



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time



What is The Dongo Run and How Do I Join?

The Dongo Run is an annual event that occurs on October 19th to commemorate the passing of our beloved founder, Pastor Bethuel Dongo. It is part of Ugandan culture for family member to do something commemorative on that day each year, so the Dongo family decided four years ago, on the first anniversary of Dongo's passing that they should get out and run together, and to invite all those who loved Dongo to do the same! That's where it all started.

This year, the Dongo family, upon seeing the ongoing construction at God Cares High School, decided to take action and add a fundraising element to the Dongo Run. Pastor Dongo dreamed of having dorm buildings at the high school, in order to educate and disciple even more orphaned and needy children, believing one day they would be empowered to impact Uganda for Christ.



Construction site for the dorms

How Are They Raising Funds?



Ezra Dongo took the lead in creating Dongo Run T-shirts in two different styles! Everyone who is participating in the run in Uganda has an opportunity to buy a shirt and do their part in helping to build the dorms. It is a great feeling for them to be able to give back to the school after all that has been given to them.

How Do I Join?

The U.S. Buyamba office loved the Dongo Family's idea so much that we decided to support their effort by holding a virtual run, allowing anyone, anywhere to participate. Thanks to the digital age, we can show our love and support to the family and the students of God Cares Schools by sharing photos and videos of us running in our Dongo Run T-shirts. They will know that we are with them, even if we are on the other side of the world! We are almost done with the first floor of the girls' dorm which will allow for some to move in, but we need your help! It's going to take all of us to get these much-needed dorms finished at God Cares High School, but together ... **we are making room for future generations!**

When you give a donation of \$30 or more, we will send you a shirt of your choice and you can be a part of the fun. Grab some friends and get out for a run anytime between now and October 19th and be sure to post your pictures to social media, tag us, and use the hashtags: **#DongoRun2019** and **#MakingRoomForFutureGenerations**

Visit the Buyamba website to get your shirt or contact our office directly.

With God, All Things Are Possible



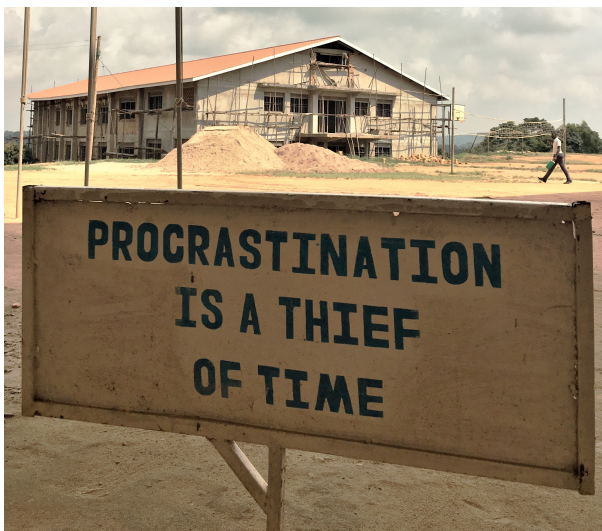
A Short Term Mission Trip Reflection by Anna Pitonyak

Matthew 19:26

When I recently visited God Cares High School, a significant thing that stood out to me, besides how large it was, were the encouraging phrases and affirmations painted on the building and hallways throughout the school. After being pleasantly surprised by my initial impression, I wanted to see the heart of the school—the students and teachers. One of the goals of our trip was to teach at least two high school classes basic hygiene practices such as proper handwashing, coughing into the inside of your elbow, and so on. I was stunned to see how polite, attentive, respectful and alert all the students were as we spoke. Once our presentation was completed, we opened it up for Q & A. Man, did we get flooded with thought-provoking questions! We too asked the students some questions. Primarily, I was interested in hearing about their hopes and dreams for a career, and what are their next steps after high school.



Anna and Teacher Hope



Every single student, both boys and girls, answered confidently that they're going to college and then they proceeded to list out different career interests. Did you catch that? They ARE GOING to college! They didn't respond with "I hope to go to college" or "I might go to college" or "I plan to go to college"—these incredible students were bold with their faith, and they firmly believe they ARE going to college. With their motivation and enthusiasm, I believe they are too! The career fields were endless; some want to be teachers; most want to be engineers, doctors, pilots, and nurses. I was blown away with each of their responses. You see, education in Uganda is not free. Therefore, the children who do receive an education, value this opportunity with everything they have.

They are invested in ways I have never seen with any other teenager. They are so thirsty for knowledge, and they're like sponges soaking up everything you're able to teach them.



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