



Learn to do good. Seek justice... Defend the orphan... Isaiah 1:17

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Helping Uganda... one child at a time

Growth to be Seen in 2017

Changes and growth have marked the year 2016, both in Buyamba Uganda stateside and God Cares School in Uganda. The vision has continued to go deeper into the hearts of all, defining all that we are doing together to answer the call to educate and disciple more than 1,500 children.

Our mission... to offer love, hope and a future, through education and discipleship...one child at a time.

Our vision...to empower the orphaned and needy children of Uganda to impact their nation for Christ.

This year, we will look to EXPAND our borders by taking in more children off the streets. There is still room in both of our five-story buildings at God Cares Schools, and that means we have the capacity to impact more children.

We will also continue to BUILD the high school campus, which is still incomplete. God has blessed us in our goal to put the roof on the Assembly Hall in 2016, thanks to all those who gave generously at the end of the year. This is a huge milestone! The roof will serve to protect the structure as building continues on the exterior and interior finishing work. We are getting closer to our goal of completion.

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Closing Up a Blessed Year, 2016

The end of the school year in Uganda commenced in December, and the first Assembly of Excellence was held at God Cares High School. Awards of achievement were given to both the top teacher and various students in chosen categories of studies. This award program was a direct result of a donation from Oaks Christian School in California that had awarded



Award given to Mr. Kisule Godfrey by Worship Dongo Byakika

a \$1,000 gift on behalf of THEIR Teacher of the Year, Christi Goeser, at the end of last year's school year. That financial gift was given to Buyamba for the purpose of then passing it on to the God Cares School's Teacher of Excellence in Uganda and for students who had shown excellence in both leadership and academics. God Cares High School administration gave the awards to the top students in different categories, such as top scholars, most disciplined student and most outstanding leader. This year, the Teacher of the Year award in Uganda, went to Mr. Kisule Godfrey at GCHS. Worship Dongo presented all the awards.

There was also much activity at God Cares Nursery and Primary School. The end of the school year is a time for the annual Nursery School Graduation and Concert. Caps and gowns could be seen on all the 20 preschool school students who would now be entering Primary School. The performance and commencement was enjoyed by all parents and friends in the community. All thanked the Lord for a good year and hard work accomplished!



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purchased outright for the future home of the third God Cares School, (in the second largest city in Uganda to Kampala) our school building efforts there are on hold. There are still funds needed for the fencing and financial support for the land's caregiver, to watch over it well. However, Buyamba has decided that we should first finish our efforts at God Cares High School campus with the ASSEMBLY HALL and STUDENT DORMS, before we endeavor to launch a third school. Worship Dongo said it best, "We are called to be good stewards of God's ministry."

What Happens at Term Break?

The students packed up their bags at the last day of school in December, and waited to be picked up by their parent or guardian in the expectation of a long break at home in their villages with family (or guardians) and friends. This year, many students at both schools were sent home with Christmas baskets from their sponsors, loaded with pantry staples that would last their family through the holidays and much of term break. Life is very different in the children's villages. Many of them live in slums and extreme poverty. Some do not have running water or electricity. They may not receive three meals a day like they do at school. Others live with guardians or with only one parent, because they have lost one or both parents to any of the various diseases such as malaria, AIDS, and even simple infections. Life will be different until school begins with a new grade level on February 6th.

Some students may have to actually work during the term break, depending on their age and their family's financial needs, to help care for their family. Many will help at least with domestic chores at home and attend church activities in their village. The highlight for many of the high school students was attending the annual church youth camp put on by a ministry team called Reaction Tour. The theme was WORLD CHANGERS and it certainly impacted over 500 youths for the Lord.



Getting ready to go home for term break

Take a Short Term Mission Trip to God Cares School in 2017

Every year we have different groups of sponsors, friends, students, and partners who visit God Cares Schools throughout the year. Many come just to meet the children or see their sponsored child, participate in student home visits and share life experiences, but all come with hopes to encourage and love on our kids.

If you or your family would like to be a part of a short mission group, please contact us immediately at info@ugandabuyamba.com. Tentative dates for the Buyamba team trip this summer are set for July 20th-31st. This trip is open to all sponsors and donors through an application process.

If you are part of a church or school and would like to schedule a trip on behalf of your organization or group, please contact the office to be placed on the schedule. All team trips and visits must be scheduled through the Buyamba U.S. office.



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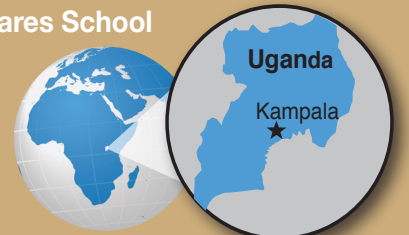


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