



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

The Dorm Called "Paradise"

The ground floor of the new girls' dorm is filled to the brim with students who are all grateful and excited for the new dorm they have affectionally called, "Paradise." It may not be paradise, but it is the best place these girls have ever experienced, as many of them have come from the slums of Uganda. They have been quite content in their temporary dorm in the kitchen building, but this is altogether different. The indoor toilets and showers are very much like American shared dorm bathrooms, and the rooms are divided up with the girls sharing their room. They are diligent about keeping their dorms clean, and they have instilled their own rules about taking off their shoes as they enter the building to keep it clean. The students have also enjoyed the inside



courtyard which has served as a hang out and common area to do laundry. The walls of the second floor have been raised to hold the next 100 or so girls who will hopefully move out of their temporary dorm in the basement of the Assembly Hall soon to enter the building called "Paradise."



Thinking Ahead...

Buyamba has expanded to include students from nursery to university the past five years as we have watched over 200 students attend university or trade schools. This expansion has been a new venture for us as a ministry, and in doing so, we have become acutely aware of what is ahead for these students after university. As they are equipped to go out and impact Uganda for Christ, the students also face an economy that has 85% unemployment. Many of the students have a heart and vision to start their own businesses, but where and how do they begin?

This is an essential question for us in the Buyamba ministry. This past month, Worship Dongo and her husband, Peter, and an alumni staff member named Faith from God Cares Schools, were privileged to be part of a certified course training through SBS or "Street Business School."

Street Business School (SBS) is a proven and effective entrepreneurial training program that is "on a mission to end extreme poverty by lifting up a new generation of entrepreneurs." Their entrepreneurial training program builds confidence and provides practical business skills to young visionaries that need to learn the steps to creating and running their businesses. Peter, Worship, and Faith have been certified as coaches through SBS to help the students create small, growing businesses through training and guidance using financial wisdom along with faith and integrity. (continued on Page 2)

Which Students Will Attend

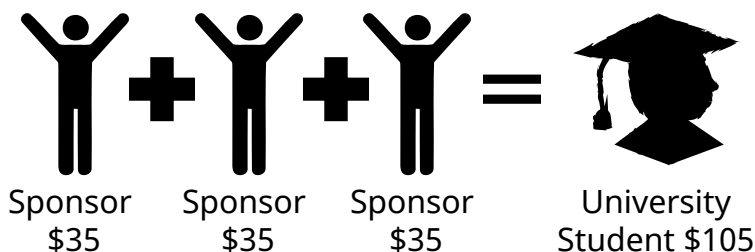
University

OR

Trade School

Forty-six of the Senior 6 students that just graduated at the end of December are now out of school. They ALL passed their exams, and 34 of them passed high enough to attend university. The remaining 12 scored high enough to attend trade school. If you sponsor one of these students, you will be receiving a letter and a phone call from our office. We will be asking if you would still be open to continuing sponsorship of your current child as he or she ventures forward to apply to the approved higher level of learning institution.

Most of these colleges, whether university or trade schools, will require a cost of three regular sponsorships per month. If a given sponsor can help with this \$105 monthly plan, that would help tremendously, but even if they stay at the current \$35, we will have a start on continuing their education.



If you know your student is in this category, please let us know what you would like to do going forward with this partnership.

Some of you may even want to start over with a younger child; the choice is yours. Some sponsors have opted to give a university student a scholarship in honor of a loved one. Whatever course of action a sponsor chooses, his or her sponsorship is changing a life, and the efforts are multiplied with each donation. Bless all of you for your kindness towards these students. Thank you for standing in the gap for each one of them, no matter what their age. We love these children together from nursery to university, in our mission "to offer love, hope, and a future, through education and discipleship...one child at a time!"

Thinking Ahead...

Worship was so excited, explaining that they will now be able to help those students gifted and motivated in the area of entrepreneurial business. It even opens the doors for individual sponsors to get involved with a graduating student.

Buyamba is always looking for ways to help our students as they grow and learn and are equipped with our vision "to empower the children of Uganda to impact their nation for Christ."

➤ Prayer Point: Locusts in Northern Uganda

According to US News, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda have been battling locust swarms which can reach the size of major cities. The insects can destroy crops and devastate animal pastures. Thankfully, according to a Ugandan Magazine, The Independent, "Farmers are yet to record major losses since the locusts invaded the country during the off-season. Uganda has two major cropping seasons. The first one begins in March until June and the second one starts in September until December."

Pray that God would lift this swarm and protect the farms and people of Uganda.