



# Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time



## Faces of Impact



As someone who has been involved in preparing and co-leading teams to visit the God Cares School, I'm often asked if such visits make a difference. And without hesitation, I can confidently say that YES, they do! When individuals are willing to come and show love and care for these children who have experienced so much loss and hardship, they become faces of love to these little ones that they'll remember forever. In fact, some of the relationships formed during these visits can last a lifetime.

The following are stories from the Calvary Community High School Missions Team who just returned from an Easter break mission trip.

*During the trip, the team experienced Home Visits, where we spent time in a village slum where many children live. I was supposed to visit one house with the group I was leading, but I ended up in another home with another small group instead. It was in this home that I met Sarah, her twin daughters (4 years old), and her mother. Their home roof had recently caved in, and a temporary replacement was currently being supported by a single stick. One wall had a giant crack allowing water in every time it rained. Sarah has three children and is only 20 years old.*

*The twins that were home with her were the result of being raped behind her home, and in that trauma, she also contracted HIV. My brother died of HIV from drug use when I was 18, so her story instantly captivated and convicted me. As I hugged Sarah to comfort her and tell her how loved she was by*

*God, the Lord spoke to me and said I would sponsor the twins until they were in university. I asked Millie, the Buyamba social worker, if my husband and I could support them, and that day Millie had them come to the Primary School to begin the process. When I walked in to meet them, Sarah embraced me with tears and thanked me. For the paperwork, the twins needed Christian names, so Sarah asked me to give them another name. I chose Debra and I asked Sarah to select the other name, and she chose Ruth. That afternoon Sarah and I got to speak for a few hours; I was able to hear more about her life and story. Praise God for his timing and for having me go into their home. By the grace of God, the twins will start school next term!"*

- Courtney Lopez, CCC HSM Co-Leader





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*"Uganda has been a special place in my heart since I was born. I grew up helping my mom and aunt, who run the Buyamba in California, and my family sponsors children at God Cares School. Last July, I was given the opportunity to serve with Calvary Community Church, and recently, I was again allowed to return to the place I love the most during spring break. Rehema is the name of one of the girls my family has sponsored since she started Primary School. Her school pictures from each year hold a continual place on our home refrigerator.*



*Rehema is currently attending University in Uganda. I did not meet her last July because her university is a couple of hours from Kampala. During my trip this year, however, Worship Dongo surprised me and had me meet and hug this beautiful young woman who was sobbing and crying. In my arms was Rehema, the girl my family had supported for about 13 years. I was surprised and beyond excited that she was standing right before me.*

*The first words Rehema said to me were, "Thank you so much for everything." I got to talk with her about the university, her family, and her experience at God Cares. I will never forget the interaction I had with her. My family will still sponsor her until she finishes university, along with our other little girl in P2 (2nd grade), who also has the name Rehema. Last year, I met the younger and shy Rehema. They are both so joyful, and I will always have a special place for them in my heart."*

*- Tessa Leavitt, HS senior*



## More Teams Are On Their Way!

We are excited to have five more teams gearing up to come and bless the Buyamba students at God Cares during the summer. If you would like to learn more about visiting your sponsored child and ministering at the school in the future, please call the office and we will put you on the list for the next group of teams available.

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