



Buyamba News

Helping **Uganda**...one child at a time



Buyamba Welcomes the New Year Together 2021

When we consider God's work this past year in the Buyamba ministry, we are astounded by His goodness. The support was even more generous than last year, and we are truly thankful and blessed by our sponsors and donors' faithfulness.

In 2021 we are challenged again to dream big, for God's vision is bigger than any expectation that we can ask for or imagine, especially when it comes to taking care of His little ones. The children in the Buyamba Uganda program genuinely need our help. Their lives have been plagued, especially last year, with flooding, disease, lack of finances in the family, and food shortages. The question that was posed over and over during the Buyamba Food Outreach by our students' families was, "WHEN CAN THE CHILDREN COME BACK TO SCHOOL?"



We are happy to announce that that time is NOW! Although we are overjoyed, no one is more excited than the children and their families. School not only represents learning opportunities, but it is also a place of safety and provision. **God Cares School will feed each child spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically.** The children know that the parents know that, and the teachers and the staff are preparing for just that as they open the gates to both God Cares Nursery and Primary School and God Cares High School.

Half of the students returned on January 18th and the others will come in February, depending on their grade level. GCHS will welcome S3-S6 back, and the Primary School will welcome P6-P7. God willing, we will see a FULL school in February if all goes as planned with the Uganda education board. Please pray a blessing on this school year as these children return will full hearts and an eagerness to learn.

Thanks to all the sponsors who went without their students' school photos or letters all last year. The process of new photos and sponsor letters will be high on the list of priorities as they return. Thanks to all the sponsors for their patience. Many of you have also helped us secure Back to School Kits as the students prepare to come back. This provision is beneficial for the families who cannot provide for even the minimum requirements for their children to start school. The kits will provide these essential supplies that will surely bring joy to each student.

Spirit

Mind

Body



Buyamba Food Outreach: A Huge Success



The Buyamba Food Outreach will continue in the New Year until all the students are back in school. We will fulfill the call to provide food and encouragement to families still affected by financial strain. 2020 saw an outreach to approximately 1,030 families. With each family consisting of an average of 5 people, that is over 5,000 people. **Buyamba U.S. raised \$100,821 specifically for feeding our student families who were in trouble.** The families we were able to reach because of this generosity were left with food packages that lasted a family 2-3 weeks, depending on family size. The families were also encouraged and prayed for as they requested. The Buyamba team also brought food for the people in the village to have a meal for the day to bless the whole community as we cared for our student families.



As we focused on feeding our student families and getting educational materials out to the students in 2020, God also continued to move on individual donors' hearts to continue to build our God Cares School system. We received financial gifts specifically to continue to build the dorms and build up the Buyamba Farm. Because of that provision, we never stopped building God Cares School. Worship shared that people in the communities were amazed that we could keep our teachers and staff paid and working as directed and the construction work going.

Unfortunately, many schools had to close their doors for good and sell their land, leaving their teachers without provision. By God's grace and the faithfulness of our donors, we were able to keep our bills up to date and sustain our teachers. This stability has encouraged them so much; they feel empowered to go into this new school year rejoicing and ready to educate and disciple these students, grateful for provision during a time of crisis.



**From left to right:
Ezra Dongo, Florence Dongo, Worship
Byakika, Glory Dongo, Thanks Dongo.**

The Dongo family extends their thanks and appreciation for the U.S. Buyamba community who has come to the side of those who had nothing to sustain them through hard times. May God richly bless you all!