## Buyanba News Helping Uganda...one child at a time

## Journeying With A Child



Through the Years of Education and Discipleship 🕦



The Buyamba journey begins when a child enters the gates of God Cares School, whether they are entering the baby class at three years old or the fourth year of God Cares High School (GCHS), getting ready to move on to trade school or university. Our commitment to them spans their school journey ahead. Our mission is to offer love, hope and a future through education and discipleship... one child at a time.

Sponsorship, through the care of donors in the U.S., allows a student the blessing of the school journey through the years. Sponsoring a child's education helps break the cycle of poverty in their family and, potentially, their community. Eventually, they can even impact the entire nation of Uganda.







Just this year, we have fourteen new applicants who have graduated from GCHS who are applying to Africa Renewal University, and we are waiting for a few other graduates to apply.

Thirty-one college graduates completed higher levels of learning this past fall, and out of the thirty-one, nineteen graduated from university, and twelve completed trade school. These graduates pursued diverse degrees in schools such as Africa Renewal University, Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Nkumba University, Uganda Christian University, Kampala University, Ndejje University, Kampala International University, Uganda Technology & Management University, Metropolitan University, YMCA Comprehensive Institute, Buganda Royal Institute, Kampala Polytechnic Institute, Esta Beauty Institute, Gombe Polytechnic, and Sharing Youth Centre Institute.

We currently have about 130 students enrolled in a university or trade school education, working through their 2-3 year programs. With this empowerment, our vision is to impact the NATION of Uganda for Christ. With almost 2,000 children enrolled in God Cares Nursery and Primary as well as GCHS each year, it seems God is multiplying the partnership of all in the Buyamba ministry to continue working toward His vision for the children of Buyamba.

## **Meet Trevor**



My name is Trevor, and I am 17 years old and in the second year (S2) at God Cares High School. I grew up in my early years with both parents; my father was a casual worker, and my mother was a hairdresser. When I was four, my father left my mother and me in the house.

My mother's income was not enough to feed both of us, meet all domestic needs, and at the same time pay for my education. Thank God she was able to find help in Buyamba, where I got

sponsorship and started school. I was so happy when I joined God Cares Nursery and Primary School, one of Uganda's most wonderful schools.

When I joined Primary One, my father started looking for me after knowing I was studying in a big school. When I was in P5, my mother took me to my father's village, where I found my father, who had married another wife. He was so happy to see me and started showing me around the village and to his friends; he could not believe I was all grown, now speaking English and studying. He was very proud of who I had become. Because he was pleased, my father wanted me to stay in the village with him and said he would educate me from there, to which I refused. I just thought to myself, if he had failed to educate me when I was four years and decided to leave me, what would make him keep me in school at this time? I wanted to study, and I loved my school so much. I decided to come back to Kampala with my mother.

Unfortunately, in 2019, the house we rented caught fire, and everything got burnt. My mother decided to move to her home village to start a new life, where she is struggling to make ends meet. On the side of my studies, life has not been easy, but I thank God so much for Buyamba for not giving up on me, doing all the searches to look out for me, and ensuring I get back to school even when I have nothing. During school holidays, I do not go to my mother's place because she cannot take care of both me and my little brother. I must look for work to feed myself and send her some money to care for my little brother. I still have not seen my father after five years.

With all that God has taken me through with my mother, I am very determined, and I know that I will succeed in life and become a responsible person in the future, to bring hope and a smile to my family and the people around me. Thank you so much, Buyamba. May God bless you.