



# Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

## A Glimpse Into The Life of GCHS Student: Juliet

My name is Juliet, and I am 19 and in S6 (last year of high school). I live with my mother; my father passed away when I

was still young. I did not get to know or meet my father's relatives. I am the last born of ten children, seven girls, and three boys.

I bless the Lord for how far He has brought me. I am soon sitting for the National Examinations. It is a dream come true! My education journey has not been a straight one; I studied my primary level from our village (the bush) and then moved to God Cares High School for my secondary education.

My mum is a peasant and sometimes does casual work by digging for people, from which she can get the basic home needs. With this, we usually have one meal a day. This pushes me sometimes to get something to do, like working as a house help during the term breaks to get some of my school needs while back at school.

During this past COVID break, I set out to do the usual work as a house help since it was the available opportunity. I was promised to be paid UGX 50,000 (\$138 per month); however, after working for three months, my then employers told me they had no money on them, that I had to wait for a few more months to be paid. I could not stay, however, since I was a candidate student, and the president had announced that we were to report back. It had been a long-time off school. Disappointed, I called

mum and she told me she had only transport funds for me to go to school. (continued on page 2.)



### To Board or Not to Board?

Boarding school in the U.S. may sound like a punishment, however, if you were to ask any child in Uganda, "Would you prefer boarding school or day school?" the answer would almost always be boarding school!. In Ugandan boarding schools, students are provided with more opportunities to learn and spend time with their friends.

Both God Cares School campuses serve as a boarding school for many. At GCHS, all students board for it is far away from most students' homes.

Many of the girls enjoy the two-story dorm they have named "Paradise." which can accommodate over 200 students. The boys are still in the temporary classroom dorms on the fourth floor of the high school building and the assembly hall's bottom floor while their new dorm is under construction.

At the Primary School, the P7 students are boarding since they are set to take their National exams this month. This benefits them greatly because they are away from home and do not have to worry about the lack of electricity or running water, or even the challenge of not having enough food. They have a productive schedule with devotions, chores, school, study time, and often night lessons.

# Prayer Point for Nursery & Early Primary Students



The nursery school, kindergarten, and first through third grade classes are full of young children who need to be in school. Please pray for their quick return and that they remain a priority for the Ugandan government advisers. UNICEF-Uganda acknowledges that "Early Childhood Development (ECD) is key to a full and productive life, and to the progress of a nation."

The Uganda paper, The Observer notes, "When investments are made in mothers and young children, children's risk of dying under the age of 5 is reduced, they stand a better chance of doing well at school and they are also more likely to break the 'inter-generational cycle of poverty.' The earliest years are the most crucial point of child development and attending early education lays the foundation for lifelong learning and supports children's social and emotional

development." **The good news is P1-P3 will start school in June** and we are currently brainstorming with the nursery school teachers how to reach out to the younger students.

## Here's How You Can Help:

Please pray for our students ongoing, especially the National Testing class levels. Sponsor a child or continue to sponsor even if your child is not yet in school, for it helps impact the whole school's workings. Help continue to build God Cares Schools by giving for needed areas around the school, such as the boys' dorms or the computer lab's equipment needs for testing students.

### Is My Student Back to School?

\*The following dates are subject to change.

**November 2020:** P7, S4 & S6

**March 1, 2021:** University and Trade School Students, P6, S3 & S5

**April 6, 2021:** P4 & P5

**April 12, 2021:** S1

**May 31, 2021:** S2

**June 7, 2021:** P1, P2 & P3

**TBD:** Nursery Class



If you have any questions about the status of your sponsored student please feel free to contact us!

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(continued from page 1) Off I headed to school with nothing, apart from my books and uniform. I was sad, but at the same time excited to be back to school, away from the worries, to seeing my friends and teachers. To my surprise, I was greeted with a Back to School Kit from the Buyamba Office and I was able to get basic school needs; God bless their generous hearts! I am now a happy girl, and will soon sit for my final national examinations and get ready to go to University. I believe and know that the good Lord has a bright future for me and a happy ending for my family.



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