



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

A Buyamba Graduate Story

Meet Rebecca...



I joined Buyamba in 2001 from deep in the village of Namungo as a child. I am the seventh born of a family of twelve kids and my father is a pastor in the village near the Dongo farm. It was too difficult for my family to pay school fees, so throughout the rest of my education, I was sponsored through Buyamba. I stayed at the school in the village because that is what could be afforded at the time.

I joined God Cares High School in 2008 in my first year of high school and remained there until 2013 when I finished my high school education. I took on many leadership responsibilities and took my work seriously. In 2014, still with the support of Buyamba sponsors, I joined a teacher's college to start my pursuit of being a professional teacher. After two years, I graduated with a certification in Primary School Teaching. Today, I have started my career as a primary school teacher and surely my life will never be the same again.

Buyamba's vision is to empower the children of Uganda to impact their nation for Christ.

Sponsorship 101

What is Child Sponsorship?

Sponsorship is a journey that a sponsor endeavors with a specific sponsored child for their educational and/or residential needs throughout the school years. Buyamba matches sponsors to children through many different venues.... from choosing a bio of a child at a church event, to finding a child on our website, or from a phone call to the Buyamba office. No matter how it happens, our prayer is that there is a "heart to heart link" between that chosen child and his sponsor. Our hope is that a sponsor will journey through the school years with his child, praying for him/her and maybe even communicating through letters. Many of these children may not have a biological parent at home because they have been orphaned or have only one parent who has to work continuously for their family's survival. Your voice throughout the schooling process may be a source of strength to them. Regardless of the circumstances, sponsorship impacts the whole family with its inherent blessing. Your support and encouragement can change lives forever.

Do All The Sponsored Students Attend God Cares School?

Most children attend God Cares School, but not all. A few kids are sponsored in the city of Jinja at a school overseen by Florence Dongo's sister, Irene. These children will one day move to a future God Cares School site in Jinja. We also have kids sponsored in a place called Namungo (where Rebecca attended) which is close to the Dongo farm. This location is too far from God Cares Primary School, but one day all of these sponsored kids will enter God Cares High School because it is very close in proximity to Namungo. There are other extenuating circumstances that allow a child to be approved to go to another school on a case by case approval by Buyamba Orphan Outreach, but all Buyamba students are well cared for!

There are 139 kids who need sponsors now. Join us in our vision to offer love, hope, and a future through education and discipleship...one child at a time



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What if I Am Unable to Continue Sponsorship?

Does My Sponsored Child Get Kicked Out of School?

No way! We don't work that way...once a child attends God Cares School he/she is in our program and we are committed in finding him/her another sponsor. Sponsorship money goes into a "family fund" which covers all the needs for all children at God Cares School through Buyamba Orphan Outreach (which is the Buyamba nonprofit on the Uganda side operated by the Dongo family). If a sponsor is not able to pay for their child it will not directly impact the physical support

for that child, but we will make it our top priority to replace that sponsor in order for our sponsorship program to continue and flourish. At times the change of a new sponsor does impact the sponsored child emotionally when they learn they have a new sponsor, but for the most part they are simply thankful someone in a far away land is loving them and caring for their needs. The same can be said for the sponsor who learns his/her sponsored child has left the school for whatever reason...it is often difficult and hard to understand as there is often an emotional and spiritual connection between a sponsor and sponsored child.

Why Did My Child Leave?

Sometimes a sponsored child does not return to start the next school term. There are several reasons a child may not return. Sometimes it is because an older child is now working to help his/her family, or the child does not pass a level test, or the family has moved and the school is too far away from where they are currently living...the reasons are endless and often heart wrenching. Regardless of the cause, know that you have made a tremendous difference

in the life of the child you have sponsored for that season you were given together, for that child was educated, disciplined and cared for. The Buyamba office will contact you if there is any change with your child. We will let you know what we have been told from the Uganda office as to why, and we will always ask you to pray about sponsoring another child. Although it may be hard to "switch," there are just so many children who desperately need us to come alongside them. Our potential to impact lives is far-reaching.


Assembly Hall Progress ... from Ezra Dongo



Currently the Bethuel Dongo Assembly Hall is at an active roofing level where the contractor thinks he will hand over the work in about three weeks. According to his plan, face boards will be set next and after that, the sheets will be put up.



Next the windows will be put into place and plastering and the floor will follow of these. Currently the construction is not affected by the weather because it rains at night so they work well during day. We just pray the weather still favors us.

 Pray that the Lord will provide the funds to finish. We are grateful for those who have helped so far.

A Special Thank You!

Many thanks to Don & Paulette Meyers who have worked so hard and volunteered many heartfelt hours over the last five years at Buyamba, both in the U.S. and in Uganda. We have appreciated all the many hats they have worn at Buyamba and thank them for loving the children at God Cares School in Uganda!



As Pastor Dongo always said, "Thank you for loving us."



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