



# Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time



As 2020 comes to an end, our hearts are bursting with gratitude for our sponsors and donors who have given so faithfully to the ministry this year. We have seen most sponsors stand with their child, whether they could provide the full sponsorship amount or if they needed our partnership for the rest. We have more than survived this season because of your love and support. We realize that giving is often a tremendous financial sacrifice that we do not take lightly. We are forever grateful for the difference you have made in the lives of these children and families this year.

We want to encourage you all to keep an eye out for our email news updates as we will be sending a special Thanksgiving message from Uganda. If you are not receiving our emails, please fill out the change of information card in your newsletter packet and provide us with your email to bless you back with a message from our friends in Uganda during the holidays.

One of the most touching things I heard this year was a word from Worship Dongo, as she was delivering food, schoolwork, and prayers to the student families in the Buyamba Food Outreach. She said, ***"Whatever village we visited, no matter the condition we found our families, one thing was always the same, and that was the children asking about their sponsors and if they are surviving well during this time."***



Before our candidate classes (National Testing) came back to school, our Buyamba Food Outreach reached 1,000 people. The majority of these were God Cares School student families who had been affected by food shortages during the lockdown period due to the Covid virus restrictions and the severe flooding.

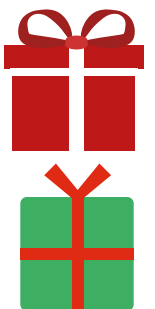
Because of our donors' generosity, we are repeating the journey to reach these families again and more in November as the Buyamba Food Outreach continues.

We expect to see ALL our students return sometime in February to start the school year, and in that case, we will joyfully care for our students in house!

## Christmas Shopping? Give A Life Changing Gift In Honor of a Friend or Family Member



Did you know you can give a gift to a Ugandan child in need this Christmas in honor of someone you love or want to give a special gift? Perhaps your loved one is a teacher, consider giving the gift of The Back to School Kit (see next page) to a child in need on their behalf. There are also gifts you can give to the school in general that help the whole student population, such as a gift of a goat or chicken or soccer balls or a bigger donation to help build the school dorms. There are many ways to give this Christmas through Buyamba Uganda.





# Back to School for Christmas



This year, instead of Christmas Baskets for the children to bring home to their families, we plan to welcome as many students BACK with a **Back to School Kit** as they leave home to return to school finally. This kit will be full of necessities required by the parents to provide each child to come back to School. Student Requirements is an idea introduced at the very foundation of the God Cares Schools by Pastor Bethuel Dongo, the founder of our School, and has always been part of the Buyamba Program's philosophy. School requirements invite the family to sow into their child's education by requiring each family to buy supplies their child would need for a given school term. But this year is different; everything is different. Our students and families need our help in a more significant way.

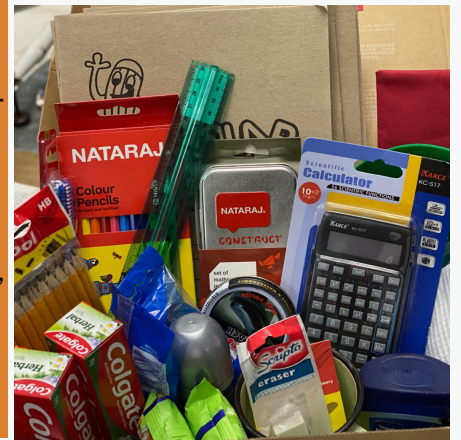
## PRIMARY BTS KIT

small school bag, books, water bottle, lunch box, pencils, crayons, toothbrush, toothpaste, shoe polish, shoe brush, socks, pencil bag, bathing soap, cup, plate, Vaseline, eraser.



## SECONDARY BTS KIT

calculator, books, water bottle, razor, deodorant, highlighter, ruler, pencils and colored pencils, toothbrush and toothpaste, shoe polish, shoe brush, socks, pencil bag, bathing soap, cup, plate, Vaseline, mathematical set, pens



Our students are returning from their villages and slum areas with nothing because of the recent lockdown, which has resulted in the loss of jobs, and flooding that caused damage to their homes and community. These are the same villages we have been ministering to through the Buyamba Food Outreach to ensure our student families are well-taken care. Therefore, we cannot put this financial pressure of school requirements on our families. Our **Buyamba Back to School Kit** can be given to any student returning to school as a blessing of the gift of school supplies that any child would love to receive!

For \$35, you can give your sponsored child (and possibly others) the gift of provisions. The two school levels have different needs, so the secondary (or university) kit will include items pertaining to older students and the primary students will receive supplies pertaining to their age and grade levels. (See detailed list above)

You can also send a welcome back to school note along with your gift to encourage your child personally. You can do this by going online to our website [ugandabuyamba.com/write](http://ugandabuyamba.com/write) or you can send a note back to our office in your return envelope. We will make sure all the students get an encouraging note with their kit, so no worries, if you don't write your own, we will do it for you.



## End of the Year Donations?

Yes, please! We are here to process all your 2020 gifts until 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2020 and will send your tax receipt for your year of giving in mid-January.

Look for more details on how and what give in our holiday email communications or go to our website for more information. All of your donations and gifts are tax deductible since Buyamba Uganda is a 501(c)(3). We can also process other types of assets and legacy gifts. Call our office for details.