



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

Annual Buyamba Trip 2023



The Buyamba Team and the Dongo Family

One of the many blessings of leading Buyamba in the U.S. is making an annual visit to God Cares School in Uganda. Ever since 2008, my trip never ceases to amaze me as I witness all that the Lord has done through the faithfulness and generosity of our donor partners. I was honored to take a team this summer that served God with big hearts. I am always so blessed to see the growth that was so evident on both campuses of God Cares School and also the Buyamba Farm! We now have over 900 students at each campus!

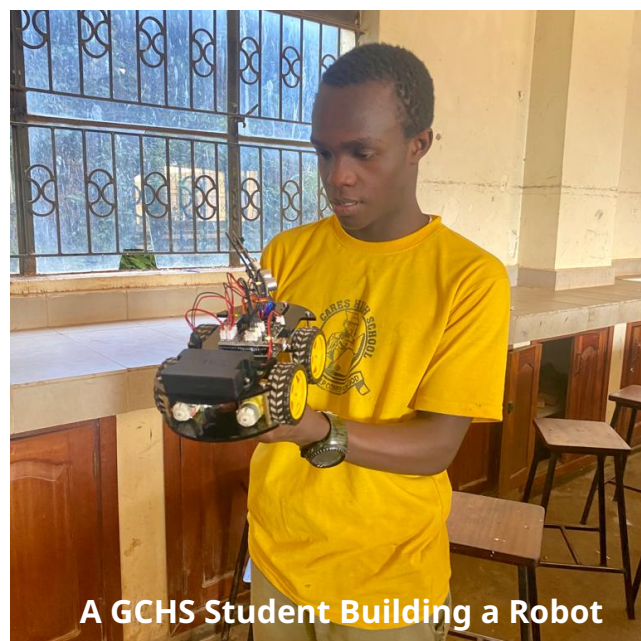
I was blessed to be a part of an amazing team that had so much love to give.

God Cares Primary and High School

The schools continue to thrive in excellence in education and discipleship. Our team was able to take part in weekly chapels and teaching time in the classrooms. Cynthia Wilson taught preschool classes, Chris and Janna Call lead chapel, and Darin Winger empowered the advanced science class with new experimental equipment. Our whole team was involved in sharing their giftings with the students.



God Cares Primary Students Greet the Team



A GCHS Student Building a Robot

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Sponsors meeting their children is the highlight of any trip. It was beautiful to watch our team members meet their sponsored children for the first and spend time getting to know them. There are always tearful hellos, goodbyes, and sincere love and encouragement from sponsors. Our team members, Matt & Erin Almaraz, met and sponsored a child for the first time. What a blessing to see the joy shared by the Almaraz's and their sponsored child.



The Library

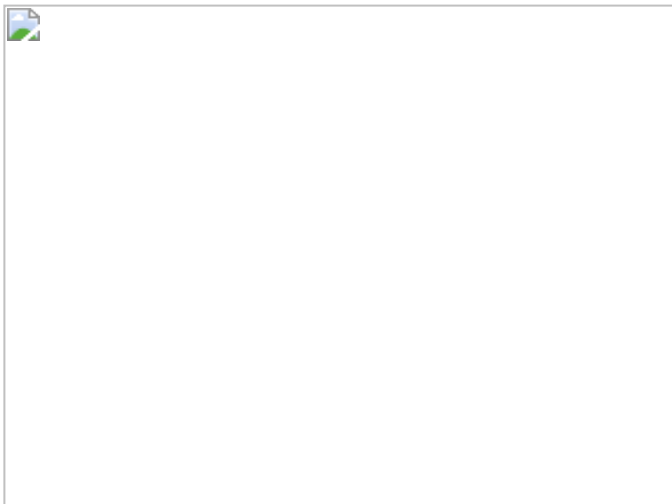
The Library at both schools was a focal point of our team. One of our team members, Lisa Call, had previously organized and implemented the shipment of over 16,000 books to Uganda from the generosity of librarians and bookstores from Goleta/Santa Barbara to Agoura Hills, California. The team organized and shared these new books with the student body. The library at the Primary School had never been so alive with tons of new books and puzzles and storytelling that had never been seen at GCS! The joy of reading oozed into every corner, and the students could not get enough of the fantastic stories that will continue to delight them for the years to come!

The Trade School

The Buyamba Trade School runs successfully and has already certified the first Tailoring and Catering & Food Nutrition classes. There was a new cooking station that included ovens and stoves. The Tailoring class also got new sewing machines. Mandy Winger helped the students with the new equipment. The students were excited and shared their dreams and hopes for the future using what they have learned in their specialty area.



The Farm



The Buyamba Farm changes every year and keeps on growing! New crops, animals, and plans for next year's crops will impact the schools even more! Beans and pocho (finely ground cornmeal), and matooke (plantains used in a dish boiled whole or mashed) are used to feed the children at the school. Food prices have gone up, so more of these crops will be grown at the Farm next year. There is also the desire to add courses on agriculture at the Buyamba Trade School to empower those students interested in farming.

Thank you to our Buyamba Food Partners who are helping us overcome the rising costs of food for our students.