



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

Florence Dongo's Trip to the U.S.



Two months ago Florence Dongo took a step of faith in leaving her home in Uganda and traveling alone to the United States. She visited Buyamba friends and was given several opportunities to share the ministry with new friends who have never heard of Buyamba and God Cares School. Her first stop was Texas where she spoke at churches in the Dallas, Ft. Worth area including Cross Timbers Church, The Met Church, and New Life Church. She also visited Liberty Christian School, and attended many small gatherings of Buyamba partners to pray with and share the progress that is happening at God Cares School. It wasn't all work and no play; she had a great time of celebration at a wedding with friends from The Met Church in Keller, Texas.



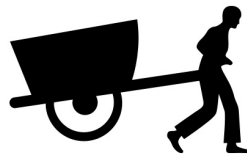
Anne Roller, Jennifer Martz, Mandy Winger, Florence Dongo, Angela Terilli, Christine Mann, Judy Fairchild, Stacy Staseson

From Texas, Florence made her way to California where she spoke at Calvary Community Church, Living Oaks Church, Calvary Chapel Godspeak and Calvary Chapel Calabasas. She also had the pleasure of meeting leaders from Conejo Church, Crossroads Church, The Shepherd's House, Lighthouse Church, and Oaks Christian School and Ventura County Christian School.

Glory Dongo, her son who is currently attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was able to accompany her at Calvary Community Church services and also attend the annual Buyamba dinner

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DROUGHT IN UGANDA



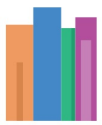
Glory Dongo and Keith Horton

Last year, Uganda was hit a few times with heavy rain, and we were blessed with the response from many of you when we petitioned for help with the assembly hall roof because of the rain, however, we're now having a problem because of the lack of rain in Uganda. The lack of rain is causing drought conditions that have driven up food costs. To combat this challenge, we ask you to pray for rain! Also, pray for wisdom on problem solving the challenge of feeding 1500 children as food costs have escalated.

Thanks Dongo has a heart for the farm and has been researching more efficient ways to farm in Uganda. He is looking into methods of farming that includes a better irrigation system and the use of a well pump and rain barrel to keep the crops growing at the Dongo Farm which supplies some food for the schools. Buyamba is also considering using 10 acres of our Jinja land to establish a new farm that will complement the existing one and provide a greater yield to supplement the school. This plan will also involve another well, pump and irrigation tools.

Uganda says 1.3 million people are facing hunger due to the drought

If you have any connection to water organizations that may be of help or if you have a heart to help with the farming needs, please let us know. You can also add \$5 extra on your sponsorship to cover the higher costs during this drought season.



A Child Story ... Stella Nakiwala

Once we were a family with my mum, dad and my seven siblings all living happily together. But when I was about 3 or 4 years old, my father passed away. A month later, my mother died as well. Suddenly, we were orphans. It was a sad moment for us, although because I was so young, I wasn't much aware of what was going on. My aunties and uncles held a meeting and decided to split us up in order to share the responsibility among themselves.

My uncle, Godfrey, had to promise me a doll so I would go with him! Today, I'm still staying with my uncle who at times finds it difficult to fully provide for my needs along with his own children. But glory to God, I'm able to go to school, doing what I love best—reading and learning. I thank my uncle for that, because he had approached Pastor Dongo to see if he could help with my education. He agreed and now I'm in school—able to dream big dreams for my life!



\$35 a month to change a life...

Buyamba offers love, hope and a future...one child at a time

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Julie Dimas and Florence Dongo

Both Florence and Glory shared vision and passion for what God is doing through Buyamba and God Cares Schools in Uganda, reporting that students are thriving and God is at work! Many new people sponsored students for the first time after hearing their testimony of how God was working to bring love, hope and a future to the lives of orphaned and needy children in Uganda.

Florence was able to visit Ugandan friends in Portland, Oregon for a couple of days before going on to her final destination in Kingston, New York where she reunited with friends who had visited and supported Pastor Dongo and her in Uganda long ago. She spent one weekend with Living Word Chapel in West Hurley and met with friends from New Progressive Baptist Church in Kingston and a few small gatherings in the home of friends.

Many thanks to all her host families, host churches and friends who reached out to make Florence's trip a success! Florence was blessed by many who surrounded her with encouragement and prayer. One of her hosts and an ambassador for Buyamba, Mandy Winger, said it best when she shared her reflection of those who gathered to be with Florence on one occasion, "I feel with all my heart that this trip was not only a time for her to tell the God Cares story, but also a time of personal healing for our dear sister. There are so many sweet stories to tell of women reaching out to Florence, giving her love and support. Many women who have traveled to Uganda over the years were able to spend quality time with this amazing woman to hear her personal story of poverty, salvation, sacrifice and service to others. She has borne the burden of Pastor Dongo's loss with such strength and grace. God brought her here to give her the love and support she needed at this exact time to continue on. I feel she will return home with a renewed strength knowing so many women are standing in the gap for her daily."



Florence Dongo and Jerry Lehmann



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