



Buyamba News

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

On The Ground in Uganda

This week God Cares High School students had their very first chapel of 2018. The theme for this new school year is "Identity In Christ" based on Ephesians 2:4-10. Chapel began with student led praise and worship, followed by

a few testimonies from students, who shared how God is working in their lives. Sam Byakika, high school Chaplain, opened up in a word of prayer and officially welcomed the S1 (Secondary, first year) students who are brand new to the high school. Many came from the primary school and are still adapting to life at the high school. Some will have to adapt to boarding at the school, for they may not have lived at school when they were in Primary, so it was especially important that they felt welcomed. The first message of the year was delivered by Teacher Rebecca, Director of Academics for God Cares High School. She said, "This year in 2018 we are going to identify ourselves in Christ,"

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The Hopes and Dreams of a God Cares Graduate



The Buyamba staff and the staff in Uganda are proud of our students who have graduated from S6, for they have big dreams and are being equipped to impact Uganda and their communities for Christ.



Having spoken with a few of our recent graduates, it is obvious that not only are their lives being transformed ... but they have the desire to transform more lives of those who were like them, in need of support and love. **This ripple effect means that the work of Buyamba through sponsors and donors will impact multiple generations!** We're seeing the fruit of our work today, yet there's more to come that we will not see.

Gloria is one of these students, and she has been in the Buyamba sponsorship program since 2008, and graduated from S6 in December of 2017, alongside thirty of her classmates. With her eyes set on going to a university, Gloria has been a high performing student who understands that hard work is what it takes to achieve her goals.

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Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball Courts at GCHS!



Sports are an important part of the culture in Uganda and schools with good sports programs are recognized nationwide. Thanks to a team from 2017 donating their project funds, and an additional donor, the fields are already being worked on and we are projecting completion some time this year. Once the fields are completed, they will be used to train God Cares soccer teams as well as outside teams who can rent the field for use, thus generating income to maintain and improve the fields continuously.



Growing the school is part of our overall sustainability program. Professional sports fields help put a school on the map and help the over-all reputation of the quality of the school. Not all students at God Cares High School are sponsored by the Buyamba ministry. There are some students whose families can afford the tuition at God Cares and they choose to enroll their student. This is because God Cares High School stands out in the neighboring communities as a top school with over 600 students, highly qualified teachers, and now they will soon have professional level sports fields that can also be rented out for special events.

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She dreams of becoming a lawyer, so she can afford to give back to her community, "If God helps and I get a well-paying job, I will get some orphans or needy children and support them financially in order to help them be effective in the community also." She noted that God Cares School has fostered in her a love of God's word and she often is the one who helps her fellow students stay in God's word and make good choices.

Gloria is just one example of the future generation who is going to impact Uganda for Christ thanks to the Buyamba sponsorship program which allows her to attend school. Buyamba has over 80 students currently attending universities and 30 students awaiting their test scores which will let them know their options for a higher education. We appreciate our sponsors who have continued the journey through their child's schooling even into the doors of a university or trade school. If you would like to support one of these students, at any level, visit our website or call the office today.

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and after explaining the different ways we identify people, such as by their name, their characteristics, and even their beliefs, she explained, "It is our responsibility to develop the characteristics of Christ." Chapel is an integral part of a student's time at God Cares Schools and it is a key ingredient to fulfilling our mission to offer love, hope, and a future through education and discipleship.

Our prayer for the students this year is for each of them to identify themselves in Christ as loved, and with a purpose, not by their circumstances, their academics, or their physical appearance. In addition to Chapel, the high school students also started a weekly discipleship class, thanks to material put together by a group from Texas that was part of the 2017 summer Buyamba team.