



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

Ministering To The Students of God Cares School

God Cares Students are glad to be back on campus to resume their studies and be in a safe environment that feels more like home for many. Story after story about what they each endured during the lockdown are pouring out of students' mouths as the weeks have gone on. Many children are excited to tell of their adventures and happenings, but not all the stories are good. Some children have faced trauma during the months they were home in their villages as they endured the longest lockdown enforced in the world.

Hunger and sickness were everywhere, and some days they were hungrier than others. In most cases, their parent or guardian lost their jobs, and all were struggling to get by financially. The Buyamba Food Outreach and village schools were lifesaving to many physically, emotionally, and spiritually, but the time span in these conditions persisted for a very long time for these children. Many children lost people they loved, such as their grandparents that did not survive Covid. Some children were sent off to distant family or friends to provide for them or make some money for the family, but in some instances, this resulted in unwanted pregnancies or abuse.



The God Cares School administration knew that some students may have experienced more than they could handle and planned for it.

Glory Dongo, the chaplain of both God Cares Schools, and his wife Cate, a trained counselor, are now conducting group counseling for classes in the high school multiple times a week. They are also training staff to help with this trauma work and dividing the students into smaller groups of 20. From there, those individual students that need more than an hour and a half of group counseling will also have individual counseling, if needed. The weekly chapels are also very focused on healing and allowing God to minister to the students in the wounded places of their hearts and bring hope to their spirits. There are chapels at the high school in which the students are emotional during worship and are going deep into prayer for healing.



Cate and Glory Dongo

Please join the Buyamba Ministry as we pray for the God Cares School leaders as they minister to the children through our mission to disciple and educate this generation to impact their nation for Christ.

A Student's Story

Meet Catherine



My name is Catherine Afooyo, and I am in S3 (third year of high school) at God Cares School.

Life while at home, during the Covid 19 lockdown has been the biggest challenge of my life; we were trapped on all sides. I saw many girls my age get pregnant, and the boys join bad gangs. My heart was full of sorrow, and I felt so hopeless and deep in thought about what my own future might hold. Not that I wanted to do these things, but because there was no parent to call my own, there was no one to share my story and struggles.

I am so glad that I am back at school. I am happy to be a student of God Cares High School, a place of hope, full of people who conduct an exemplary life, who can listen to you, uplift you, and point you towards the future.



The founders of God Cares are my heroes, for they have uplifted nations that will always leave a legacy behind. I thank God for the God Cares founders and our dear sponsors, that despite the Covid 19 pandemic, we have at least a place we can go to, a family where everyone is welcomed irrespective of who they are and where they come from. I am so happy and excited to be boarding at school and feel so at peace and hopeful for what the future holds for me.

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**920
Students**



2022 Student Population

GCHS

**745
Students**



**UNIVERSITY &
TRADE SCHOOL**

**117
Students**

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