

# DEREK BALDRY MINISTRIES

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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our latest newsletter since the last issue in March we have been busy establishing the “Jewels” child sponsorship project. This newsletter will be very much focused on that and the first cohort children selected for sponsorship. Firstly I will give you a quick summary of activities in the various locations.

### LUMPEWE

Head Teacher Fredrick reports that they have successfully completed the first term, with 300 children enrolled for the term. All the children returned full of enthusiasm ready to commence their studies. They have now departed on the end of term break and will return for the second term starting on the 9th May.

### KAMPALA

We had quite a number of activities at Hope Centre on Easter Weekend. Our boys had a friendly match with the local village team as a way of getting the community to understand who we are as well as our works around the community. We were unable to repeat the success on the previous competition, but it was a close run match decided on penalties losing an opportunity to win another Goat as a trophy

However, our main aim of touching base with the community was a success and several people have visited the centre since then. We also used the opportunity to preach the gospel and several rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ. This included a 17 year old boy who had run away from home and joined bad groups taking and selling drugs. After spending sometime with him, he was years repented and offered to return home. He has promised to come to church on Sunday and we are going to try our best to follow his development.

We also gave out about 100 mosquito nets to the very vulnerable in the community to help protect from mosquitoes causing Malaria.



## South Rwenzori



Bishop Nason and the team of Roaming Pastors continue with the evangelism programme reaching out into the rural communities of South Rwenzori.

Photo of hundreds committing their lives to Jesus.

Bishop Nason sent me this testimony "Good morning my brother Derek. I was passing through Mirami Village and crowds had come to receive me. As Zacchaeus did, the boy who is on the top of the tree and other children under the tree were shouting "Jesus is passing". I stopped and mentioned to them that I am not Jesus but I have a message from Jesus to save sinners. Thousands of children and adults continued to follow me until we gathered at a play ground where I ministered to thousands of God's people. Continue standing with me in prayer that I will live a life worthy of my calling. Thanks."



## JEWELS PROJECT

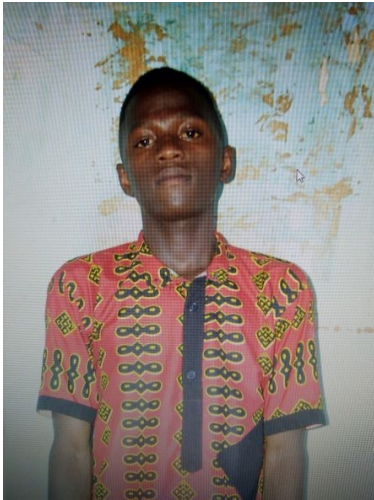


We have selected 6 children for the first cohort, their profiles are below. Selecting children for sponsorship is only the beginning we are now seeking individuals and groups who have an heart to see children in extreme poverty being elevated out of those situations into a place where they can become contributors to their families and community.

Education is the first step along the road for them to take hold of those opportunities.

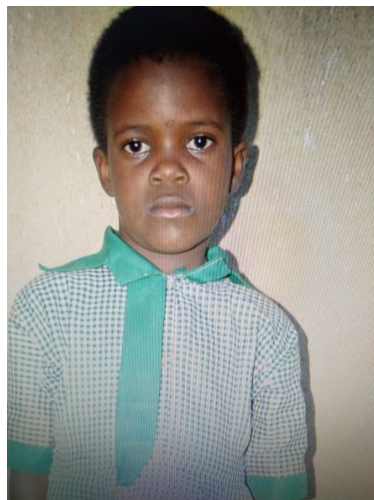
Supporting children into school is one thing however we recognise that the return on this is along way down the road. Therefore, we are also investigating how we can help the family overcome the circumstances which have conspired to place them in the position were they are unable to pay the school fees in the first instance. The answers and solutions to this will be many and varied from one family group to another. We will seek to develop systems and the infrastructure in order help the families of our sponsored children to move from dependence on support to a place were they are able to provide full contribution themselves.





**Livingstone Balamaze:** He is 17 years of age, his mother is absent and father due to addictions is not capable to look after him, he therefore lives on the church premises in Lumpewe. He receives a little support for daily needs from church members. He has managed to progress to Secondary Education, showing great commitment to advance in education, understanding that success in completing education will benefit him in future work opportunities providing a brighter future.

Livingstone is looking to recommence his education in Senior Year 2. Fees for secondary education are £50.00 per month.



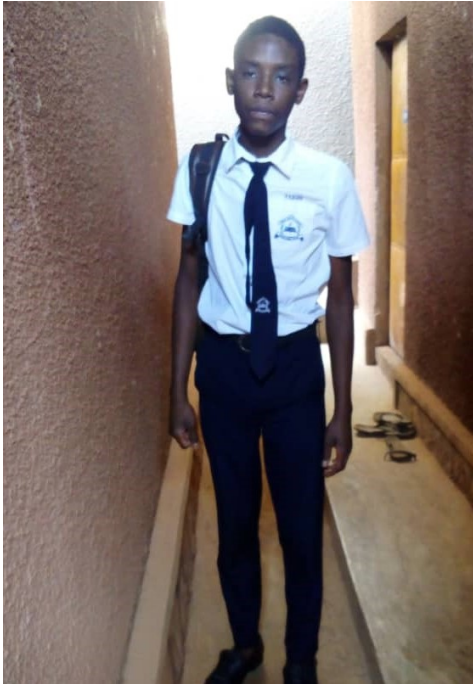
**Esther Nalugya:** She is 9 years of age, parents are deceased, living in Lumpewe being cared for by grandmother, who is not in good health and is struggling to look after Esther and her other grandchildren. Esther has shown herself to be attentive in the classroom. She understands that education can provide better opportunities for her in the future.

Esther will be starting school in Primary 1. Fees for primary education are £30.00 per month.



**Shadrack Ntulume:** He is 12 years of age, living with his parents in Lumpewe. They are in extreme poverty due to the effects of Covid 19. Shadrack has progressed Primary 6, his teacher reports that he is bright and attentive in class. Shadrack said if given the chance he would work to go as far as he can, seeing this is a way out of poverty.

Shadrack will recommence his education at primary 6. Fees for primary education are £30.00



**Keith Mukiibi:** He is 16 years of age, he has a brother and sister who live with the mother. His father died at a young age and he had been living with his paternal grandmother sadly she died recently. Since then he has been living with his paternal Uncle in the Sserwadda District in Kampala.

He achieved grade 2 in his primary education and currently attends Senior Year 2, in spite of his current circumstances he has continued to apply himself to his studies. He desires to be an Engineer. Fees for Secondary Education are £50.00.

He is currently the youth leader at the fellowship meeting at the Hope Centre in Kabowa Slums.



**Ssenyagga Sadati:** He is 10 years of age, living with his grandmother in the Kabowa Slums, Kampala. The grandmother is also looking after a number of other children, Ssenyagga missed the last term of school due to lack of funds to pay the fees and purchase the necessary books and equipment. The teacher reports that his aptitude and application to learning are promising. He is keen to pursue his studies and participated in the Hope Centre Education project during the covid 19 when all schools in Uganda were closed.

He will recommence his education in primary year 3, fees for primary education are £30.00.



**Joseph Ssemakula:** He is 19 years of age, though by UK standards it would seem that he is old to be in education. It needs to be understood that this prolonged education journey is due directly to the circumstances in which he lived. When he first came to the notice of the Hope Centre he had in his possession books and school uniform which he managed to purchase by selling scrap metal found on the streets and rubbish dumps, although he did not have a school to go to. He completed his primary education with a 75% pass mark and grades of one and two, progressed to secondary through a sports scholarship, unfortunately this has now been withdrawn due to lack of funds following the Covid 19. He is living at the Hope Centre and takes a lead in the activities there in mentoring the younger children. Fees for secondary school are £50.00 per month.

## 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. Give thanks that Pastor Musisi's van repairs have progressed to near completion. There is a need now for new tyres to see the van safely back on the road (£185.00).
3. Give thanks that the children have now completed the first term successfully. Pray that they will all return from the break ready to continue in their studies.
4. Pray for those children we have enrolled into the "Jewels" sponsorship programme, that sponsors for them will come forward quickly. Pray also for the prospective sponsors that they will follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
5. Pray that the Lord will lead more people to become partners with this ministry.

6. Pray for Bishop Nason and me as we seek Father God's leading for the Mission in August 2022.
7. Give thanks for the harvest that the Lord has given through the evangelism in South Rwenzori being led by Bishop Nason and the Roaming Pastors.
8. Please pray that the Lord will lead in our discussions on how to take the "Jewels Project" forward.
9. 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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