents to pay school fees whilst we are paying contributions for the teachers salary. Therefore we felt it right to withdraw that direct support to teachers and instead support individual children whose parents genuinely are unable to afford to pay for their children to go to school.

We have established "Jewels Project" this project seeks to identify children who meet the criteria to enable them to benefit from sponsorship. I will forward to you details about the project and how it will work. I have through our partner in Uganda found a local manager for the project in Lumpewe and am now in the process of placing contracts. The local managers main task is to identify children who qualify and recommend them for sponsorship. Also to monitor each child's and the family's compliance to the conditions of the sponsorship agreement. The local manager will also be the liaison between the Jewels Project directors, parents and schools.

We have already seen encouraging effects from the decision we have taken, I will cover those in detail in the report from Fredrick Headmaster Lumpewe Primary School.

LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

Of course any sponsorship programme requires individuals or groups willing to commit to sponsor a child into school or vocational training. If you are interested in joining us by sponsoring a child you will find all the information from the "Jewels Project" broacher forwarded to you along with the newsletter.

Reports from our Partners

Lumpewe

Hi brothers,

I wish to thank God for a very good beginning of the new academic year after a very long holiday.

We have today ended the second week since we opened up for this term. Our teachers are back and studies are going on very well.

Two of the teachers went to Saudi Arabia for work but we have been able to replace them.

I want to thank Derek very much for supporting the staff during the very long holiday. That support has helped me to keep in touch with the teachers which has enabled them to report back.

Most of our pupils have reported back and we have also registered new ones. The enrolment today is nearly 300 pupils and we hope to have more pupils next week. We thank God for that.

Below is a photo of the pupils on assembly and the young ones during their physical education lesson.

God bless you all.

Fredrick (Head teacher)



In my opening remarks I mentioned that we have already seen some encouraging effects following our decision to withdraw the direct funding contribution towards the teachers salary. Headteacher Fredrick reports. "Wish to inform you that last Thursday 24th February 2022, we had a general parents' meeting at the school. The purpose of the meeting was:

To welcome the parents from the covid period and to thank them for trusting us and give us their children to study from African Child Primary School. To remind them their responsibility of caring and providing their children's needs and school fees as well. To let them know the situation of the school and the needs like furniture and Latrine. After a long discussion, the parents agreed to start with the issue of the Latrine but since it is costly, they agreed to do it in phases. We decided to dig the pit latrine and each pupil is to pay shs 3,000 (0.64p) towards that issue. So as soon as the parents put that in action, we shall begin digging the pit latrine".



Sometimes when we take decisions we often become challenging towards ourselves asking if we have made the right decision, and the enemy will sow all those doubting questions from within ourselves and from other well meaning people. However when we take decisions following the leading of the Holy Spirit it is amazing how the Father can move in the hearts of others.

KABOWA HOPE CENTRE KAMPALA

Pastor Musisi Reports

“Schools having reopened our effort and energy has been towards having our kids who were in school to go back to school

We did have kids on sports scholarships in some schools before the lockdown but now the schools having suffered like any other businesses during the lockdown can no longer offer the scholarships.

We have managed to have a few back but there is still many who have sat out this term because of lack of school fees..

And we also had quite a number of parents/guardians whose lively hood were severely affected by the lockdown asking for support.

It is heart breaking but you can only give support as much as your resources can”.

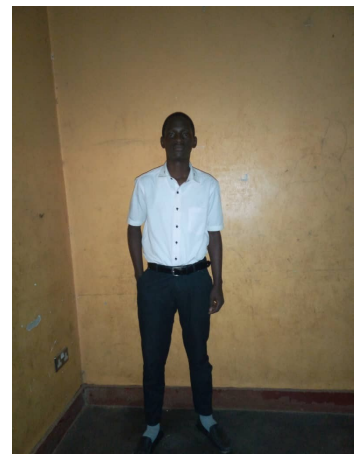
These two are some of the students we have been able to send back to school being supported by Hope Centre

In plain shirt is called Reagan Lookman and the one with sweater wrapped over is Joseph Semakula both candidates in senior four this year



We have four candidates for sponsorship whom we have previously been supporting into school through sports scholarships, sadly due to the constrained finances schools are now facing following the Covid crisis these are no longer available.

We are praying that the Lord will stir the hearts and raise up sponsors to enable these children to continue and complete their education.



SOUTH RWENZORI DIOCESE

BUILDING MARRIAGE ON BIBLICAL TEACHINGS AND PRINCIPLES: BY BISHOP NASON BALUKU OF SOUTH RWENZORI DIOCESE IN UGANDA

The Diocese of South Rwenzori in Western Uganda has noted with concern the level at which marriage that was ordained by God at the beginning of creation has been disrupted by secularism. According to the Bible as written in Mark 10: 1-12 divorce is not biblical. Bishop Nason Baluku has instituted a strong team of men and women that are moving from congregation to congregation in his diocese-conducting conferences for the marrieds. The Conferences are aimed at reminding the couples about the word of God about marriage and reminding them about the vows they made in Church before God, the Priest and the congregation. To God be the glory that many couples are turning up for the different organized conferences. I am encouraging Church leaders all over the world to embrace biblical principles on marriage and pass the relevant teaching to all the marrieds and many that are yet to marry. In case you want to use me to reach you or your congregation, please do contact me on mobile number +256 782 309778; WhatsApp +256 782 309778 or Email: nasonbaluku2013@gmail.com. I pledge to help you rebuild your marriage or prepare you for an excellent marriage to the glory of God.



Photo: Taken at St. Paul's Cathedral in Kasese Town (Uganda) after hundreds of couples turn up for the conference. Bishop Nason Baluku; Retired Bishop Zebedee Masereka and Mrs. Stella Masereka facilitated the Conference.

PRAYER REQUEST: Stand with me in prayer that I will get resources to train 20 pastors. The diocese is short of 20 pastors. To train one pastor for three years in a theological college, it will cost us 12,000,000 Uganda Shillings, which is equivalent to £2500.00 Thank you so much and be blessed.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry supporting marriage you can do so by making donations through Derek Baldry Ministries. Information on how to do this is at the end of this newsletter.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Give thanks to Father God for all He has done and is doing through this work He has called us to.
2. Continue to pray for the 20,000 Bibles needed to support the vision to reach 100,000 people in South Rwenzori Diocese.
3. Pray for the people of Uganda that even in the worst of times they will know the provision of Jesus; Practical, Physical and Spiritual.
5. Pastor Musisi is in urgent need of funds to repair his Van, he has been given a gift by David Slater towards this, but more is needed pray that the required funds will come forward either to repair or replace.
6. Give thanks that the children have now returned to school. Pray that they will settle quickly into their studies and the lost years will be restored.

7. Please pray the Lord will lead more people to become supporters of our projects.
8. Pray for Bishop Nason and me as we seek Father God's leading for the Mission in August 2022.
9. Please pray that the Lord will lead in our discussions on how to take the "Jewels Project" forward.
10. Pray that as we identify children for sponsorship the Lord will bring forward the individuals and groups willing to commit to sponsoring them.
11. Pray for me that I will know and understand Father God's will for the work. That He will lead me to the right connections to make the work we do productive and sustainable.

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