



# Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

PLANNED GIVING

## Leaving A Legacy

Buyamba founder, Pastor Bethuel Dongo, had faith that God would provide. He had dreams for God Cares School that were so big that if God were not in them, they would surely not succeed. Not only did Dongo dream big, but he also planned big. As a result, he left a **legacy** of love, hope and a future for his family and for the children of Uganda.

Buyamba has made an effort this year to make it possible for you to learn about the tools you need to plan a **legacy** of giving that will continue to have an impact. We don't claim to be experts in wills, trusts, and financial planning, but we can help equip you with some basic knowledge, so you can have an informed conversation with a professional. We have also included an example of a planned giving gift idea in your monthly newsletter. If you want to learn more about estate planning and **legacy** giving, with no pressure, then visit ...

[www.buyambalegacy.org](http://www.buyambalegacy.org)

You will find information that could help you make a plan that will leave a lasting impression in our world, now and in the future.

Your act of generosity, our longevity



Christmas is Coming - Get Your Basket Today!

November 30th is the last day to order Christmas baskets for your child to take home to his or her family when school breaks in December. Instead of individual gifts, Worship Dongo had the idea of making Christmas baskets for the students to take home with them. Baskets include many home essentials such as flour, sugar, corn, oil, fruits and vegetables. The students have been so proud to bring a beautiful basket home to their family as a Christmas blessing. Each basket costs \$40 and can be given to a specific child if requested.



If you have gone to Uganda in 2018 and have pictures to share, we would love to have them. A picture can speak a thousand words, which is significant in our efforts to bring the face of Uganda to those living in the United States. So, please share your photos with us and select your favorite to enter this year's Photo Contest. Submission for the photo contest begins October 23 and ends midnight October 29. Voting will take place October 30 and end October 31 at 5 p.m. PST. The winner will receive this photo (or picture of choice) created on canvas and shipped to your doorstep. We need and appreciate your photos of the beautiful Ugandan people (although, you *can* include a favorite shot of your mission team as well!)

# THE U.S. BUYAMBA STORY

## Part 4: Buyamba Migrates to Florida



When Pastor Dongo began to share in California in 2001, the vision expanded into churches, schools, and small groups. Terry Mendel, and her husband Tom, happened to be at a service at Calvary Community Church, where Pastor Dongo was introduced to the congregation to share what God was doing in Uganda with God Cares Schools, and then she re-encountered him at a small group, led by Degna Horton (a founding California Buyamba board member). After listening to Pastor Dongo, the Lord planted Buyamba deep in Terry's heart when she met "the man with the big smile who was full of love." Terry knew she needed to help... but how?



Pastor Dongo & Terry Mendel

Terry looked at what she had to give, and she and Tom decided they could provide not only their own financial support but also Terry's "connections." Terry grew up in Sebring, Florida and had a house there where her family spent part of each year. She knew many churches, helped several pastors in ministry across the globe who she hosted in Florida, and knew she could also introduce Pastor Dongo to some local churches. The Mendels had also been blessed with a small house they called "The Missionary House," for God had sent a few pastors from around the world that the couple was called to help. Dongo would turn out to be a regular tenant of that house every other year for a few weeks on his visits to the United States.

This visit would include Sebring, Florida and the surrounding areas, such as Sarasota.

There he also visited another Buyamba ambassador, Rebecca Ronan, who Dongo had met in Argyle, Texas at Cross Timbers Church, for Buyamba continued to spread from the Houston area to Dallas/Ft. Worth. Rebecca had gone on a short-term mission trip to God Cares School for the first time in 2007 to help with the Bible Camp. Later when she moved halfway across the country, she began using her connections to share Buyamba in Florida. Thus, the Buyamba hub in Florida continued to grow through both of the efforts of these two Buyamba Ambassadors.



Pastor Dongo & Rebecca Ronan

Dongo was close to the Mendel family and had an impact on them. Two of their children would end up visiting God Cares School. Dongo affectionately called Terry, "Mum Terry" for she took good care of him, and so many others. Terry remembers one time they had a big buffet dinner. Dongo reflected, as he sat before a plentiful meal, "Oh how I wish I could bring the children here." She asked him what happened to those children that don't get taken in by others. With deep sadness in his eyes, he said "some of them just die...they can't make it without help." Although this tore at her heart, she knew that Buyamba meant "help" for these children. Terry introduced Dongo to many churches over the years and to faithful sponsors who continue to "help" in the Buyamba ministry today.

## We are Breaking Ground on the Dorms!



We have been asking the Lord for help and provision for the foundation of the dorms, and He doubled our efforts! The beginning of October saw the beginnings of not one, but two, foundations since the Lord provided the funds to do both the girls' **and** the boys' dorms. We are so grateful for our "Buyamba Builders" who have joined forces to make this happen! God has matched those gifts in power and blessing. Let the building begin!