



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

From Nursery to University



Elizabeth, raised by her Grandmother, started God Cares in 2008 and is now pursuing a certificate in teaching.

The sponsorship journey through the Buyamba Uganda Ministry starts with nursery aged students and can run through all the years of education, and even to the doors of universities and trade schools. Many of our sponsors have been walking alongside their specific child(ren) for years and have watched them grow up through their education. In the next couple of months, some will be receiving letters and updated pictures from their sponsored child and will see yet another year of growth in their child both in physical stature and in their writing ability. Sponsors are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to form a relationship with their sponsored child, praying for them and/or writing or sending photos. When that connection with their sponsored child is there, receiving a letter or new photo is exciting and makes the impact more “real.” One sponsor who received her letter from her little girl explained, “**I was thrilled that**

I got her letter. I felt like she was reaching out to me. It makes me happy to know she appreciates her education.”

Buyamba’s vision is to empower the children of Uganda to impact their nation for Christ. Once a little school in a church basement, God Cares School has grown to serve 1500 orphaned and disadvantaged students from nursery to university. It has been a process of building both the school buildings and the level of education we could provide over these past 16 years. Now that the second five-story building that serves our high school students is completed, we not only serve these students all the way through high school, but the dream of launching them into universities directly out of God Cares High School has finally arrived. This is a key time to step in and have an impact on a generation of children in Uganda, many of whom may have nothing materially but have been given the blessing of education and discipleship which will give them love, hope, and a vision for the future.

One Student's Dream

Students like Dorah Kuteesa, who just completed S6 (final year at high school) at God Cares High School, have been under the Buyamba education sponsorship program since nursery school. Dorah’s goal is to join university next year and pursue a degree in Accounting. One of her educators explained, “Because of the education she has received all these years, the sky is the limit!”

Changing a nation is a huge undertaking, but as our founder, Bethuel Dongo, explained, “Education is essential to making a difference, not only in the lives of these children, but in the lives they will impact. It is the ONLY way to break the cycle of poverty in Uganda.”



One Child at a Time ...

The Story of Buruhan



Buyamba's mission is to offer love, hope, and a future through education and discipleship... one child at a time. This is not an easy task when the amount of children in need grows. One of the biggest challenges with this mandate of *one child at a time* is dealing with a child who has special needs or a medical condition. It is very difficult to give that extra help and time on a continual basis to one child when we have so many... BUT GOD always finds a way. Never has an example of this kind of divine intervention been so evident as with a student named Buruhan. Also known as Buru.

Buruhan was born with a physical limitation that comes with dwarfism. As he has grown, it has become more and more challenging walking up the many stairs at school and maneuvering quickly through the crowd of kids in the hall. Meanwhile, as his condition grew more physically challenging throughout the years, God was raising up advocates to help Buru with his individual journey at the same time. Like the Shepherd of the Bible who goes after the one sheep who was separated from the fold (Matthew 18:12), God moved on the hearts of a group of Buyamba sponsors to try and find medical help in the United States. After much planning and investigating, it was set for Buru to fly out to Texas and have surgery with a specialized doctor in the U.S. Unfortunately, Buruhan's VISA was denied. We feared that again, we were helpless to come alongside this little one and his individual struggles, but God moved again on another sponsor's heart named Jackie Grant, and she investigated the opportunity to have Buruhan treated in his own country with a specialized surgeon who travels internationally from the United States.

In 2017, Buruhan had his first successful leg surgery (picture above) that would be the beginning of healing. Now, in January of 2018, Jackie is traveling back to Uganda again to stay by Buru's side as he will have his second surgery on his other leg by that same visiting surgeon. While the first time God had moved on the hearts of a group of donors to cover all of his medical expenses, this time, a generous organization called Child Springs International is covering all of his hospital expenses. Because these sponsors followed God's lead and had a strong relationship with kids at God Cares School, God's plan was set into motion.

God Cares...and he cares about each of the students, wanting them to know that even if they don't have an earthly father, like Buruhan, God himself is their father, and he has the most creative ideas of how to meet the needs of each and every one of His children.

2018 Events Coming Soon

March - May: Florence Dongo comes to the U.S. and visits: CA, TX, CT, FL

*Please contact us if you would like to meet with Florence or introduce her to your church.

Sunday, March 18: SAVE THE DATE - Buyamba Banquet in California (details to follow)



Did You Know?

Our organization is largely held up by dedicated volunteers and we're always looking for who God is calling next! Volunteering can involve coming to the office, located in Westlake Village, CA, or participating in our monthly newsletter stuffing.

Visit our website for a volunteer application. Make 2018 your year to get involved!

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