



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

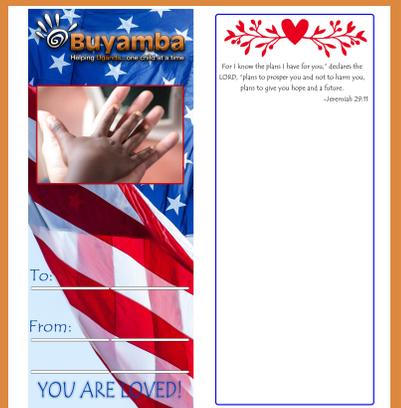
Bible Camp is Coming!

Summer break starts in August, and many God Cares Primary School students will be headed to bible camp early in September, which is an extraordinary time for these children. To join in the adventure, we traditionally invite our sponsors each year to send a greeting card blessing that their child will receive during bible camp time to encourage them in school and their walk with the Lord.

Bible camp is one of our most significant discipleship components of God Cares School's curriculum, and many students have been touched profoundly and grown in their faith in past camps, and some have made first-time decisions for Christ. Most God Cares students love to go, and almost all of them attend even though it is not mandatory. It is a week-long overnight camp experience full of fun, worship, and activities. A dedicated team from Cross Timbers Church will make their 14th trip there to help the God Cares leadership team create an experience that the children will remember forever.

You are receiving this greeting card in your newsletter envelope to write a note to your specific child to be delivered this summer. If you don't have a particular child, we also encourage you to write a card for a child who does not have a sponsor to encourage them in school and in their faith walk. These can be given to any student in our program. We use a red, white, and blue design on the card because the Ugandans know and love the American flag (it flies daily at both school campuses) for the people of this country have touched their hearts. Please return your letter in your return envelope to the Buyamba office and we will get it there with our Buyamba team going in July. If you need an additional card, you can copy the one enclosed or call our office and we will quickly send you more!

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THE GIRLS' DORM TAKES GROUND

The long-awaited girls' dorm is set to open its doors in the next couple of months to 150 boarding students eager and willing to move their bunk into a permanent place in the first floor of the new dorm building. Although the rain delayed the move-in date a bit, we are on course, thanks to the many who have supported and continue to fund our housing building project. The first floor will be completed soon and the girls will move in, as the second floor continues to be built upward with the wall beams put in place.



The soon to be 5-story building is really taking shape with its unique design, which includes a courtyard within for the high school girls to study, do laundry, or spend time together. Once completed, this dorm can hold up to 700 girls who will move out of their temporary shelter (the kitchen building that has never been used in that capacity).

How Does A Woman Get Housework Done in Uganda?

It's incredible what young African women can get done when they have a new little one. She just straps the baby on her back and does the laundry, walks to the market, or sweeps the wood or brick floor. The baby loves the closeness and snuggles in for the ride with an occasional nap included. Although there are over 2.5 million orphans in Uganda, there are many children, regardless of income level, who are loved and cared for, many by their biological parent(s) and some by their adoptive parents.

Being an orphan is not a requirement to be accepted in the Buyamba sponsorship program, although we have many orphans, there are also many children who have single mothers or both parents living but are in desperate financial situations. Buyamba means "help" and that is given to each child that is approved for sponsorship and begins his or her school journey in the God Cares School system.

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If you feel led to sponsor a child to go to camp, it is **\$40 a child**, and you can give the gift to any child in general or specifically for your Primary sponsored child. For **\$80 you can send your sponsored child and a friend**, and for **\$400, you can send 10 children to a life-changing camp** that may just impact their lives forever.



A woman and her baby hanging laundry in Bukasa

How Much Food Does it Take to Feed GCS? ... A LOT!

With 1800 children at both schools, there are tons (literally, a combined weight of approximately 10 tons) of corn, beans, and rice being purchased for each term (three terms in each school year). Being that the Dongo family is wise with the support money given, it is not unusual for them to buy more than what is needed ahead of time when there is a good harvest and prices are down. Florence explained that she is dreaming of the day ahead in which they will have at least two small silos to hold considerably more of these dried grains that would house enough food for a year or more. This would allow them to buy the grains from the farmers each year at key times when the harvest is plenty, and prices are down.



A silo would provide food storage for at least one year

Visitors who spend any time near the kitchen of GCNP or GCHS cannot believe the process of getting 900 students fed at lunchtime. How do they do it? By God's grace and feeding the whole student body... one child at a time.

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The boys' dorms will be built alongside the girls as we get the whole dormitory complex constructed...one building at a time! We welcome any and all means of support of any size for it is going to "take a village" to build "home" for all these students.



Call to Action: Keep praying for funding for this big project and join the effort with any size donation. Together we will again complete an essential building at the high school... one story at a time!

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