



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

God
Cares
School

Caring for the Whole Child

The mission of Buyamba is to offer love, hope, and a future through education and discipleship...one child at a time. When school opens each term, there is a balanced program to educate the whole child. The students are taught in a rigorous, solid curriculum that prepares them for the testing that will be required for advancement to each academic level. At the same time, the students are disciplined by learning the Word of God in chapel services and encouraged to grow in their relationship with Jesus. They can participate in small discipleship groups and attend bible camp as well as learn through the commitment and example of the teachers and administrators at God Cares School.

Throughout their years of study, the students are offered elective choices that will also develop their personal gifts and abilities. At the high school level, the students can choose to take art classes, including sculpture, painting and fabric design.



One God Cares graduate, Michael Kasozi, tells part of his story, "One of the best experiences that was important in my life was when I was informed by my mother that I had been called by Buyamba to start studying at God Cares Nursery and Primary School. Indeed, this experience was good news to me for my brothers and sisters had been given sponsors and were already studying at GCS. I will never forget that moment for it was a turning point in my life. I am very grateful for my talent as an artist, and **I became so pleased when I would draw something and it was appreciated by a number of people at school, including my teacher.** I am planning to take Industrial Art at Kyambogo University so that I can develop my talent of drawing."

 *The Arts* 

There are also music classes and dance and worship leadership classes at God Cares School. Students are encouraged to join groups starting at the Primary level such as AWANA on Saturdays, or Girl Scouts or even a sports team in P6 & P7. There are chess clubs and Scrabble clubs and other groups as student leaders emerge... no matter what the level. The high school campus furthers these opportunities even more.



Sports have become a highlight of God Cares Schools, having teams advance in soccer, volleyball and "Netball" (like basketball). Since the high school campus is still developing, we have decided to install professional sized courts so God Cares High School can become a host for high school team tournaments, league playing and even for hosting professional teams in the future. God Cares High School also has worship teams, competitive dance teams, and an active student government. *Story continued on page 2...*

Creative Giving - A Family Endeavor



The Wilkinson Family of Newbury Park, California, are all about teaching their children how to care for others and thinking outside the box when it comes to giving. This year, their oldest daughter of ten children, decided she wanted to take a trip with her church high school group from Godspcak Calvary Chapel to God Cares School in Uganda. Knowing this would be a big financial commitment, Josie embarked on the adventure of raising all the funds for her own trip. She had a garage sale on the family's front lawn and took on as many babysitting jobs as she could to raise the funds needed.

During this time, her three brothers, Landon (8), Hayden (11) and Jordan (10) happened to be celebrating their joint birthday party and invited all of their friends. **Instead of presents, they asked their friends to bring a new pair of shoes for someone in need.** The idea was a success, and the boys collected 26 pairs of brand new shoes...shoes that will soon be carried by their sister and the Godspcak high school team when they make their first trek to Uganda.

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Hayden, Landon, and Jordan

The next Wilkinson birthday party is set for Payton (5) who will be collecting socks for her birthday party that will also be making the journey to Uganda. Audra (mom) explains, "We are trying to teach our kids to recognize that they are super blessed and to appreciate all that they have. Birthdays are fun, but they don't have to be about getting presents for themselves. They can be about giving to others who don't have what they do."



Now THAT'S Creative Giving!



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huts and slums along Gaba Road. **The school reminds them of the most essential truth... God Cares.** Each one of them knows that this is not just any school, it is **their** school, and they are part of something that God has blessed. These children are welcomed and embraced within its walls.

God has called us to shine as a school of excellence in Uganda, to serve as a beacon of hope in the middle of a city with many slums and desperate situations. One just needs to take the hand of a God Cares Primary School student and walk to his or her home to understand: no running water and no electricity. Many of the students have lost at least one parent and live in small quarters with many children in dire conditions. Yet, every morning, each primary school child will put on his or her school uniform and walk as long as it takes to reach the big five-story building in the midst of the small



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