



**Kid2Kid** is a project of Uganda Buyamba ministries geared just for kids. The vision of this project is to let kids know that they can make a difference in a big way! While child sponsorship is a wonderful way for a community to support kids in another country, it takes a monthly commitment that sometimes kids can't make on their own, BUT doing a project for other kids, with other kids, can be fulfilling and effective. Kids can make a difference!

How does one kid do anything for kids in a country that is far away, across the globe?

Buyamba is big on relationship. We are always open to church or school groups doing a short term mission trip to visit God Cares School in Kampala, Uganda, and many high schools have done just that! You can contact us if you want more details about that or about general child sponsorship at ([julie@ugandabuyamba.com](mailto:julie@ugandabuyamba.com)) but if you can't make it all the way over to Uganda, there is still "stuff" you can do to build relationship with kids on the other side of the world.

Here are a list of projects alphabetically that have been done successfully with schools and church groups. Maybe one of these ideas will make sense for your kid community, or maybe you will come up with your own idea that can be shared later for others to try!

### **Projects, Kid2Kid:**

- 1) **Blanket Project** - Light blankets are needed at God Cares School for the kids who actually board at the school. All the mattresses are twins. Kids in the U.S. have made blankets using the light fleece material. The borders of

all sides can be cut into strips and tied with each other. A photo of the creator and/or a letter can be attached with a safety pin for the recipient (\*follow the pen pal format). Delivery of these items should be coordinated with [julie@ugandabuyamba.com](mailto:julie@ugandabuyamba.com)

- 2) **Backpack project** - Kids can collect backpacks to share and pack them with letters and or other fun art/school supplies (\*see pen pal guidelines)
- 3) **Garage Sale** - This is a fun event for a school wide community or a church group to do. The adult leader can book a date and a place to have a huge multifamily garage sale. Kids can collect items to sell together and set up and price items for the day. A goal should be established to shoot for (One of the garage sales raised \$5,000 for the new high school building at God Cares).
- 4) **Jog-a-thon** - Kids can run in a small school or church track or field to raise money. They can get friends and family to sponsor them by lap around a given course, or simply by a flat donation. These funds can be used towards helping build the high school or getting playground equipment or other needed supplies for God Cares School.
- 5) **\* Pen-Pals** - This is a favorite for teachers because they can practice friendly letter writing. Letters can be addressed, "Dear Friend" and should have the signature line of the senders first and last name (to help with the exchange process) Correspondence should be sent in one big envelope (or attached to an item being sent) with the school/church name and single contact name and sent straight to Uganda at:

God Cares School  
c/o Pastor Dongo  
P.O. Box 26977  
Kampala, Uganda, East Africa

The kids in Uganda will not send back to an individual kid's address, but letters will be sent in one package

back to the US office that will, in turn, send it out to the given church or school.

- 6) **Recycling for Sponsorship** - Everyone can collect cans and bottles. It's easy. If everyone pitches in on a consistent basis, you can easily carry the sponsorship of a child monthly. For \$30.00, a kid in Uganda can go to school and it pays for everything!
- 7) **Spare Coin Drive** - Kids can have a drive at their school or church that collects spare coins. You can use a large clear bottle (like a Sparkletts bottle) positioned somewhere accessible (but in a supervised area) to collect kids' extra spare change. This can be rolled by kids and counted (great math project) and taken to the bank to redeem for money. The money allocated could be sent to Buyamba for a particular thing for the Ugandan kids... for example, a meat lunch, desks, books, science equipment, summer bible camp, etc..
- 8) **T-shirt project** - There are many ways you can do a kids' t-shirt drive. You can have kids collect new or slightly worn t-shirts (put on favorite school/church logo or decorate yourself) and attach a hand written letter to a friend. (see pen pal guide) Kids can safety pin their letters to the shirts or roll inside.

In regards to shipping of these various projects, they will need to be coordinated with [julie@ugandabuyamba.com](mailto:julie@ugandabuyamba.com). Since shipping to Uganda is very expensive, all efforts will be made to coordinate packages with short term teams traveling to God Cares School. Smaller packages can be sent via fed-ex at the above address. Please email or phone Julie Dimas at (805)558-0089 for further details. Blessings on your efforts to connect help us connect Kid to Kid!